

2011 Competition Rulebook
Penn State Homecoming



“Forever Lions 🐾 Endless Pride”

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Pre-Homecoming Dates and Obligations

Wednesday, March 23 rd	Spring Information Meeting	8:00pm, 209 HEND-S
Monday, April 4 th	Pre-Registration Opens	Homecoming Website
Friday, April 15 th	Overall Competitor Pre-Registration Due	2:30 – 5pm, 201 HUB
Saturday, April 16 th	Logo Reveal at Blue & White Game	Half-time, Beaver Stadium
Wednesday, April 20 th	Legacy Celebration	HUB
Week of April 18 th – 22 nd	Royalty Nominations Open	Homecoming Website
Monday, August 22 nd	Pomp Order Forms Available	Homecoming Website
Tuesday, August 23 rd	Fall Info Meeting	101 Thomas
Week of August 22 nd – 26 th	Royalty Nominations Open	Homecoming Website
Wednesday, August 31 st	Homecoming Spikes Game	Medlar Field
Friday, September 2 nd	Pomp Order Form Due	5pm, 201 HUB
Thursday, September 8 th	Event Competitor Pre-Registration Due	5pm, 201 HUB
Friday, September 9 th	Final Registration Due	2pm – 5pm, 201 HUB
Sunday, September 18 th	Homecoming Day of Service	10am – 3pm, Alumni Hall
Wednesday, September 28 th	Security Meeting	8:30pm, 101 Thomas
	Competition Meeting	9:00pm, 101 Thomas
Wednesday, October 5 th	Parade Workshop	6:30/7:30pm, 108 HEND
Thursday, October 6 th	Homecoming Blood Drive	Alumni Hall
	Pomps Pick-Up	Nittany Co-Op
Wednesday, October 19 th	Parade Equipment Room	11am – 3pm, TBA

Homecoming Schedule of Events

Week of October 3 rd – 8 th	Spirit Week	
Sunday, October 9 th	In The Park Homecoming Walk	Medlar Field
	Dance Competition & SPA Concert	REC Hall
Monday, October 10 th	East Halls Celebration	Findlay Commons
	Royalty Voting Begins	
Tuesday, October 11 th	Past To Present Celebration	HUB
	For The Glory Talent Show	Eisenhower Auditorium
Wednesday, October 12 th	BOPS Field Day & Carnival	Old Main Lawn
Thursday, October 13 th	Parade Inspection	
Friday, October 14 th	Royalty Voting Ends	
	Student & Alumni Ice Cream Social	Hintz Alumni Center
	Parade/Float Competition	
	Pep Rally & Royalty Coronation	REC Hall
	Guard the Lion Shrine	
Saturday, October 15 th	Tailgate Competition Judging	
	Homecoming Game: Penn State vs. Purdue	Beaver Stadium

Expectations of Participating Organizations

- An organization which chooses to participate in Penn State Homecoming represents the University and will abide by the Penn State Student Code of Conduct at all times. By registering to participate in any Homecoming event(s), organizations agree to abide by the Student Code of Conduct and to follow the rules and regulations set forth in the Homecoming Competition Rulebook.
- Paired organizations will also be held responsible for the actions of their partner organization. Penalties incurred due to failure to attend required meetings and events or failure to comply with the rules set forth by the Homecoming Executive Committee will affect both organizations, regardless of fault.
- Unruly or disruptive behavior or intoxicated participants **will not be tolerated**. If any member of a participating organization is found to be intoxicated or acting inappropriately during any Homecoming event, the Executive Committee reserves the right to remove that person and disqualify their organization from the event without warning.
- In addition to disqualification, persons or organizations may be subject to penalties from the University or State College Borough authorities. Organizations disqualified due to inappropriate behavior may have their ability to participate in Homecoming reviewed by the Executive Committee.
- The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to deny any participant(s) or organization(s) entry into any Homecoming event or competition.
- All questions or concerns should be directed to the Homecoming Executive Director or appropriate Homecoming Director.
- The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to disqualify any inappropriate designs or performances. For The Glory Talent Show performances, Banners, Madhatters, or Floats deemed to be inappropriate will be disqualified and will not be displayed or allowed to participate in the parade.
- Political propaganda, profanity, and nudity are expressly forbidden.
- No decisions made by Homecoming Captains or Committee Members are binding and any such decisions are subject to review by the Homecoming Executive Committee.
- All decisions made by the Homecoming Executive Committee are final.
- Any and all rules and regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee. Any modifications or additions to the rules and regulations of the Homecoming Competition Rulebook will be publicized via the Homecoming listserv, the Homecoming website and the Homecoming Online Organizational Database (HOOD). To join the Homecoming list-serv, visit <http://homecoming.psu.edu>.

