

MEMORANDUM

August 17, 2015

Dear FIU Faculty, Staff, and Fans,

We are excited about the upcoming football season and we hope you are, too! In our continued efforts to build affinity for our football team and create a true game day experience for all Panther fans, we have revised our tailgating plan for the 2015 season.

We looked at other State University System institutions with on-campus stadiums and incorporated some of their best practices. You can view the new tailgating plan and map of all tailgating areas by visiting <https://parking.fiu.edu/tailgating/>

Here are some important items to note:

- Please [click here](#) to read the new university tailgating guidelines.
- You may reserve a space in the general tailgating areas, including the Diamond Lot, Nature Trail and Panther Trail via the online reservation form found at <https://parking.fiu.edu/tailgating/>.
 - Should you prefer not to reserve a space, these lots will be available for tailgating on game day, but on a first-come, first-served basis and dependent on lot/trail availability.
- Lot 7 (west of the stadium) is reserved for alumni and spirit group tailgating. Lot 6 (east of the stadium) is reserved for student tailgating.
 - Tailgating spaces in these lots must also be reserved in advance, but will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis should there be availability on game day.
- Personal tents/canopies must be 10 feet x 10 feet or smaller and are only allowed in reserved/assigned tailgating locations.
 - Should you want to reserve a tailgating area that is larger than a personal canopy, you must contact Parking & Transportation's event team at ptevents@fiu.edu or 305-348-3615.
- All garages, as well as Lot 5 (east of the WPAC) are available for general parking. We strongly encourage visitors to park in the Blue Garage, Panther Garage, or Lot 5 as these are the closest to the stadium. However, tailgating is not permitted in these areas.

- VIP & Disabled Parking will continue to be within the Platinum Lot (lot south of the stadium).
- All designated Tailgating Lots and Trails will be accessible from 8:00 a.m. until two hours following the conclusion of the game or midnight (whichever comes first). However, there are specific timelines for each game as it relates the university's tailgating and open-container waiver hours.
- For mid-day games (i.e., games starting prior to 4 p.m.), the university's open-container waiver will be in effect 4 hours prior to game start through the end of tailgating hours. For evening games (i.e., games starting after 5 p.m.), the university's open-container waiver will be in effect 6 hours prior to game start through the end of tailgating hours.
- Tailgating will close down 45 minutes prior to kick-off. University Police as well as Parking & Transportation personnel will be walking through all tailgate areas prior to kick-off to ensure compliance.
- For an easy reference on lot, tailgating, and open-container waiver times, please visit <https://parking.fiu.edu/tailgating/> to view a schedule for each game.
- To purchase game tickets, please visit FIUsports.com or call 305-348-GAME (4263).
- Make sure to show your Panther pride by wearing your FIU gear. [Click here](#) to purchase your blue and gold merchandise.

We're looking forward to a successful season and we need you, our 12th Panther, cheering us on. We hope to see you on game day!

Go Panthers!

Sincerely,



Mark B. Rosenberg
President