

Go State! Beat Bad Game Day Decisions!
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Most of you have lived one. If not, you have undoubtedly seen one on TV. At the very least, unless you live under a rock, you have heard about it. A Penn State football Saturday is considered by some to be the most wonderful of all days. A day when, with any luck, our team prevails over a tough opponent. It is, of course, a day for fun and celebration. But, is it really a day to act like an idiot and do things you'll regret later?

Everyone knows that it's great fun to tailgate before the games. But pace yourself. Do you already want to be feeling the beer buzz before the Blue Band makes the march to the Jordan Center? You do want to SEE the game, right? If you start your tailgating fun too soon, you may never know whether we beat Michigan or Michigan State. And let us not forget that if you are under the age of 21, you shouldn't be drinking at a tailgate, or anywhere for that matter. Wouldn't an underage drinking violation just spoil all your fun?

When you're at a game at Beaver Stadium, it's very easy to get caught up in the excitement. We're not ranked the number one Student Section and the number three hardest stadium to play in for nothing. It's perfectly ok to cheer and yell, sing and jump. But there's really no need to accost your fellow fan at any point. Whether they're cheering for us or the other team, they're here to enjoy the game, too. It's ok to jest in fun, but keep it there. Don't let your passion for your team turn into something else. And just a reminder, it is never ok to boo your own team – you won't get in trouble for it, it's just in bad taste. When you're in the stands, decked out in Blue and White, and on national TV, you're representing our school. Let's make sure we give people the right impression.

And if you're about to attend your first Penn State game, let me warn you from experience to not wear nice clothes – you'll understand why. Go State!

Until next time "For the Glory," Know the Code.