Pairing & Registration Guidelines

Overall Competitors: When registered as an Overall Competitor, organizations are required to participate in the Banner, Madhatter, Float, For The Glory Talent Show, and Best of Penn State Field Day & Carnival events.

Event Competitors: When registering as an Event Competitor, the organization/pair must select which event(s) they wish to participate in.

No organization or pair will ever be classified as “non-competing.”

If at any time an organization or pair must withdraw from an event required to be an Overall Competitor, they will be moved into Event Competitor status and will no longer be able to accrue Spirit Points.

Pairing:

- When registering for Homecoming no organization is permitted to maintain a “continuous” pairing. No organization may pair with any organization they had been paired with in either of the previous two (2) years.
 - For example, if an organization paired with “Organization A” in 2009 and “Organization B” in 2010, they may not pair with “Organization A” again until 2012 and “Organization B” until 2013.
- An Overall Pair may also accept a third organization to form an Overall Competing Triad.
 - A Triad may not consist of three organizations that all held Overall Competitor status at any time in the previous two (2) years.
 - For example, if three organizations were Overall Competitors in 2009 and/or 2010, they may not form a triad. A triad may consist of two (2) organizations that were Overall Competitors in the previous year and a third organization which was not an Overall Competitor in either of the previous two (2) years.
 - An “Overall Competing Triad” will be synonymous with an “Overall Competing Pair” for all intents and purposes other than registration, and may be referred to as a “pair” herein.

Any questions regarding pairing should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu

Registration Information

Overall Competitor Preliminary Registration:

- Organizations may begin preregistration on the Homecoming website on Monday, April 4th.
- Organizations must turn in two (2) copies of their registration receipt and the indicated portion of their payment to 201 HUB on Friday, April 15th between 2 and 5pm.
- Organizations will not be considered fully preregistered unless they have provided their President and Homecoming Chair contact information as well as their theme choices.
- Points will be deducted for each day that an organization's money and receipts are late up to one week.
- After 7 days (April 22 at 5pm), an organization will no longer be able to register as a competing organization.

Event Competitor Preliminary Registration:

- Organizations may begin preregistration on the Homecoming Website on Monday, April 4th.
- Event Competitor preregistration will remain open until September 8th.
- Organizations will not be considered fully preregistered unless they have provided their President and Homecoming Chair contact information as well as their top three theme choices (if applicable).

Final Registration:

All Organizations must complete Final Registration by 5pm on Friday, September 9th. All organizations must completely register online prior to this date. All remaining fees must be paid at final registration. No exceptions will be made!

- Event Competitors must complete Final Registration in 201 HUB between 2pm and 3:30pm.
- Overall Competitors must complete Final Registration in 201 HUB between 3:30pm and 5pm.
- Organizations taking part in the For The Glory Talent Show must submit their performance CD with their final registration payment.

Any questions regarding registration should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Any questions regarding the online registration system (HOOD) should be directed to Kaylyn Gibilterra, Technology Director at TechHomecoming@psu.edu.

Financial Obligations & Information

An Overall Pair is responsible for the entire payment. However, each individual pair may split the cost at their own discretion as long as the balance is paid in full by the Final Registration deadline.

All fees are non-refundable and all deposits will be cashed immediately.

Security and Equipment Deposit returns will be issued as a check to **one single organization** if all Security requirements were fulfilled and all equipment was returned undamaged by the scheduled return date.

Any questions regarding financial obligations should be directed to Morgan Hite, Finance Director at Financehomecoming@psu.edu

Breakdown of fees:

Overall Competitor Fees:

Overall Paired Competition Fees:	
Competition Fee – Includes Flatbed Rental Fee	\$455.00
Equipment Deposit	\$75.00
Security Deposit	\$75.00
Total Cost	\$605.00

Overall Unpaired Competition Fees:	
Competition Fee – Includes Flatbed Rental Fee	\$415.00
Equipment Deposit	\$75.00
Security Deposit	\$75.00
Total Cost	\$565.00

Event Competitor Fees:

Returning Event Competitor Fees	
Talent Show	\$75.00
Best of Penn State	\$30.00
Banner	\$10.00
Madhatter	\$50.00
Parade Participation	\$50.00
Float - Flatbed Rental Fee	\$250.00
Equipment Deposit – for floats only	\$75.00

New Event Competitor Fees:	
Talent Show	\$50.00
Best of Penn State	\$30.00
Banner	\$10.00
Madhatter	\$50.00
Parade Participation	\$0.00
Float – Flatbed Rental Fee	\$250.00
Equipment Deposit – for floats only	\$75.00

T-Shirt and Tailgate Competitions are free to enter.

