

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION** ATHL Athletics Department  
**POLICY NUMBER** ATHL 2.03  
**POLICY TITLE** Athletic Tickets - Students  
**SCOPE OF POLICY** USC Columbia  
**DATE OF REVISION** June 10, 2021  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER** Athletic Director  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE** Athletics Department

**PURPOSE**

Provide guidelines and procedures for University of South Carolina- Columbia to obtain tickets to Athletic Events.

**DEFINITIONS**

Tickets: Admissions to any Gamecock Athletics event; may be in season or single game format.

Student Account Manager: portal for account holders to request, claim, or return tickets.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Athletic Department encourages and supports robust student attendance for all home athletic events. Tickets are for the personal use of the student, and adherence to the Gamecock Athletics Code of Conduct (see Appendix) is required for continued access to event tickets.

**A. Revenue Sports**

1. Students must be full-time or have paid the Athletics portion of the University fee as specified by the University Administration to qualify for student tickets to home football, basketball, and baseball games. Paying the fee does not guarantee a ticket.
2. All student tickets for football, men's and women's basketball, and baseball are distributed on an individual game basis according to procedures formulated and approved jointly by the Athletics Department, Student Senate and University Board of Trustees.

**B. Non-Revenue Sports**

Full-time, fee-paying students are entitled to attend all USC-sponsored non-revenue sports at no charge. These sports are Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Volleyball, Sand Volleyball, Softball, Track and Field, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Equestrian, Men's and Women's Tennis, and Swimming and Diving.

**PROCEDURES**

**A. Student Registration**

During registration, students will receive a University photo I.D. and will automatically be classified as eligible upon payment of fees. Undergraduates must take a full-time course load

to be eligible for tickets, or a minimum of 6 hours and pay the Athletics fee in addition to their normal tuition and fees.

#### B. Revenue Sports—General Rules

1. Home game tickets are issued via TicketMaster software on the Athletics Department website. The system is maintained by the Athletics Ticket Office, in conjunction with Student Services.
2. Students must log in to their personal secured account and request tickets for upcoming Football, Men's or Women's Basketball, or Baseball games.
  - a. The distribution of football tickets may be discontinued upon mutual agreement of the Athletics Department and the Student Athletic Committee.
  - b. All home football games (including Clemson), men's basketball games, women's basketball games, and baseball game tickets are issued based on a points system that calculates previous attendance and class standing. The points system is enforced whenever requests outnumber available tickets.
  - c. Students receiving tickets by special rules, such as band members and Athletes, may NOT obtain general student tickets.

#### C. Revenue Sports—Specific Rules

1. Students may obtain a student ticket by logging in to their personal secured account and requesting tickets for upcoming Football, Men's or Women's Basketball, or Baseball games. Tickets are automatically uploaded to the ticket holder's ~~University I.D.~~ student account, and the barcode is scanned for entry.
2. When a ticket is issued, the student may not pick up another ticket for that game. The student's issued ticket via their Account Manager ~~University I.D.~~ is the only valid means for entry to any game.
3. Tickets are non-transferable, and students will be penalized if found in violation of this policy. All ticket policies are available for review at <http://www.sa.sc.edu/studenttickets/> and are updated regularly.
4. Appropriate application of these procedures may require a ruling by the Student Supreme Court. If the Court cannot meet in time, the chair of the Student Senate Athletic Committee or the Athletics Department may rule in the following cases:
  - a. on interpretation of rules for the Senate.
  - b. on misuse of the I.D. card.

- Recommended penalties: first violation, loss of entry for that event; second violation, invalidation of I.D. card for athletics events.

#### D. Revenue Sports—Special Groups

1. Athletes may pick up their tickets in the athletics section for football at Williams-Brice Stadium on game day only. For basketball, tickets may be picked up at Colonial Life Arena on game day. Baseball tickets are issued at the Carolina Stadium Box Office on game day. Tickets must be used for student athletes.
2. The USC Band Director may be allocated a reasonable number of seats for the band members.
3. The President of the Student Body is given six complimentary tickets for football and four complimentary tickets for basketball.

#### E. Non-Revenue Sports

Full-time USC students will be admitted FREE upon presentation of their student I.D. cards to the following scheduled HOME athletics events:

1. All Track meets
2. All Volleyball (Indoor and Sand) matches
3. All Men's and Women's Soccer matches
4. All Softball games
5. All Tennis matches
6. All Swimming and Diving meets
7. All Equestrian matches

Exceptions include Southeastern Conference, NCAA, or other post-season tournament events for which a ticket is required.

**HISTORY OF REVISIONS**

<b>DATE OF REVISION</b>	<b>REASON FOR REVISION</b>
03/31/2021	Revision of format, content, and accuracy.
07/09/2015	Policy reviewed for organization, content and accuracy. Policy updated to reflect new software for ticket distribution.
June 10, 2021	Revision of format, content, accuracy.

## APPENDIX

### GAMECOCK FANS CODE OF CONDUCT

Gamecock fans are encouraged to wear garnet and black to the games and enthusiastically support the team. Our goal is to create a championship experience with integrity, while exhibiting good sportsmanship and maintaining a safe and respectful atmosphere for our teams and fans to enjoy. The Gamecock image is not only shaped by our student-athletes, coaches, students, and faculty, but by our great fans.

In the spirit of sportsmanship, Gamecock fans shall:

- Conduct themselves in a manner that represents their University, the Southeastern Conference, and the NCAA with honor, dignity, and respect.
- Not use vulgar, abusive, racist, sexist, demeaning, or intimidating language at any time.
- Support the student-athletes, coaches, and officials in a positive manner.
- Treat the visiting team, coaches, and fans with courtesy and respect at all times.
- Demonstrate qualities of civility and sportsmanship at all times.
- Not engage in cheers that are vulgar, crass, or demeaning
- Refrain from throwing objects onto the field for any reason.
- Not become inebriated or belligerent
- Refrain from entering the playing field at any time, including after the game.
- Be a positive role model for those around them by treating others with courtesy and respect.

Noncompliance with the code will result in the fan receiving a Code of Conduct Violation card from Event Management. Individuals issued a second card during the same game will be ejected.