

## CLEAR BAG OR NO BAG PROCEDURE GUIDELINES FOR EVENT STAFF

This document serves as supplemental information to the Frequently Asked Questions document available to the public related to the Clear Bag-No Bag procedure. Staff members charged with enforcing the procedure should familiarize themselves with the information contained in the FAQ.

1. Staff members assigned to the entrance gates of a CCSD-sponsored football or basketball game should ensure that all bags entering the event are in compliance with the Clear Bag-No Bag procedure.
2. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: weapons, alcohol, drugs, animals (other than service animals as defined by ADA), lasers, fireworks, or outside food and drinks.
3. If a spectator attempts to enter the venue with a clear bag, the event staff member should visually inspect the contents of the bag by looking through the outside of the clear bag. In the majority of cases, a visual inspection through the outside of the clear bag should be sufficient to determine that no contraband is being brought into the venue. If the event staff member feels that he/she is unable to adequately screen the bag's contents from outside the bag, he/she is permitted to feel the bag or open it to look for any concealed items. Event staff members should be aware of the possibility that contraband may be concealed within blankets/garments carried in the clear bag or within a smaller bag stored inside the clear bag.
4. If a spectator attempts to enter the venue with a permissible non-clear bag such as a small purse, "clutch," or medical device, the event staff member should ask the spectator to open the bag for a visual screening of its contents.
5. If a member of the media with proper credentials attempts to enter with an equipment bag, the event staff member should conduct a search of the bag prior to allowing entry.
6. If a spectator does not comply with a request to search a bag, he/she should be asked to return the bag to his/her vehicle. **No spectator should be authorized to enter without first complying with this procedure.**
7. On occasion event staff members may encounter noncompliant or verbally aggressive individuals during the screening process who do not agree with the application of the rules to their person or property. If this occurs, the event staff member should remain calm and attempt to deescalate the situation by re-explaining the rules. If the situation is diffused and the patron complies, no further action is required. If the situation persists, the event staff member should stop the interaction and the uncooperative individual should be asked to step outside the gate until a supervisor and/or nearby law enforcement officer can be notified and respond. At no time should the event staff member make the interaction personal or do anything that would escalate the situation.
8. If contraband is located, the appropriate event manager or law enforcement official should be notified.
9. Event staff members are encouraged to watch a [training video on bag searches](#) produced by the Department of Homeland Security.

## **CLEAR BAG OR NO BAG PROCEDURE AND OTHER SAFETY-RELATED RULES AT FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **At what events will the clear bag or no bag procedure be implemented?**

The clear bag or no bag procedure will be in place at all levels of football and basketball games sponsored by the Charleston County School District (CCSD). This includes varsity, junior varsity, B team, and C team matchups in both football and basketball.

### **How many bags can each person bring into a football or basketball game?**

One large clear bag plus a small purse-type clutch. The large clear bag must be no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" and made of clear material that is easily searched. A gallon Ziploc-style bag is a readily available clear bag that meets these requirements. The small purse-type clutch can be used to carry more personal items but remains easy to search. The clutch must be no larger than 4.5" x 6.5". Every spectator, including children, is allowed to bring in one clear bag.

### **Can fans carry cameras, binoculars, smartphones, or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?**

Yes. Binoculars or cameras can be carried into the event venue as long as they are carried by hand or placed in a clear bag. Bags designed specifically to carry these items are prohibited.

### **Are seat cushions or blankets during cold weather allowed to be carried into a football or basketball game?**

Yes, but they are subject to inspection. They should not be in a bag or other container.

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

Fans carrying bags that do not meet the criteria will be turned away from the gates. They will have the opportunity to return prohibited items to their car. Bags cannot be left unattended anywhere on the campus.

### **If I have certain medically necessary items that I need to bring into the event that will not fit in a clear bag, what do I do?**

An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection. A gate administrator will be able to assist with these situations.

**Are all purses prohibited?**

No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with the clear bag. We encourage fans to attend the games without any bags; however, this procedure has been created to balance spectator needs with public safety.

**Do I have to put everything I'm carrying into the permissible bag?**

No. This procedure limits the types of bags coming into the event, not the types of items you normally bring to a football or basketball game. You can still carry items such as keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, or wallet in your pockets or jacket. Items such as binoculars or cameras can be carried by hand or around your neck using a carry-strap, and a blanket can be draped over your arm. For other items that require a bag, the use of the clear bag is required.

**What happens if a gun, knife, or other prohibited item is found in a bag during an inspection?**

As before, on-site law enforcement officers will be immediately notified if any contraband is located on school property. Guns, knives, drugs, and alcohol are all prohibited on campus.

**Will the media or student athletes participating in the event be allowed to bring bags into the venue?**

Yes. Members of the media with a press credential will be allowed to bring equipment bags into the venue; however, they are subject to inspection. Student athletes actively participating in the event at the venue may also carry their equipment bags; however, they are also subject to inspection.

**Can I send my middle school student to watch a football or basketball game on his/her own?**

No. Any child that is under high school age must be accompanied by a responsible guardian while at a CCSD-sponsored football or basketball game. School staff and local law enforcement officers monitor spectator behavior during football and basketball games; however, they are not able to provide babysitting services. Any child who is younger than a high school student who tries to enter the event without being accompanied by a guardian will be asked to call a parent to come to the event venue.

**If I have to leave the venue after entering the event, can I re-enter? I don't mind paying for another ticket.**

Unfortunately, those who leave the venue after receiving clearance to enter will not be permitted to re-enter the facility during the event.

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## ON GAME DAY SAFETY

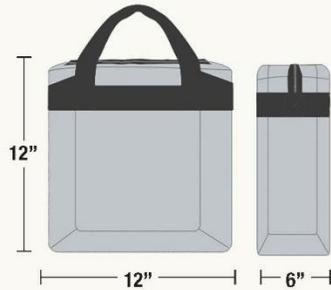
### CLEAR BAG PROCEDURE

### APPROVED BAGS

Subject to inspection

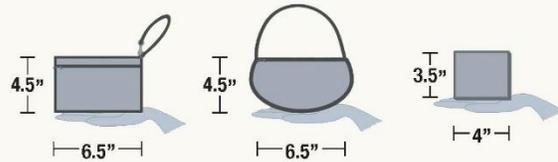
#### CLEAR TOTE

PLASTIC, VINYL OR PVC  
 NOT TO EXCEED 12" X 6" X 12"



#### SMALL CLUTCH BAG

NO LARGER THAN  
 4.5" X 6.5"



### PROHIBITED BAGS



BACKPACK



BINOCULARS CASE



CAMERA CASE



CLEAR BACKPACK



TINTED PLASTIC BAG



OVERSIZED TOTE BAG



CINCH BAG



DIAPER BAG



MESH BAG



PURSE LARGER THAN 4.5" X 6.5"



PRINTED PATTERN PLASTIC BAG



COMPUTER BAG



FANNY PACK