Financial Obligations & Deadlines

Paired Overall Competitors must pay \$150.00 of their competition fee (non-refundable) at preliminary registration. The remaining balance of \$455.00 must be paid at final registration. The \$75 security and \$75 equipment deposits are included in this fee and should be included in one check.

Unpaired Overall Competitors must pay \$125.00 of their competition fee (non-refundable) at preliminary registration. The remaining balance of \$440.00 must be paid at final registration. The \$75 security and \$75 equipment deposits are included in this fee and should be included in one check.

Event Competitors whose combined total fees for participating in the indicated event(s) is equal or greater than \$50.00 must pay \$25.00 or 20% of the total cost, whichever is greater, within 10 academic days from the confirmation of their preliminary registration. The remainder balance must be paid in full by final registration.

Guidelines:

- All checks must be made payable to “*Penn State Homecoming*” and the organizations’ names must be written on the memo line.
 - If paying by personal check, please make sure you receive a receipt so that you can be reimbursed by your organization.
- Account transfers from Associated Student Activities (ASA) are an acceptable form of payment. Copies of these forms must be presented at both preliminary and final registration.
 - These forms are available in 240 HUB.
- The \$75 equipment deposit is required from all groups participating in the float competition. This deposit will provide the organization with safety chains, quick-links, and reflectors. No equipment deposits will be returned to an organization until Penn State Homecoming receives clearance from R.B. Powell, owner of Nittany Mountain Trail Rides, that the flatbed and equipment were returned in proper condition.
- Equipment deposits will be returned to organizations if all equipment was returned on time and in the proper condition. Organizations whose deposit, or portion thereof, will not be refunded will be notified via e-mail. Otherwise, organizations will be notified via e-mail or phone when their refund will be available for pick up in the Homecoming Office (201 HUB).
- Overall Competitors’ security deposits will also be refunded upon confirmation from the Security Director that members of the organization fulfilled their Security Committee requirements, including completion of satisfactory cleaning efforts as determined by the Security Director. Organizations will be notified by e-mail when their refund will be available for pick up in the Homecoming Office (201 HUB). For more details on the Security Committee obligations, refer to page 12 and 13

Homecoming Organizations Meetings

- Each organization or pair is required to have at least minimum attendance at each of the applicable meetings (see below).
- Members leaving meetings before their completion and without prior approval from Josh Kirwin, Competition Director, will forfeit all attendance for that meeting.
- The time and dates of all meetings will be announced on the Homecoming website and will be included in updates e-mailed to all registered Homecoming Chairs.

Spring Information Meeting & Fall Info Meetings

- Attendance at the Spring Info Meeting is mandatory for **all organizations**.
- At least one member from each competing organization must be present (2 total if orgs are paired).

Security & Competition Meeting

- This meeting is comprised of two separate back-to-back segments.
- The Security Meeting is mandatory for **all Overall Competing organizations**.
 - 5 members from each Overall Competing organization must be present and sign-in.
 - The individuals who attend this meeting must be the same members who are on the Security Committee during the parade. For more information, refer to page 13.
 - These members may leave when the Security Meeting is over.
- The Competition Meeting is mandatory for **all organizations**.
 - One member of each organization must be present (2 total if orgs are paired).

Parade Workshop

- Attendance at the Parade Workshop is mandatory for **all organizations participating in the parade**; this includes entering a float, riding in a vehicle, or walking.
 - Required Parade equipment will also be distributed following the workshop.
- This meeting is comprised of two separate segments. One for organizations or pairs who are entering floats in the competition, and another for organizations who would walk or drive in the parade without a flatbed.
 - 2 members from each organization must be present and sign-in (4 total if orgs are paired). At least one member signing in for each organization must be that organization's Homecoming Chair!

