

Political Campaigning and Other Non-University Events on Game Days or Major Event Days

This Policy is applicable to *non-University* events held on Game Days or days where major events are held on campus and is designed to prevent disruption of the events and impeding the ingress and egress to game-day University activities.

Section 3.4.3 of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents Policies and Procedures prohibits the University's endorsement of any commercial product, program, enterprise, or idea. A direct result of this is the prohibition of any political signage implanted in, posted on, or otherwise affixed to University property. This prohibition in no way interferes with the right of students, faculty, staff, and fans to otherwise engage in the political process, subject to other governing policies and procedures.

Students: <http://studentlife.ou.edu/content/view/224/46/>

Faculty: <http://www.ou.edu/provost/pronew/content/fhbmenu.html>

Staff: <http://hr.ou.edu/handbook/default.asp>

Additionally, the University must comply with laws and regulations governing its tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code. These regulations require that members of the University community and the University itself refrain from creating an appearance of partisan activity endorsed by the University. Political campus organizations shall have access to selected University facilities on the same basis as all other campus organizations-in keeping with the rights of all members of the campus community to express political views on game days/major event. Non-campus political organizations shall likewise have access on the same terms as other non-University events described herein.

Further, the University policy governing the use of University facilities for non-university purposes (See <http://www.ou.edu/contracts/#FACILITY%20USAGE>) prescribes that facilities and outdoor properties for non-University purposes are restricted to the following locations on the day of an event or any rally for the event:

- A portion of the Lloyd Noble parking lot, except during an event held at the Lloyd Noble, at which time a portion of the Gymnastics Center parking lot may be utilized; or
- A portion of the University Duck Pond; or
- A portion of the property in front of the Bizzell Statue; or
- A portion of the Dale Hall parking lot.

Because space is limited, non-University events shall be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the date the individual or group executes all relevant documents, provides evidence of adequate insurance where required due to risk of damage to persons or property, and submits all such documents to the Office of Administration and Finance, Real Estate Operations in accordance with the terms of the policy.

No picketing, leafleting, sign, displays, or peddling shall be permitted within 300 feet of the facility hosting the event (i.e. football stadium) on the day of the event.