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New policy restricts smoking in stadium

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Nebraska Cornhusker fans should embrace the new football season with enthusiasm, but they should keep in mind stadium policies, a UNL official said.

Bill Byrne, University of Nebraska-Lincoln athletic director, said a restricted-smoking policy had been added to stadium rules.

Smoking will be permitted only in designated areas — under the stands in the northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest corners of the stadium.

Re-entry passes will be available for those who choose to step outside the stadium to smoke.

"It's not right to have secondary smoke blown in people's faces — that's why we have banned smoking," Byrne said.

Memorial Stadium safety policies

prohibit:

● Throwing of any objects, including oranges. Any fan caught throwing objects could be removed immediately from the stadium. Game officials may penalize the home team if objects are thrown onto the playing field.

● Alcoholic beverages in the stadium or university-owned parking lots. UNL reserves the right to examine the contents of containers brought into the stadium. Thermos bottles and squeeze bottles are permitted, but may be inspected.

● Umbrellas. Umbrellas may be a safety hazard and block other fans' view of the game.

Other safety policies address fans with disabilities. Fans using wheelchairs and their companions can enter and sit near the north end of the east stadium.

Parking for the disabled is available for \$5 at the northwest corner of

10th Street and Avery Avenue, near stadium gate No. 11, and in campus lot 18A at the corner of 15th and U streets, north of the Nebraska Union. Golf carts will be available to transport fans with disabilities from lot 18A to the stadium.

Byrne said all fans should follow stadium policies for the safety and comfort of everyone.

"We urge their cooperation in observing all the rules and laws applicable to Memorial Stadium during our games," he said.

"We particularly want to stress the danger of throwing things within the stadium or onto the playing field," he said. "We urge all fans to refrain from that type of behavior."

Injuries have resulted in the past when oranges and cups have been thrown, Byrne said.

Within the last five years, a Big Eight official was hit in the back with

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an object and partially paralyzed. "We can't risk that," Byrne said. "If the right object is thrown, it could kill somebody."

But if fans follow the rules and encourage others to follow the rules, Byrne said no problems should result.

"Our number one goal for our fans is that they have an enjoyable time while they are cheering on our Cornhusker football team," Byrne said.

"We want them to cheer long and

loud for the Huskers, but at the same time we want them to act responsibly and treat our visiting fans with courtesy," he said.

Safety is an issue on many minds as they enter Memorial Stadium.

But Byrne said the stadium was ready for the fans. The stadium was reinforced after section 14 collapsed this summer.

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