

## **CLEAR BAG FAQ'S**

### **Why did TPS adopt these guidelines and procedures?**

The safety of our students and guests is a top priority of TPS Athletics. Events continue to shape the methods utilized for venue security and TPS, along with many other collegiate programs and professional leagues – has instituted this policy to enhance public safety and make venue access more efficient and secure by limiting the size and style of bags carried into our venues.

### **Are other athletic venues limiting bags?**

Yes. In fact, there are several college venues that do not permit bags of any kind to enter their stadium. NFL stadiums, BOK Center, and NCAA events have similar clear bag policies plus pat downs and metal detector screenings. These limitations on bag size and style are a further enhancement for convenience and safety.

### **How does this improve public safety?**

A clear bag can be easily searched and reduces faulty bag searches. It also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

### **How is this policy more convenient for fans?**

The clear bags will enable security to move fans through checkpoints much faster than in the past. A standard size bag eliminates the need for templates to check bag sizes. Clear bags allow staff to be more efficient and effective in keeping you safe by preventing dangerous items from entering the venue.

### **How many bags can each person bring into the venue?**

Each ticketed attendee may bring in one (1) large clear bag – either a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or a clear bag that does not exceed 12" x 6" x 12" – plus a small clutch purse (the size of the palm of your hand) that does not exceed 4.5" x 6.5". The small clutch allows privacy for small personal items and can be easily searched.

### **What if I have certain items that I need to bring into the venue due to medical reasons?**

Fans needing to carry a bag for required medical supplies may enter after the bag is inspected.

### **Are all purses prohibited?**

No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle/strap, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are permitted. Purses larger than this are not permitted.

### **Do I have to put everything I am carrying into the permissible bag?**

No. We are limiting only the type of bags carried into the venue, not items that you normally bring to a game. Therefore, you may carry items in your pockets or jacket (keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc.) if you choose not to put them in a clear bag or clutch. Fans may also carry a blanket, umbrella and/or an approved camera (less than 3" lenses).

**What about blankets in cold weather?** Fans will be able to bring blankets by tossing them over their shoulder or arm as they arrive at the gate. This item can be easily screened.

### **Are seat cushions allowed to be carried into the venue?**

Yes, only approved seatbacks are allowed into the venue. Seat cushions must be 18" in width or less and cannot have compartments, zippers, or pockets.

### **What happens if I show up at the gate with a bag that is not permitted?**

Fans carrying bags that do not comply with the Clear Bag Guidelines and Procedures will be asked to return them to their vehicles and transfer their belongings to an approved clear bag before entering the venue. Items may not be left outside the venue gates.

### **Will clear bags with patterns or oversized logos be permitted?**

No. Bags covered with patterns or oversized logos that hinder the screening process, by not allowing security staff to view through and inside of the bag, will be denied entry. Fans will need to transfer personal items into an approved Clear Bag and return the prohibited bag to their vehicle.