



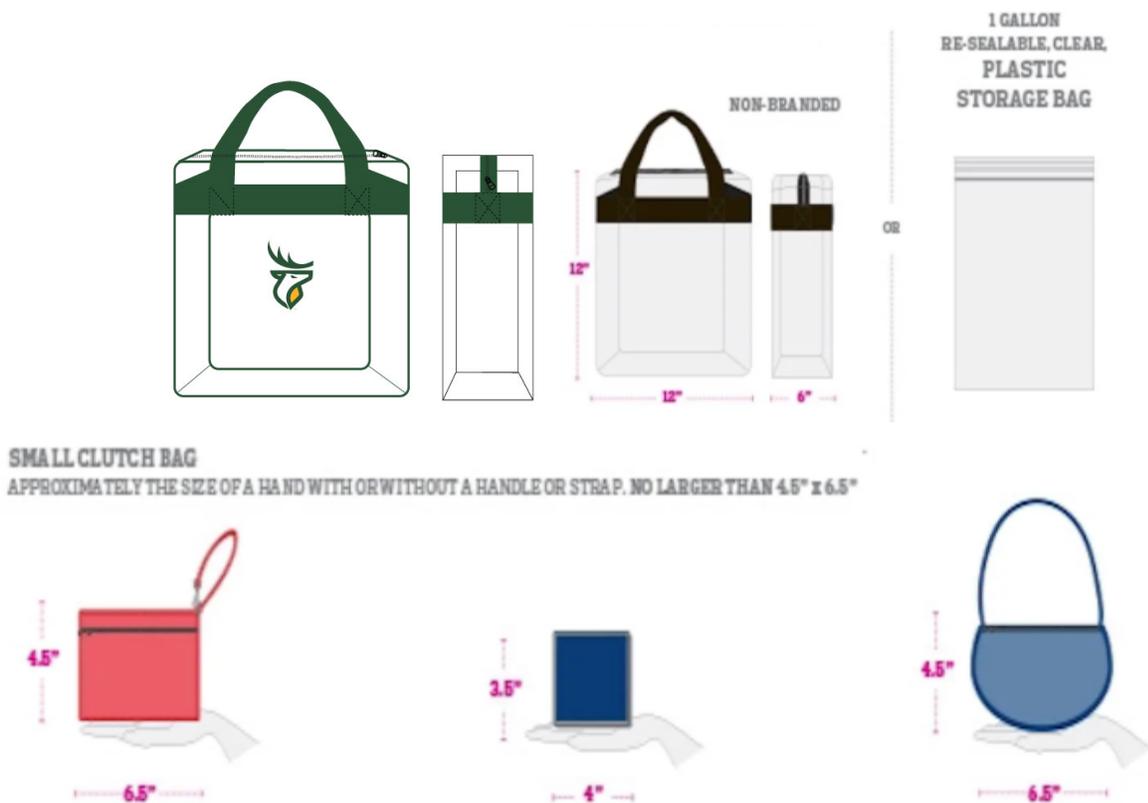
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CLEAR BAG POLICY Commonwealth Stadium (2021)

To ensure a safe environment for the public, eliminate unnecessary contact at entry gates, and to accelerate fan entry into the stadium, Commonwealth Stadium and the Edmonton Elks have implemented a Clear Bag policy that limits the size and type of bags that can be brought into the stadium. Exceptions to this policy will be made for all medically necessary items after proper inspection.

Commonwealth Stadium strongly encourages fans to not bring any type of bags, but fans will be able to carry the following style and size of bag, package, or container:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 12" x 6." (Official Edmonton Elks team logo clear plastic tote bags available at team store outlets on Aug. 7th or at [Shop Elks](#))
- No buckles, grommets/hardware or décor can conceal any part of the bag. It must be all clear.
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (zipper bag or similar).
- Small clutch bags, which cannot exceed 4.5" x 6.5" in size, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the stadium with one of the clear plastic bags.



Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, non-approved seat cushions, luggage of any kind, computer bags and camera bags or any bag larger than the permissible size.

This proactive measure will enhance safety inside and outside the stadium and speed the security screening process for all CFL fans. The public deserves to be in a safe, secure environment. This is about both safety and improving the overall fan experience. Thank you for your cooperation.



Why did Commonwealth Stadium adopt this policy?

Commonwealth Stadium reviews its public safety and stadium security policies every year looking for ways to improve them.

The Stadium strongly believed that it made sense to adjust the policy to enhance public safety by limiting the size and style of bags carried into the stadium. This proactive measure will enhance safety inside and outside the stadium. The public deserves to be in a safe, secure environment. This is about both safety and improving the overall fan experience.

Are other events limiting bags?

Yes. In fact, most other professional sports leagues already have a clear bag or no bag policy for their games.

The pat downs and metal detector screenings of all individuals entering stadiums provide an additional level of safety for fans. The limitations on bag size and style is a further enhancement for safety and security.

How does the new policy improve public safety?

There will be a perimeter around the stadium where security personnel will check for prohibited items or bags being carried toward the stadium so those situations can be corrected immediately. This establishes a protected buffer area for fans in the queues for stadium entry. Prohibited bags will be turned away. Any prohibited bag will be highly visible and more quickly resolved. The clear bag is easily and quickly searched and greatly reduces faulty bag searches. It also supports the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.



How does this make it more convenient for fans?

It will make the Safety Services staff's job much easier, allowing staff to be more efficient and effective in checking bags that are brought into the stadium. Fans also will enjoy an improved sense of safety.

How many bags can each person bring into the stadium?

Stadium security will use discretion when assessing how many bags are being brought into the stadium. We would prefer 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. 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 in the past. 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 by security staff.



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

Fans carrying bags that do not meet the criteria should be turned away from the stadium well before they reach the gates. As an alternative for guests that have no other option, we will provide a temporary clear bag to use for their personal belongings.

If I have certain medical items or medical equipment that I need to bring into the stadium what do I do?

There will be designated areas to allow screening of these bags and medically necessary items.

Are all purses prohibited?

No. Unlike some event venues, we are not banning all bags. Small clutch purses (4.5"x6.5"), with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with either the 12" by 6" by 12" clear tote bag (or smaller) or the one-gallon freezer bag (or smaller). This should enable you to carry the same items you have in previous years. We encourage fans not to bring any bags, but have created a policy that 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.

Will the clear bags be on sale outside the stadium?

Yes. There will be areas near the gates where clear bag will be available for purchase on game days. We will have additional approved plastic bags available onsite to assist in the new policy implementation for a limited time.