

## **UTSA Athletics Fan Code of Conduct and Gameday Expectations**

The University of Texas at San Antonio's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (UTSA Athletics) is committed to creating and maintaining a positive, inclusive, and respectful environment and providing a safe, memorable, and enjoyable experience for all guests, staff, coaches, and participants.

Athletics events are enhanced when fans, coaches, athletes, officials, and event staff are not subjected to harassing or discriminatory language or actions while attending or participating at UTSA Athletics Events. It is against University policy for anyone to be harassed or discriminated against because of their age, gender, race, religious belief, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, veteran or military status or any other protected category. Racist, homophobic, or transphobic language is not appropriate and will not be tolerated.

To advance our commitment to a positive, respectful and safe experience, UTSA asks that all fans, guests and patrons to:

- Always demonstrate the qualities of civility and sportsmanship by not engaging in verbal abuse, harassment, profanity, confrontations, intimidation, or threatening behavior against any of the participants or officials.
- Allow each other to be free to support their team while remaining respectful and courteous to their fellow patrons, game officials, opposing team fans and players.
- Not use abusive, obscene, or discriminatory language, signs or gestures at any time.
- Refrain from entering the playing area at any time, including after the game unless escorted by authorized personnel.
- Not engage in any action that causes a disruption, creates an unsafe environment, interferes with the game, or hinders the enjoyment of the game for others, including fighting, throwing items, etc.
- Not engage in damage, destruction, vandalism, or theft of any property.
- Consume alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner and otherwise in accordance with the law. (Impairment, intoxication, underage consumption and unruly behavior will be addressed immediately.)
- Follow instructions from staff members, officials, event staff and public safety officials regarding venue operations and emergency procedures.
- Sit only in the seat or area designated on your ticket and be prepared to present your ticket, if requested.
- Respect that UTSA Athletics activities are tobacco-free (including e-cigarettes and smokeless cigarettes/tobacco).

The UTSA Athletics Fan Code of Conduct provides the guidelines that all fans, guests and patrons are expected to follow while attending UTSA Athletics Events. These guidelines will be enforced for all such events and in all applicable venues including adjacent and nearby areas (e.g., the parking lots, plazas, and other facilities).

## **Banners and Signs**

- Banners and signs are allowed in UTSA Athletics' Facilities, except for in the Alamodome, if they do not obstruct the view of other patrons, create a safety hazard or violate other applicable University policies.
- All banners and signs should be sport or event related and in accordance with the Fan Code of Conduct.
- Banners and signs may not contain any commercial messages, logos, or political endorsements.
- Banners and signs should be hand-held, no larger than 3' X 5' and made with paper or cloth-like material.
- Banners and signs made with rigid materials, including sticks, poles, woods, metal, hard plastic or other materials are prohibited.

## **Firearms, handguns, incendiary and noisemaking devices**

- The Texas Penal Code prohibits a firearm on the premises where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place.
- In addition to firearms, facsimile firearms, ammunition, explosives, and other items that could be used as weapons are prohibited in UTSA Athletics' facilities and venues.
- Chains (metal), costume accessories (such as nun chucks, pitchforks, sling blades, axes, swords, whips, nooses, etc.), knives or multi-Tools (pocketknives, switchblades, lock-blades, throwing stars, scissors), mace (pepper or tear gas). noisemakers, and swords (Plastic, Metal) are also not allowed in UTSA Athletics' facilities and venues.
- Spectators are not permitted to use artificial noisemakers at any sports, except for soccer. Musical instruments, amplified sound/music or canned music are permitted only during the times outlined in each sport specific NCAA Playing rules.
- All participants and spectators are expected to abide by all other applicable University policies as found in the [Handbook of Operating Procedures](#) (HOP) and, for football games, all applicable Alamodome rules.

## **Reporting Violations**

- Spectators who witness or experience behavior or comments by other spectators that violate this Fan Code of Conduct are urged to report these occurrences immediately to the nearest security or game management personnel.

### **For Football Games at the Alamodome**

- Posters and signs **are not** allowed into the Alamodome. Signs may not be affixed or hung anywhere in the facility.
- Additional Alamodome Information included in the following link: [Alamodome Facility Rules and Security](#)
- Guests should communicate any issues by sending a text message to 69050, type the word Alamo followed by a space and then include the request and location.

### **Conference USA Sportsmanship Policy**

UTSA Athletics' conference – Conference USA – encourages and promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. Conference USA requests your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner.

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### **Consequences for Violations**

- UTSA Athletics reserves the right to confiscate and/or dispose of any signs or other items deemed in violation of this Fan Code of Conduct, in its sole discretion.
- Any fan or spectator interfering with play or otherwise violating the guidelines in this Fan Code of Conduct in any way may be subject to immediate ejection from the site of the contest.
- UTSA students violating this policy may be referred to the UTSA Student Conduct and Community Standards Office.
- Fans or spectators violating this policy may be subject to loss of privilege to attend future UTSA Athletics' Events and be subject to arrest or prosecution.