

USC Aiken Black Alumni Council Homecoming
Tailgate Guidelines

We are thrilled to present the Homecoming Tailgating sponsored by the USC Aiken Black Alumni Council. Homecoming 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the USC Aiken Convocation Center.

Below you will find Guidelines and important information for responsible Tailgating.

FEE: \$50 per space (no more than two spaces). There are two options to pay.

- 1) Or you can pay by clicking this link: [Direct Your Gift](#)
 - a) Please be sure to search for "Black Alumni Council Fund"
 - b) In the Gift Detail section, please denote that this gift is for the 2026 Homecoming Tailgate.
- 2) Check - Make payable to "Black Alumni Council Fund"
 - a) Include your name and contact information with your check.
 - b) Please mail your check to the address listed below.

USC Aiken Alumni Association
471 University Parkway
Aiken, SC 29801

TIME: Tailgating will officially begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

PARKING: Parking will be available in the Convocation Center parking spaces. If you have a gas grill, you will be able to have one (1) vehicle at your tailgate area.

ACCESS: The tailgating area is located on the lawn adjacent to the Convocation Center. This area will be occupied by registered tailgating hosts, alumni, community members and students. All attendees should adhere to guidelines and directives.

SETUP: Homecoming Tailgating set-up time will begin at 10:00 am on Game Day – Saturday, February 21, 2026. No vehicles will be allowed to enter the tailgate area after 10:00am.

DIRECTIONS TO TAILGATING AREA: The Tailgate will be held in the grassy lot at front of the USC Aiken Convocation Center. There will be signage directing you to the area.

Coming from Georgia via I-20: Take I-20 to Exit 18 (the first Aiken exit, Hwy 19). Turn right onto Hwy 19 South and go 4.4 miles to the second traffic light at the intersection of Hwy 19 and Hwy 118. Turn right onto Hwy 118, or University Parkway. Follow Hwy 118 for 3.3 miles (you will go through one traffic light). At the second traffic light go straight and then the Convocation Center will be on your immediate right.

Coming from Columbia, Greenville, or Charlotte Areas via I-20: Take I-20 to Exit 18 (the second Aiken exit, Hwy 19). Turn left onto Hwy 19 South and go 4.4 miles to the second traffic light at the intersection of Hwy 19 and Hwy 118. Turn right onto Hwy 118, or University Parkway. Follow Hwy 118 for 3.3 miles (you will go through one traffic light). At the second traffic light go straight and then the Convocation Center will be on your immediate right.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 803-641-3408.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: Alcohol is permitted to be consumed. However, no one under the age of 21 is allowed to serve or consume alcohol. No open alcohol containers on public streets, sidewalks or outside of the Homecoming Tailgating area. Alcohol is allowed inside the tailgating area and can be served inside the reserved tailgating space. Kegs of any size will not be permitted.

We will disseminate wristbands to legal age tailgating hosts and guests for entrance into the Tailgating area. Homecoming Tailgating hosts and their guests will be asked to provide a valid photo identification to verify your legal drinking age. If you are found providing alcohol to minors, you will be asked to leave and we will alert University Police to file an official police report that could end in further legal action.

BEVERAGE CONTAINERS: All beverages will need to be contained within a plastic cup. Drinking from glass, bottles, and/or cans will not be permitted. You should bring plastic cups to transfer beverages into.

CLEANUP: We will have trash cans placed in the Homecoming Tailgating area. Tailgaters are asked to responsibly dispose of all trash. Tailgaters should properly extinguish grills; *only gas grills will be permitted – no fire or charcoal grills*. Homecoming Tailgating hosts are responsible for managing clean-up of their registered area. Your Homecoming Tailgate space must be cleaned and cleared no later than 3:00 pm on Game Day.

SPACE: Each space will be 15' x 17'. Your tent may be no larger than a 10' x 10' You may have **one** vehicle in your space.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITY:

- No drinking games
- No consumption of illegal controlled substances
- No open alcohol beverages allowed outside the Tailgating area
- No alcohol consumption by persons under age 21
- Do not provide or serve alcohol to anyone under the age of 21

FIRE SAFETY/GRILL SAFETY:

- Before Grilling – Make sure your grill is clean and functions properly.
- During Grilling - Do NOT leave your grill unattended.

Your grill should NOT be under your tent.

In case of a fire:

Turn off the burners and if you can safely reach the tank valve, shut it off.

Do NOT attempt to extinguish a grease fire with water.

Call Campus Police for assistance at 803-648-4011