

Approved bags:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bag approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap and no larger than 4.5" x 6.5"

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Purses larger than a clutch bag
- Coolers
- Briefcases
- Backpacks
- Fanny packs
- Cinch bags
- Luggage of any kind
- Computer bags
- Camera Bags
- Any bag larger than the permissible size.

Why did Virginia Tech Athletics adopt this policy?

We review our stadium security policies every year looking for ways to improve them. Virginia Tech Athletics, along with the Virginia Tech Police Department, believe it made sense to adjust our policy to enhance public safety and make stadium access more efficient by limiting the size and style of bags carried into the stadium. This is a proactive measure to enhance safety inside and outside the stadium and speed the security screening process. This is about both safety and improving the overall fan experience.

How does the new policy improve public safety?

The clear bag is easily and quickly searched and greatly reduces faulty bag searches. It also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

How does this make it more convenient for fans?

This will enable us to move fans through our check-points much faster. It will make the stadium's job much easier, allowing staff to be more efficient and effective in checking bags brought into the stadium. There will be less time spent standing in lines at the stadium gates and fans will be able to be in their seats well before kickoff. Fans also will enjoy an improved sense of safety. Shorter lines mean fewer hassles.

How many bags can each person bring into the stadium?

One large clear bag – either a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or the 12" by 6" by 12" clear bag – plus a small clutch. The larger clear bag must be a standard 12" by 6" by 12" made of clear PVC vinyl and is easily searched. The one-gallon Ziploc bag is readily available, inexpensive and easily searched. The small clutch allows privacy for small personal items and also is easily searched.

Can fans carry cameras, binoculars, smart phones or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?

Yes. Binoculars or a phone or camera can be carried into the stadium so long as it is not in its own bag. This is not a restriction on items that fans have been able to bring into the stadium. It is only a restriction on the type of container used to carry items.

What about bringing blankets in cold weather?

Fans will be able to bring blankets by tossing them over a shoulder or arm. They can be easily screened carrying a blanket into the stadium.



LANE STADIUM CLEAR BAG POLICY

Frequently Asked Questions

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

Fans carrying bags not meeting the criteria will be instructed to either return the bags to their vehicle or check the bags at the lost and found.

Are all purses prohibited?

No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with either the 12" by 6" by 12" clear tote bag or the one-gallon freezer bag. This should enable you to carry the same items you have in previous years and speed entry into the stadium for all fans because it will take less time to screen bags. Shorter lines means fewer hassles. We encourage fans not to bring any bags, but believe this policy balances fan needs with improved public safety and convenience.

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

No. We are limiting only the type of bags carried into the stadium, not items that you normally bring to a game. Therefore, you can carry 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. And you can carry a blanket over your arms, and binoculars and/or camera around your neck or in your hands without the case. You can use the clear bag and clutch to carry other items. You will continue to have the flexibility to bring a wide variety of approved items into the stadium. Every member of your family may carry in a permissible bag.

What about diaper bags?

Diapers can be carried in a clear bag. Each member of a family, including children, would be allowed to carry an approved clear bag and a clutch purse into the stadium.

If I have special medical equipment I need to have with me at all times, where do I put it?

An exception will be made for medical necessary items.

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- PLASTIC STORAGE BAG**
One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)

PROHIBITED BAGS

- BACKPACK
- CAMERA CASE
- DIAPER BAG
- MESH BAG
- PURSE
- CLEAR BACKPACK
- TINTED PLASTIC BAG
- OVERSIZED TOTE BAG
- PRINTED PATTERN PLASTIC BAG
- BINOCULARS CASE
- FANNY PACK