



# Understanding Our FOOD & BEVERAGE POLICY

The Sporting Chance Center is committed to maintaining a clean, safe and healthy environment for its guests. One of the ways we do this is by strictly enforcing our policies regarding bringing outside food and beverages into the Center.

## OUR POLICY

***Outside food and drink are not permitted in the Center. Exception: water and sports drinks in acceptable, sealable, individual containers. We do not allow thermoses, coolers, cups or any other containers that create a risk of spillage.***

## OUR RATIONALE

We think it is good practice to explain to our guests the reasons behind our policies. *Why No Outside Food or Drink?* Here's why.

The Center sells food and beverage items at its "Play Smart. Eat Smart." Café. Items are selected based on a variety of factors, including nutritional considerations, costs, and impact on the Center.

We do not permit outside food or drink for three primary reasons:

1. **Financial.** The Center depends on food and beverage sales in order to offset operating costs and keep our user fees low. We are a non-profit organization and our financial goal is to provide wide access at the lowest possible prices. Success at our cafe is an important part of this model. If we allowed outside food and drink without limitation, our ability to succeed in our mission would be negatively impacted.
2. **Facility.** Our food and beverage products are selected and packaged in a manner to reduce impact on the facility, including allowing us to maintain a clean, attractive and safe environment. If we allowed outside food and drink items without limitation, it would be much more difficult (and costly) to keep the Center's appearance up to our high standards.
3. **Nutrition.** By encouraging guests to patronize our "Play Smart. Eat Smart." Café, we are doing our part to increase awareness of the importance of healthy nutrition. Of course, we recognize that not all of our choices are necessarily "the healthiest" but we have devoted substantial resources – including working with nutrition experts at the University of Arizona and TMC – to develop a menu that sends the message that healthy choices do not require much sacrifice. (For example, we do not serve soda, candy, or fried foods, but offer plenty of tasty options.) The more we can attract guests, particularly youngsters, to our café, the more effective we will be in spreading this message.

**Thank You for Respecting Our Policies. We realize that not everyone will agree with our approach, but we ask that you respect our rules. Thank you.**