Any questions regarding meeting attendance should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Security Committee Obligations

- All organizations participating in the overall competition are required to provide 5 members to the Security Committee. All paired Overall Competitors must provide 5 members from each organization; 10 total for a pair, 15 total for a triad.
- All members of the Security Committee must be active members of the organization. Security Committee Member must be fully initiated by the first day of classes in the fall 2011 semester and may not be freshmen.
- Organizations, pairs or triads that fail to provide Security Committee Members will be immediately disqualified from all parade competitions; including the Banner, Madhatter, and Float competitions.
- Additionally, an organization fails to provide Security Committee Members will increase their base security deposit based on the formula $(X+1) n$. Where X is the number of consecutive years the organization failed to provide SCMs and n is the base security deposit.
 - An increase in security deposit is not cumulative when 2 or more organizations pair.
 - For example, 2 organizations who fail to provide SCMs in 2011 and pair in 2011 will be subject to twice the normal security deposit instead of four (4) times the security deposit.
- All point deductions based on an organization's Security Committee Members can be found in the Deductions section located on page 35 - 36.

Any questions regarding Security should be directed to Kevin O'Connor, Security Director at SecurityHomecoming@psu.edu.

Responsibilities of Security Committee Members

- Each Security Committee Member is required to attend the Security Meeting and assist in securing the parade route.
 - Student IDs will be used to take attendance at the Security Meeting and before and after the parade. The members who sign into the Security Meeting must be the same members who sign in on Parade Day.
- Each Security Committee Member must arrive to the parade on time and substance free.
 - Unruly behavior or visible intoxication/impairment of any Security Committee Member will result in immediate disqualification from all parade events, the forfeit of the organization or pair's Security Deposit, and possible legal action, if applicable. The Homecoming Executive Committee will also review the organization's status in Homecoming and may suspend the organization from participating in future Homecoming competitions.
- All Security Committee Members will be given a red Homecoming Security shirt to wear during the parade. The shirt must be worn unaltered in its entirety on the outside of their clothing while on duty during the parade. After the parade, the shirt is theirs to keep.
- Each Security Committee Member will be given a trash bag to assist in the cleaning efforts of the Homecoming Operations Committee, PSU OPP, and the State College Borough. All Security Committee Members are required to clean their respective areas of the parade route after the parade. Volunteers who fail to clean their areas will be penalized in accordance with the *Deductions* section and will lose their Security Deposit.
- Security Committee Members are in place to ensure the safety of the spectators watching the parade and must pay attention to young children or unruly crowd members, and, as such they will not be permitted to use cellular phones at any time while on duty during the parade. Each time a member is found using their cellular device, their organization will receive a 5 point deduction from their Overall Competition score as outlined in the *Deductions* section.

Merchandise Information

Spirit Days: On announced dates, members of Overall Competing Organizations can wear official Penn State Homecoming merchandise and receive Spirit Points by signing in at the designated location. Official Homecoming gear must contain the Legacy Logo, the “S” Logo or a Homecoming logo from a specific year.

Rules for Homecoming Merchandise Orders:

- All organizations must have their apparel designs approved by the Merchandise Committee prior to submitting their order.
- All apparel must be appropriate, reflect Homecoming and Penn State in a positive light and should promote school spirit.
 - Absolutely no sexually explicit, alcohol or drug related material is allowed
- If an organization would like to use any official Penn State Homecoming Logo, including the 2011, “S” or Legacy logos, they must meet with a member of the Merchandise Committee and the order must be placed by the Homecoming Executive Committee.
 - Any organization or pair that wishes to use an official logo and order their merchandise through the Homecoming Merchandise Committee will be awarded Spirit Points as outlined in the *Spirit Points* section on page 26.
- Apparel designs must be submitted by Friday, September 9th at 5pm to 201 HUB or via e-mail to Kelsey Cousley, Merchandise Director. Late orders will result in point deductions.

Any questions regarding Homecoming merchandise should be directed to Kelsey Cousley, Merchandise Director at MerchHomecoming@psu.edu

T-Shirt Competition

250 Points Possible

Description: Organizations or pairs may submit a t-shirt or sweatshirt design to be approved and be entered in the T-Shirt Competition. Competition Points will be awarded based on the criteria below.

Rules:

- Designs are due to 201 HUB by 5pm on Friday September 23rd
 - Late designs will be penalized
 - Designs must meet all the requirements set forth in the *Merchandise* section on page 14.
- An actual sample of the shirt or sweatshirt must be submitted to 201 HUB by 5pm on Friday, October 7th
- Submissions will be judged during East Halls Celebration and available for pick-up Tuesday, October 11th in 201 HUB and must be picked up by Friday, October 21st.

Scoring Criteria:

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| ➤ Participation | 50 points |
| ➤ Creativity | 50 points |
| ➤ Originality | 50 points |
| ➤ Use of Org's Theme | 20 points |
| ➤ Relates to Penn State | 30 points |

Additional points will be awarded for placing in the Overall T-shirt Competition:

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| 1 st Place: | 50 points |
| 2 nd Place: | 25 points |
| 3 rd Place: | 10 points |

Deductions: deductions will be made before the additional points for the Top 3 submissions are factored.

