Why did The University of Tennessee adopt this policy?
Providing a safe environment at athletics events for our fans, players and staff continues to be our top priority. This policy will help to enhance current safety practices as well as benefit the overall fan experience.

Are other Venues and Universities limiting bags?
Yes. Several other SEC schools (Alabama, Auburn, Florida, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Texas A&M) have implemented clear bag policies for the upcoming athletics seasons. It is anticipated that the Southeastern Conference will mandate all SEC football stadiums have a clear bag policy in place for the 2017 football season. The NFL has a clear bag policy at all of their venues.

How does the new policy improve public safety?
The clear bag is easily searched and significantly reduces faulty bag searches. It also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

How does the new policy improve the fan experience?
Clear bags are able to be searched more thoroughly and quickly than non-clear bags. A standard bag size permits security personnel to be more efficient and effective with their time, while decreasing patrons time waiting in line.

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 that fit in your pockets or clutch bag (e.g., keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards). You may carry a blanket over your arms, and binoculars and/or camera around your neck or in your hands without the case. You may also use the clear bag and clutch to carry these and other permissible items. Every member of your family may carry in a permissible bag.

What about diaper bags?
Diaper bags are not permitted inside athletics venues. Diapers and other non-medically necessary items for babies and young children must be carried in an approved 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.

How many bags may each person bring into the stadium?
One clear bag – either a one-gallon Ziploc style clear storage bag or the 12" x 6" x 12" clear bag – plus a small clutch that does not exceed 4.5” x 6.5”. The small clutch allows privacy for small personal items and also is easily searched.
May fans carry cameras, binoculars, smart phones or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?
Yes. A phone, binoculars or camera may be carried into the stadium, but no cases will be allowed in.

Are seat cushions allowed to be carried into the stadium?
Seat cushions without arms and/or pockets are allowed inside athletics venues.

What about bringing blankets in cold weather?
Fans will be able to bring blankets by tossing them over a shoulder or arm.

If I have certain items that I need to bring into the stadium for medical reasons and they won't fit in the clear bag, what do I do?
There will be designated entrances for screening of these bags and medically necessary items. Please check [www.utsports.com](http://www.utsports.com) for locations at specific athletics venues.

Are all purses prohibited?
No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, that do not exceed 4.5” x 6.5” are permitted along with either the 12” x 6” x 12” clear bag or the one-gallon clear storage bag. We encourage fans not to bring any bags, but have created a policy that balances fan needs with improved public safety and convenience.

Will this policy affect the ability of fans to tailgate? Are there limitations on tailgating items?
No. Fans will be able to enjoy tailgating activities in the parking lots and do so with greater safety and knowledge for entry into the stadium.

Does this bag policy apply to credentialed individuals (e.g., media, staff)?
There will be an exception specifically for “credentialed” individuals who bring bags that do not meet the policy guidelines. However, their bags will still be searched and tagged prior to entry, and only bags that pass the inspection will be allowed into the stadium.