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Independence Bowl Week: Important Stadium Rules & Fan Information

As the city prepares to host the [Independence Bowl](#), fans attending the game at [Independence Stadium](#) are reminded of several important rules and policies in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

Prohibited items inside the stadium include: outside food or drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), ice chests or coolers, video cameras, firearms, mace or pepper spray, knives, pocket tools, straight blades, tasers or stun guns, umbrellas, non-clear bags, laser pointers or lights, telephoto lenses longer than six inches, and any bag that does not meet the Clear Bag Policy. Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited anywhere inside the stadium.

Clear Bag Policy: Fans are encouraged not to bring bags. If necessary, permitted bags include clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags no larger than 12" x 6" x 12"; one-gallon clear freezer bags; and small clutch bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5". Medically necessary bags are allowed after inspection at designated gates. Approved logos no larger than 4.5" x 3.4" may appear on one side of a clear bag. All other bags, including backpacks, purses larger than a clutch, briefcases, luggage, and camera or computer bags, are prohibited.

Gate Information: Stadium gates will open two (2) hours prior to kickoff to help alleviate entry lines. Fans are encouraged to arrive early.

Tailgating & Parking: The White Lot, located northeast of Independence Stadium, is designated for tailgating. Tailgate parking is \$25 per space. Grass tailgate areas, as well as charter bus and limousine parking (\$50), may be reserved through the State Fair Office at 318-635-1361.

We appreciate the cooperation of all fans and look forward to welcoming everyone to Shreveport for a safe and exciting Independence Bowl experience.