

SGA Resolution No. 02 – 08 – F



A Resolution to change the Tailgating Policy

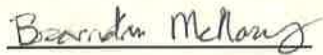
- Whereas: Tailgating has become an exciting tradition at MTSU,
- Whereas: The current policies restrict the freedom of the students,
- Whereas: Making the policy more student - friendly would increase school spirit,
- Whereas: The current policy would actually decrease attendance at football games,
- Whereas: If there are going to be policies that effect student privileges, students should at least have a voice in the discussion,

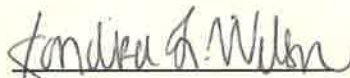
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 71ST CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

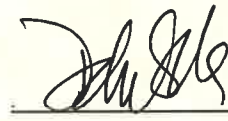
Section 1: The current tailgating policy will be replaced by a new policy (see attached page).

Section 2: If changes to the policy must be made, a minority group of students should be allowed to sit in on the meetings and give their opinion.

Sponsored by: Senator Mertes
Senator Borella


Speaker of the Senate


SGA President


VP of Student Affairs

Middle Tennessee State University Tailgate Guidelines

Middle Tennessee State University welcomes all alumni, students, fans and friends to our campus and believes that athletic events are an important component of the overall educational experience. Game-day activities help build a sense of community and offer an opportunity for social interaction. Our goal is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment for all guests and assure a pleasurable experience for everyone in attendance. All game-day activities should be conducted mindful of the campus surroundings and all who choose to participate in game-day activities are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner at all times. The following guidelines have been established to assure that we maintain a high-quality, safe environment for those in attendance:

- The Walnut Grove will generally open at 7:30 a.m. on game day. University sponsored tailgate activities, including inflatables, begin four and one half (4.5) hours prior to kick off. Weeknight game activities may be adjusted due to classes.
- Tailgate activities will cease two hours after the game ends unless otherwise announced and the area will close. MTSU officials will ask those failing to comply to leave the premises.
- Personal recreational vehicles will not be permitted in the Walnut Grove tailgate area. The placement of RV's must be coordinated through the MTSU Athletic Department.
- Parking is prohibited on the east side of Old Main Circle. At no time should vehicles park on or obstruct access to sidewalks.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Any device or activity used to increase the consumption of beverages is prohibited.
- No indoor-use furniture, i.e. couches or recliners, is permitted.
- Everyone is expected to clean up their trash from their tailgate area prior to kickoff. The dumping of hot coals in the tailgate area or in trash receptacles is prohibited.
- Volume and the language in any and all audio recordings must be appropriate for all ages.
- Corporate tents are permitted in the designated tent area only (next to stadium) as approved by the MTSU Athletic Department.
- Platforms, stages and enclosed tents are not permitted in the tailgating area(s).
- Soliciting or hawking of wares unless approved in advance by Student Unions & Programming and the Athletics Department is prohibited. Only MTSU Athletics or their designated representatives will be allowed to sell merchandise in the tailgate area.
- Any items left un – attended at the tail – gate area are the responsibility of the organization and the university will not be held liable for lost or stolen items.
- Items left in the tailgate area once the area closes will be picked-up and discarded.
- Any violations of these guidelines may result in the following: written reprimand, termination of tailgate privileges and, as appropriate, criminal prosecution and/or action taken through the MTSU Office of Public Safety, the MTSU Dean of Students or the Murfreesboro Police Department.
- Requests for exceptions to these guidelines, other than student and student-organization reservations, can be made by calling the Athletics Department at 615-898-5322 or Student Unions and Programming at 615-898-2551.

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- Persons remaining in the tailgate area after the game has commenced will be encouraged to vacate the area to attend the game with the exception of one caretaker. Uniformed officers will periodically patrol through the area.
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- Parking is prohibited on the east side of Old Main Circle. At no time should vehicles park on or obstruct access to sidewalks.
- Glass bottles are prohibited. All beverages must be in non-breakable cups.
- No large containers or community/common drink dispensers are permitted. Any device or activity used to increase the consumption of beverages is prohibited.
- No indoor-use furniture, i.e. couches or recliners, is permitted.
- Everyone is expected to clean their tailgate area prior to kickoff. The dumping of hot coals in the tailgate area or in trash receptacles is prohibited.
- Only portable radio/stereo units will be allowed. Any equipment requiring external-power sources is prohibited. Volume and the language in any and all audio recordings must be appropriate for all ages.
- The use of gas powered generators must be approved in advance.
- Stand alone canopies in the Walnut Grove that exceed 12' x 12' must be approved in advance. Driving stakes or anchors into the ground is not permitted. Corporate tents are permitted in the designated tent area only (next to stadium) as approved by the MTSU Athletic Department.
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- Soliciting or hawking of wares unless approved in advance by Student Unions & Programming and the Athletics Department is prohibited. Only MTSU Athletics or their designated representatives will be allowed to sell merchandise in the tailgate area.
- For security reasons all tailgate equipment should be placed in vehicles prior to kickoff. In particular, any valuable items should be appropriately secured. One "caretaker" may remain at the tailgate site during the game to safeguard belongings.
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Interim Vice President for Student Affairs
and Vice Provost for Enrollment and Academic Services

RE: SGA Resolution 2-08-F

DATE: September 19, 2008

The attached SGA legislation raises concerns with the recently implemented tailgate guidelines.

The students have asked that their recommendations be brought before the Tailgate Committee for consideration. It is my understanding that a review of the guidelines will take place during the Spring 2009 semester. I ask that you consider these recommendations as part of that review.

We generally ask the appropriate department/committee to provide some timely response to SGA legislation. Please contact Sondra Wilson, SGA President, if you have any questions regarding this legislation.

c: Ms. Sondra Wilson
Mr. Brandon McNary ✓
Ms. Jamie Boyd
Mr. Nathan Haynes

