

Homecoming Tailgating Policy

- Valid for Homecoming in 2025

I. Definition

Tailgating is defined as parking in a designated location/area and/or setting up non-permanent facilities such as tables, chairs to consume food and beverages. For individuals of legal age, alcohol may be permitted for the premises outlined below. Randolph College does not sanction the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by underage persons; nor does it sanction the violation of federal, state, local law, or campus policy.

II. Overview

Tailgating is an opportunity for all members of the Randolph College community – alumni, students, parents, friends, faculty, and staff to gather during Homecoming in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. In accordance with College Policy and ABC regulations, the parking lot between MAC and the Tennis Courts has been designated as the College’s sanctioned tailgating area. Activities in this designated area may include the consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons who are 21 years of age or older only. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on Randolph College campus property is subject to Virginia statute and College policies and regulations. All members of the Randolph community and campus visitors are expected to obey all laws and regulations. The following tailgating policies are designed to promote a fun and safe atmosphere for Homecoming and are intended to ensure the safety of all those in attendance. Those with reserved tailgating parking spaces as well as any other attendees are expected to ensure that all policies are followed. To ensure the appropriate environment is maintained, the College reserves the right to revoke the tailgating privileges of any individual(s) for reason of safety, disruption of the peace, or failure to adhere to policies and regulations. Students may also be subject to disciplinary action.

III. Regulations

a. Location and Times

- i. College sanctioned tailgating activities are only permitted on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Homecoming from 3 p.m.-7 p.m.
- ii. Because the tailgating event involves foot traffic, people who have reserved a parking space must enter the tailgating area between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and MAY NOT remove their vehicle from the tailgating area until 7 p.m. when the tailgate ends. Vehicles may only leave outside of that time frame for an emergency, at which point they’d need to contact a staff member in the Alumnae and Alumni Office who will work with Security.
- iii. The College sanctioned tailgating area is the parking lot between MAC and the Tennis courts. This is the ONLY space on campus where tailgating activities are permitted.
- iv. Pedestrian visitors will be allowed to attend the tailgating event without reserving a parking space.
- v. Emergency access lanes must be maintained at all times. Do not block these areas.
- vi. Parking is only allowed in the designated parking places.

b. Reserving a Tailgating Space

- i. Tailgating parking spaces are available for purchase at \$25 per space on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces may be purchased via the Homecoming registration web page.
- ii. One parking pass will be issued per parking space. The pass must be displayed in the window dashboard and be visible at all times.
- iii. RV’s, trailers, and other similar large vehicles are not allowed in the tailgating area.

c. *Conduct*

- i.** Individuals are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. Individuals acting in a manner that is disrespectful, disruptive, or disorderly may be asked to leave the premises or be subject to citation or arrest.
- ii.** Both hosts and guests may be held liable for guest behavior.
- iii.** Noise levels for personal music (either coming from a car stereo or portable speakers in the tailgating area) must be kept at a reasonable volume.
- iv.** Any current Randolph student found to be acting in a disruptive manner may be subject to disciplinary action as well as any federal, state, or local laws.

d. *Food/Grilling*

- i.** Fires are only allowed in above ground, enclosed containers.
- ii.** After grilling, extinguish all flames and coals prior to leaving the tailgating area at the end of the last athletic event.
- iii.** Do not dispose of coals or ashes in dumpster or garbage cans – ash disposal cans will be available and clearly marked in the tailgating area.
- iv.** Open flame fires, fire pits, and bonfires are prohibited.
- v.** Food trucks will be on site for attendees to purchase meals.

e. *Alcohol Consumption*

- i.** Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age is strictly prohibited.
- ii.** All persons of legal drinking age (21 or older) will have wristbands placed on their arm to identify they are of legal drinking age.
- iii.** No alcohol may be sold on the premises.
- iv.** No student organization or group may distribute alcohol.
- v.** Individuals consuming alcohol may be asked to provide legal identification and proof of age to College staff and/or law enforcement for any reason. Individuals without proper identification or who are not of legal drinking age are in violation of the tailgating policy and are subject to penalty.
- vi.** Consumption of alcoholic beverages on any other part of campus outside of the designated tailgating area including but not limited to campus buildings, city streets, athletic fields or stands, etc., is prohibited.
- vii.** Drinking games and the use of devices intended to accelerate the consumption of alcohol (including but not limited to funnels or beer bongs) are prohibited.
- viii.** Common source containers of alcohol meant for transporting, sharing, serving, and/or mixing alcohol in large quantities are prohibited. These containers include but are not limited to kegs, mini kegs, etc.
- ix.** Driving under the influence of alcohol is illegal. Commonwealth drinking and driving laws will be enforced in and around the tailgating area as well as the entire campus.

f. *Risk Management*

- i.** Transportation of people in the backs/beds of trucks is prohibited. Nor should persons be allowed to stand in or on top of vehicles.
- ii.** Food will be available for purchase during the tailgating event. Please make sure to have food available as well as non-alcoholic beverages at your tailgating area.

- iii. Tailgating activities can take place in your reserved parking space and the area directly behind your space. Please ensure there is enough space for everyone to enjoy the area and be able to walk through the parking lot.
- iv. For the safety of all in attendance, the use of recreational items such as bicycles, skateboards, hover boards, in-line skates, and motorized vehicles such as scooters, ATVs, go-carts, and golf carts are prohibited within the tailgating area.
- v. The safety and security of personal property is the sole responsibility of its owner, do not leave any personal property unattended.
- vi. Smoking and vaping or the use of e-cigarettes is only permitted in designated campus areas.
- vii. All members of your tailgating group and guests must be educated on all tailgate policies.
- viii. Contact Campus Safety and Security (434.947.8000) for all emergencies.

IMPORTANT NOTE: VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF VIRGINIA LAW AND REMOVAL FROM RANDOLPH COLLEGE PROPERTY.