To help provide a safer environment for students, family members and guests and to expedite entry into facilities during large events, Bloomsburg University will be implementing guidelines that limit the size and type of bag that may be brought into its facilities.

The guidelines limit the size and type of bags that can be brought into the venues. These guidelines do not change the items individuals may bring, but restricts the type of bag used to carry items. Small clutches and wallets are permissible per the guidelines outlined below. Larger bags must be clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and cannot exceed 12 inches by 6 inches by 12 inches. Clear one-gallon plastic freezer bags (Ziploc bag or similar) are also permitted.

If for any reason (medical or other) you require a bag that does not adhere to these guidelines, please contact us at 570-389-2211 prior to the ceremony. Please ensure you bring proof of your medical condition.

Prohibited bags/items include, but are not limited to large purses, strollers, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, luggage of any kind, diaper bags, wrapped gifts, computer bags and camera bags. Seat cushions and seatbacks are also not permitted. Items needed for babies and small children must be in a clear bag.

Thank you for your cooperation and your contribution to providing a safer environment.

**APPROVED BAGS**

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12" OR
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, 4.5" x 6.5", with or without a handle or strap, can be taken into the stadium with one of the clear plastic bag options
- An exception will be made for medically necessary items after thorough inspection at a gate designated for this purpose
NON-APPROVED BAGS

PROHIBITED ITEMS
Prohibited bags/items include, but are not limited to purses or bags larger than 4.5” x 6.5”, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags/draw string bags that are not clear or exceed 12” x 6” x 12”, luggage of any kind, computer bags, binocular cases and camera bags, and large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments or covers.

Bloomsburg University reserves the right to refuse entry of certain items including - but not limited to - the following:

- Alcohol
- Animals (except service animals)
- Banners (any object that obstructs the view of others)
- Beach balls
- Containers of any type (aerosol cans, coolers of any size, bottles)
- Drones
- Footballs
- Fireworks
- Frisbees
- Illegal substances
- Laptop computers
- Laser lights and pointers
- Mace / pepper spray
- Motorized scooters, skates, cycles, skateboards
- Noisemakers, horns, megaphones
- Poles, sticks, missile like objects of any kind
- Selfie sticks
- Strollers and carts
- Tripods
- Umbrellas
- Firearms, weapons, knives and explosives
- Whistles
- Sign/banners
- Helium-filled balloons
- Wrapped boxes/gifts

Note: Prohibited items and items determined inappropriate for entry will be the responsibility of the guest and cannot be accepted or checked by Bloomsburg University. We urge guests to secure these items in vehicles or their hotel rooms. Bloomsburg University and the Police will not store prohibited or excluded items for spectators.

*Items purchased after passing through security will be allowed into the venue.

The cooperation, patience and understanding of spectators is greatly appreciated by Bloomsburg University and University Police.
BAG GUIDELINES FAQ

Why did Bloomsburg University adopt these guidelines?
This proactive measure both will enhance safety inside and outside the venue and speed the security screening process for all spectators. The public deserves to be in a safe, secure environment. This is about both safety and improving the overall spectator experience.

Are all handbags prohibited?
No. Unlike some event venues, we are not banning all bags. Small clutch bags, with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with either a clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bag that does not exceed 30cm by 15cm by 30cm or a one-gallon freezer bag. This should enable you to carry the same items you have in previous years and speed entry into the venue for all spectators because it will take less time to screen bags. Shorter lines mean fewer hassles. We encourage guests not to bring any bags, but have created a policy that balances guests 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 venue, not items that you normally bring to an event. Therefore, you can carry in your pockets or jacket keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc. You can also carry a blanket over your arms, 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 venue. Every member of your family may carry in permissible bags.

How does this make it more convenient for spectators?
Due to these security measures, guests will move through our security check points much faster. A standard size bag eliminates the need for bag templates to check bag sizes. It will make the venue’s job much easier, allowing staff to be more efficient and effective in checking bags that are brought into the venue. There will be less time spent standing in lines at the gates and spectators will be able to be in their seats well before the event begins. Spectators 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 - a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or a clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bag that does not exceed 30cm by 15cm by 30cm - plus a small clutch.

What happens if I show up at the gate with a bag that is not permitted?
Spectators carrying bags that do not meet the criteria WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ENTRY. If for any reason (medical or other) you require a bag that does not adhere to the bag guidelines, entry will be permitted subject to contacting us prior to the event at 570-389-2211. Please ensure you bring proof of your medical condition.

If I have certain items or equipment that I need to bring into the venue for medical reason and they won’t fit in the clear bag, what do I do?
An exception will be made for medically necessary items after inspection by security personnel and contacting us at 570-389-2211 prior to the event. Please ensure you bring proof of your medical condition.

Can spectators carry cameras, smart phones or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?
Yes. A phone or camera can be carried into the venue so long as it is not in its own bag. This restriction merely pertains to the type of container used to carry items.

Are seat cushions allowed to be carried into the stadium?
No. Due to the large size of seat cushions and because of the way seat cushions are constructed, they can be used to conceal a potential explosive device.
What about bringing blankets in cold weather?

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