

Georgia Department of Revenue Policy Bulletin SUT-2018-08 Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Admissions to Super Bowl LIII and Related Events

Purpose: This Policy Bulletin provides guidance on the sales and use tax exemption for admission to Super Bowl LIII and related events.

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Exemption:

Super Bowl LIII will be played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia on February 3, 2019. Admissions to the game and related events are exempt from state and local sales and use taxes.

What is a related event?

A related event is an event sponsored by the National Football League (NFL) and its affiliates. Examples include Opening Night and Super Bowl Experience. Please note that National Football League teams are not NFL affiliates.

Are admissions exempt if someone other than the NFL or its affiliates sells the tickets?

Yes. All admissions to the Super Bowl and related events are exempt from sales and use tax regardless of who sells the tickets.

Are merchandise and other items associated with the Super Bowl exempt?

No. Sales and purchases of other common items associated with the Super Bowl remain taxable. Examples include lodging services, souvenirs, and concessions.

Is parking taxable?

Parking in the State of Georgia is not subject to sales and use tax.