

## CLEAR BAG POLICY



To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite guest entry into the stadium, Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium will implement a new bag policy in 2017-18 for **all ticketed Stadium events** that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into the venue.

**Guests will be able to carry the following style and size bag, package or container into the venue:**

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12."
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar).
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the venue with one of the clear plastic bags.
- An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection.

Prohibited bags include, but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, luggage of any kind, non-approved seat cushions or seatbacks \* (see below) computer bags, diaper bags, binocular cases, and camera bags.

Guests will continue to be able to enjoy their tailgate activities in the parking lots and to do so with greater safety and the knowledge that their entry into the venue will be smoother and faster. They also will continue to be able to carry items allowed into the venue, such as binoculars, cameras, and smart phones.

*\*Non-approved seat cushions and seatbacks include large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers. Seat cushions and seatbacks must be 18" or less in width with no armrests.*



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#### Why did the Stadium adopt this policy?

This is about both safety and improving the overall fan experience. Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium frequently reviews its public safety and stadium security policies looking for ways to improve them. The most recent review concluded that there is a need to adjust our policy to enhance public safety and make stadium access more efficient by limiting the size and style of bags carried into the stadium. This proactive measure will enhance safety inside and outside the stadium, and speed the security screening process for all fans. The public deserves to be in a safe, secure environment.

#### Are other Venues limiting bags?

Yes. The SEC, Big 10 and Big 12 is expected to mandate a conference wide clear-bag policy for the 2017 season. The NFL policy, which Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium's policy resembles, has been in place for several years. The approved bag size and style is a further step toward convenience and safety.

#### How does the new policy improve public safety?

The clear bag is easily and quickly searched, greatly reducing faulty bag searches. It also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

#### How does this make it more convenient for fans?

It is hoped that this will enable us to move fans through our security check points much faster, as it has at other venues where it has been implemented. A standard bag size simplifies the search process, making stadium security's job much easier, allowing staff to be more efficient and effective in checking bags at points of entry. It is hoped that there will be less time spent standing in lines at the stadium gates and fans will be able to be in their seats well before kickoff. Shorter lines mean fewer hassles. Also, it is hoped that fans will enjoy an improved sense of safety.

#### How many bags can each person bring into the stadium?

One large clear bag – either a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or the 12" by 6" by 12" clear bag – plus a small "clutch" purse, no larger than 4½" by 6½". The larger clear bag must be a standard 12" by 6" by 12" made of clear PVC vinyl. The one-gallon Ziploc bag is readily available, inexpensive and easy to search. The small "clutch" allows privacy for small personal items and also is easily searched.

#### Can fans carry cameras, binoculars, smart phones or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?

Yes. Binoculars, phones or cameras may be carried into the stadium, but no cases or bags will be allowed. This new policy is not a restriction on items that fans have been able to bring into the stadium. It is only a restriction on the type of container used to carry those items.



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Are seat cushions allowed to be carried into the stadium?

Only approved seat cushions may be carried into the stadium. Large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments, armrests, or covers are not permitted. Small seat cushions and seat pads without pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers are permitted.

What about bringing blankets in cold weather?

Fans will be able to bring blankets by tossing them over a shoulder or arm as they arrive at the gate. These items can be screened easily.

What happens if I arrive in Memphis and do not have a clear bag?

Fans that do not have a clear bag will have the opportunity to purchase bags through Merchandise vendors on Stadium property. For the University of Memphis, there will be give-away opportunities at home games this upcoming 2017 season.

Be sure to leave your non-clear bag in your vehicle and only pack your gameday necessary personal items in a clear bag before heading to Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

What happens if I arrive at my entry gate at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium with a non-clear bag?

All non-clear bags will be prohibited from entering the stadium gates, however, complimentary clear gallon-sized freezer bags will be available at the ticket offices at Gate 1 and Gate 3. Please leave your non-clear bag in your vehicle.

Are all purses prohibited?

No. Unlike some event venues, not all bags are banned. Small "clutch" purses, no larger than 4 1/2" by 6 1/2", with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with either the 12" by 6" by 12" clear tote bag or the one-gallon freezer bag. This should enable fans to carry the same items they have in previous years while providing for quick entry into the stadium because it will take less time to screen bags. Shorter lines mean fewer hassles. We encourage fans not to bring any bags, but we have created a policy that balances the needs of spectators with improved public safety and convenience.

Do I have to put everything I'm carrying into the permissible bags?

No. We are only limiting types of bags that may be carried into the stadium, not the items normally brought to a game. Therefore, fans may carry (in their pockets or jackets) keys, makeup, feminine products, combs, phones, wallets, credit cards, etc., if the spectator chooses not to put them in a clear bag or clutch. Spectators also can carry a blanket over their arms, and binoculars and/or camera around their neck or in their hands without a case. Spectators can use the clear bag and clutch to carry other items. They will continue to have the flexibility to bring a wide variety of approved items into the stadium. Every member of a family may carry in their own permissible bag.



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What about diaper bags?

Diapers may be carried in a permissible 12"x6"x12" clear bag. Each member of a family, including children, will be allowed to carry an approved clear bag and a clutch purse into the stadium.

If I have medical bag or special medical equipment I need to have with me at all times, where do I put that?

An exception will be made for medical necessary items after proper inspection at specified stadium gates. ALL TICKETED GUESTS NEEDING MEDICAL BAG EXCEPTIONS PLEASE ASK FOR THE GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR AT YOUR ENTRY GATE.

Will this policy affect the ability of fans to tailgate? Are there limitations on tailgating items?

No. Fans will be able to enjoy tailgating activities on Tiger Lane and in parking lots and can do so with greater safety and knowledge that entry into the stadium will be smoother and faster.