

Student Advisory Notice for FIU Football Games

Dear FIU Students:

The Division of Student Affairs encourages you to support our football team during the 2011 Football Season! We hope you will join us for all FIU home games this season in our FIU stadium. In preparation for the games we want to remind you of the following:

FIU TAILGATING INFORMATION:

Students may tailgate in parking lot 6 located east of the FIU Football stadium.

Tailgating will be permitted to begin three hours prior to the start of the game and end 30 minutes prior to the start of the game at FIU home football games. FIU police will clear the tailgating area.

All federal, state, and local laws will be enforced by FIU police officers and potentially the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco as well. FIU encourages the use of plastic bottles and/or cans vs. glass bottles. Bulk quantities of alcohol including, but not limited to, kegs and punch are not permitted. Underage possession and drinking is prohibited. Excessive drinking and devices designed for rapid consumption of alcohol including but not limited to funnels, ice luges, drinking games and beer bongs will not be permitted.

GOLDEN PANTHERS PLEDGE OF HONOR: FIU FAN CODE OF CONDUCT FIU

promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We call your attention to the following:

Golden Panther Don'ts:

- Threatening, abusive, or disruptive behavior
- Standing or sitting in aisles, standing on seats or bleachers, portals or concourses
- Entering the field of play (during or after the game), unless they are properly credentialed or accompanied by an authorized staff member
- Profane or abusive language
- Smoking (FIU is a smoke free/tobacco free university)
- Throwing objects in stands including paper or plastic cups/bottles
- No artificial noise makers (prohibited by Sunbelt Conference)
- Fighting
- Possession of alcohol inside the stadium except in designated areas (Stadium Club or Suites)
- Failure to comply with law enforcement officials or stadium staff
- Public intoxication

What to do if you observe these behaviors?

Should you observe any action(s) that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of self or others please find your nearest law enforcement officer.

ENFORCEMENT:

Individuals found violating any policies can be removed from the stadium. Students involved in such activities or other disruptive behavior will also be subject to disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Students are also subject to arrest and prosecution under applicable laws and state statutes. Students enjoy the rights and privileges that they gain as a member of the university community and are subject to the responsibilities which accompany that membership. Non-students, while not affected by the FIU Student Conduct Code, are subject to arrest and prosecution under applicable laws and state statutes.

BE A GOOD SPORT:

We want you to enjoy your “game day” experience but remember you are representing FIU. Hold yourself to a higher standard. First impressions count. When tailgating and watching the game, be a good sport. Cheer our Golden Panthers to victory with class. Remember that visiting teams, their families and their fans are our guests. Be respectful. As FIU continues to grow help us to gain recognition and improve our reputation by interacting with each other and visitors in a way that makes us all proud.

GO Golden Panthers!!!!

STADIUM POLICIES (from Athletics Website):

All general admission gates will open 60 minutes prior to kickoff for FIU home football games. At the time that the gates are open to the public, all concession stands will be operational and all security and ushers will be in place. The following rules are in effect at all FIU events:

Prohibited Behavior:

- Unruly, threatening, or disruptive behavior such as standing in the aisles, profane and abusive language, smoking, fighting, throwing objects and drunkenness will not be tolerated and can result in ejection, arrest, and/or loss of ticket privileges.
- Should you observe any of this disruptive behavior, please notify your nearest security or law enforcement officer.
- Standing on seats/bleachers is strictly prohibited.
- No sitting in the aisles.
- Artificial noisemakers are not permitted in FIU Stadium for FIU Football home games per the Sun Belt Conference. Such items will be removed immediately.
- Signs of a derogatory nature directed toward an individual players, team, staff, spectators or game officials are not permitted.
- Stadium policy prohibits fans from entering the field of play unless they are properly credentialed. Violators are subject to ejection and/or arrest.

Prohibited Items: Items prohibited from all FIU Stadium events include:

Any outside food/beverages, illegal drugs, playing balls, **umbrellas**, pets (except for certified service dogs for disabled patrons), bottles, cans, flasks, thermoses, ice bags, ice chests, coolers, picnic baskets, boom boxes, firearms, incendiary devices (fireworks, smoke bombs, etc.), artificial noisemakers, musical instruments, flag poles, confetti, weapons or any item deemed hazardous by FIU Stadium management personnel.

- Those with illegal drugs or incendiary devices are subject to ejection and/or arrest.
- Authorities are allowed to inspect patrons, and their bags, upon entering FIU Stadium for the purpose of spectator safety.
- **No large bags (must be no larger than 8 ½" x 11") and no backpacks, etc., will be allowed into FIU Stadium.**
- Baby strollers need to be kept clear of all aisle ways and must be checked upon entering the Stadium.
- All items (packages) are subject to search.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION:

Per NCAA regulations for on-campus stadiums, there are no alcohol sales allowed to the general public in FIU Stadium. Alcohol consumption is only allowed in the stadium club and suites of FIU Stadium. Those with privileged access to the stadium club and suites will not be allowed to leave their area with alcohol at anytime. Stadium Club and Suite users must be 21 or older to purchase alcohol and must have a valid I.D.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

FIU and the Sun Belt Conference promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial, or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches, spectators, or team representatives, will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from FIU Stadium.

Violators of any policy are subject to ejection and/or arrest.

FIU staff reserves the right to prohibit any additional items.

