

- s. Forty-eight hours of notification is required to cancel an event or the organization risks being charged for supplies that cannot be returned.

Please Note: Students are encouraged to follow these suggestions:

- If alcohol is being served, drink in a responsible manner and in moderation.
- Offer a designated driver program at all events in which alcoholic beverages are being served
- Always designate non-drinking officers/members to handle situations or make decisions throughout the event.

SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS POLICY

Concern for indoor air quality is a trend-taking place across the nation. In 1989, the Surgeon General renewed a health education campaign against smoking, and Congress passed legislation restricting smoking on domestic airline flights and began consideration of a bill that further limits advertising for smoking products.

Studies have revealed that nonsmokers who breathe secondhand smoke face similar health risks as smokers. As a result, a significant number of corporations and academic institutions now require a completely smoke-free environment.

Nicholls State University has a vested interest in creating a healthful and productive atmosphere for its faculty, staff, and students. Providing a generally smoke-free environment is a step in establishing activities that promote a long and health life.

Therefore, on April 12, 2006, the President's Cabinet approved changes to the university's policy regarding the use of tobacco products on campus.

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The use of Tobacco Products is prohibited in and within 25 feet of university buildings and on university sidewalks.

SECTION THIRTEEN

Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus

Carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon on University property or at a University sponsored or affiliated function is prohibited by Louisiana law and University policy. Persons violating this policy are subject to criminal prosecution and University discipline action. Members of the University community (students, faculty, and staff) who violate this policy may be temporarily suspended from employment or enrollment pending administrative disposition of the matter.

SECTION FOURTEEN

Policy Statement Regarding Disruptive Conduct and Safety of Persons Attending Nicholls Athletic Events

Nicholls State University Athletic events provide a means for the University to meet its student development and community service mission. Many university events, including Athletic Department events, permit the admission of only those individuals with appropriate credentials such as tickets, passes or specific identification cards. One purpose for requiring credentials for admission is to assist the University in protecting the safety of those participating in and attending events as well as the privileges granted to and expected by those attending the events. Persons attending an event expect to be able to view the event without interference, disruption, or threat to safety, which

includes any activities/action which create or may lead to an atmosphere of danger, violence, hostility or harassment.

To enable the University to sponsor programs and activities necessary to meet its mission and to protect the safety and privileges of those attending athletic events, the following policy will apply.

1. Items that are likely to block the view of persons attending games, disrupt the event, interfere with regular activities of the event, or create an atmosphere of danger, violence, hostility will not be permitted at any athletic event.
2. Banners and signs relating to the event may be hung only in those areas designated for sign hanging. Signs may be put up only during the time period established by the University. The size of the sign will be limited to enable other groups and individuals to hang signs. Commercial signs, signs which advertise other events and signs which advertise alcohol or other substances which thwart the aims and purposes of the institution are not permitted in these areas.
3. Student organizations will be permitted to display official organization letters/flags in the area designated for such display. Letter/flags may only be put up during the time period designated by the University.

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC EVENTS AND PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES

- a. Pre-Game activities (including tailgate activities) will be limited to the university designated areas.
- b. Consumption of alcohol at any such activity will be limited to persons of legal age (21+). All consumption will be limited to the designated activity area. Kegs and other common containers are prohibited. All glass containers (bottles, cups, pitchers, etc.) are prohibited. Walking around with beer cans or hard liquor bottles are prohibited. Whatever is consumed must be poured into a paper or plastic cup. Drinking games, funneling or any other activity judged by University staff as inappropriate is prohibited.
- c. Each group and individual will be directed to maintain the grounds area they are using. Adequate garbage cans and garbage bags will be provided. Individuals or groups not maintaining the grounds will be asked to do so. Failure to comply with requests made by staff will result in eviction from the campus grounds for the remainder of the calendar day and appropriate follow-up actions will be taken. If individuals who are not of legal drinking age (21+) are found to be in possession of alcohol, they will be directed to empty the drink/alcohol on the grass area and to place the container and or cup in the nearest garbage container. Refusal to do so will result in eviction from the campus grounds, with appropriate University discipline action to be taken by the University, and the person will also be issued a summons by University Police or Administrator. If an individual refuses to present identification or refuses to follow the directions of University staff, he/she will be issued an appropriate summons and referred to the Office of Student Life for appropriate follow-up discipline action to be taken by the University.
- d. The Student Programming Association may provide a band or D.J. for each home game. Outside bands or sound systems are not permitted without prior approval by the Office of Student Life. The SPA, as has been the practice for several years, may provide free food and non-alcoholic beverages for the students in the pre-game activity area.
- e. Nicholls students must present their (Colonel Card) student identification card to gain admission to the activity and/or sporting event.
- f. All persons entering the stadium and/or gym are subject to reasonable check for violations of University policies, including the search of person (and property in possession),