



**WSSU Department of Athletics
Bowman Gray Stadium Football Game
Proposed Attendee Bag Policy**

Background

This set of guidelines and restrictions was developed by the WSSU Department of Athletics and Campus Police & Public Safety Department in collaboration with key event stakeholders. It will be distributed to and vetted by University Administration and other appropriate departments/agencies prior to implementation.

Pre-season Communications Plan

Beginning August 1, 2015, the following measures/methods will be taken to inform prospective event attendees of the new guidelines and restrictions:

- Complete guidelines/restrictions
 - posted on WSSU campus and athletics websites
 - posted on WSSU campus and athletics social media sites
 - provided via mail, e-mail, or other method to visiting teams, media, VIP Guests, and Horns members/donors
- Abbreviated guidelines/restrictions statement
 - printed on event tickets
 - printed on parking passes
 - signs/postings across the stadium arena



RESTRICTED BAG POLICY FOR BOWMAN GRAY STADIUM

Purpose: As one measure to provide a safe environment and to expedite entry into the Bowman Gray Stadium during events hosted by Winston-Salem State University Department of Athletics, a set of guidelines and restrictions on items that can be carried into the stadium has been developed.

Prohibited items:

In order to ensure the safety and security of spectators, student-athletes, and staff, the following items are prohibited inside the stadium arena:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Artificial noise makers
- Backpacks or oversized bags (*see below*)
- Coolers or containers
- Explosives, firearms, or weapons of any kind
- Illegal drugs
- Outside food or beverages
- Pets (except service animals)
- Umbrellas

Bag Size Restrictions & Search:

Bags that exceed 12" x 12" x 12" dimensions in size are restricted. Size test containers will be at each entry gate. Visual searches will be performed on all bags that fall within the size restriction.

Backpacks as described below are restricted:

- Backpack – a container designed to hold a bulky/heavy load and be worn on the back, typically characterized by wide shoulder straps, multiple zippers and pockets, and most often constructed of sturdy material such as thick nylon, canvas, or leather. Simple draw string bags with thin shoulder straps, and purses designed to be worn on the back are not considered backpacks.

All prohibited items must be returned to the owner's vehicle or discarded before entry. Any unlawful items are subject to confiscation and the person in possession of such items is subject to arrest.

Re-entry

There is no re-entry at Bowman Gray Stadium.

Exceptions: Bag size restrictions do not apply to credentialed event staff, student-athletes, band, media, or visiting team staff. However, all bags entering the stadium arena are subject to search and will be tagged. NOTE: Access/check points for credentialed personnel with oversized bags are designated at the North (Horns) Lot and Service Gate entries.