- 25 point deduction for the first day a submission is late
- 10 point deduction for every additional day a submission is late

Any questions pertaining to the T-Shirt Competition should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Banner Competition

450 Points Possible

Description: A banner must be submitted and judged before it is allowed to appear in the parade. All Overall Competitors must compete in the Banner Competition. Competition Points will be awarded based on the criteria below.

Rules:

- Banners may not have any type of frame or pole attached to them when they are submitted.
 - Banner poles will be attached by the Competition Committee after banners are submitted.
 - Poles must be returned with all other parade equipment before an organization's equipment deposit is returned.
- Banners must be made out of fabric, cloth or canvas. Paper or cardboard are prohibited.
- Banners may be no larger than 40" tall by 72" wide (3'4" X 6").
- The banner must be carried by at least 2 people and throughout the parade route.
 - If the organization also has a flatbed or float, the banner must be carried in front of the float. The banner may also be attached to the float if it does not drag on the ground.
- A sketch of the banner is due at Final Registration.
- Banners must be submitted at the Parade Workshop.
- Banners disqualified for any reason will not be allowed to appear in the parade.
- Submissions will be judged during East Halls Celebration and will be picked up by organizations at the parade grounds on Friday, October 14th during check-in.

Scoring Criteria:

➤ Utilizes Size/Space	70 points
➤ Quality of Construction	80 points
➤ Professional/Complete	50 points
➤ Use of Materials	50 points
➤ Design and Color	90 points
➤ Originality and Creativity	60 points
➤ Use of Org's Theme	25 points
➤ Penn State/Homecoming Spirit	25 points

Deductions:

- 20 point deduction if sketch is not submitted at Final Registration
- 40 point deduction if the banner is made from incorrect materials
- 40 point deduction if the banner exceeds sizes limits
- 30 point deduction for failing to pick-up your banner at the parade staging area
- 50 point deduction if the banner is submitted after the Parade Workshop

Any question pertaining to the Banner Competition should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director.

For The Glory Talent Show

600 Points Possible

Description: The FTG Talent Show displays the vast array of talents possessed by our student body. Organizations should incorporate their Homecoming theme to the 2011 Homecoming Theme in their act. All Overall Competitors must participate. Competition Points will be awarded based on the criteria below.

Rules:

- Each act must have a minimum of 2 performers and paired competitors must have at least one performer from each organization. No performance may have more than 16 performers, and at least half of the participating performers must be **active members** of the organization(s).
 - A list of performers is due at the 1st dress rehearsal.
 - Acts not meeting these requirements will be disqualified.
- Talents/acts and a complete list of props must be submitted during Final Registration.
 - Music CDs must be submitted at this time, if applicable.
 - Any organization that fails to submit a complete list of props will not be allowed to use them on the day of the performance.
 - Props deemed unsuitable by the Homecoming Executive Committee or venue staff will not be permitted and organizations will be notified via e-mail by the date of Dress Rehearsal.
- Every organization must participate in the mandatory dress rehearsal. Use of props and costumes is expected.
 - Unprepared organizations will lose points from their final score.
 - Failure to attend the dress rehearsal will result in disqualification.
- All registered performers and one Homecoming Chair from each organization will receive wristbands permitting them to enter the performance seating area in Eisenhower Auditorium.
- Performances must be between 2 and 5 minutes in length.
- Performance order will be determined at random by the Homecoming Executive Committee.
- All performers must wear shoes and appropriate attire
 - No nudity, body glitter or body paint is permitted
 - Members wearing inappropriate costumes will not be allowed to perform.
- Any act or performance found to be inappropriate by the judges will be immediately disqualified and no points will be awarded.
- Performers arriving to check-in more than 15 minutes late without prior approval will be disqualified
- No food, drinks, cell phones, purses or backpacks are permitted in the performance seating area. These items must be left in the check in area in Thomas.
- The stage must be left in the condition in which it was found at the start of each performance.
 - Each organization will have 60 seconds to set-up and tear down before and after the act.
- No group is permitted to leave after their performance. All participants must remain in Eisenhower until the conclusion of the event or they will be disqualified.

For The Glory Talent Show

Rules:

- Video cameras are NOT permitted. Flash photography is permitted during performances.
- Tickets are available in the Eisenhower ticket center and are general admission only.
 - One ticket per student ID card.

Scoring Criteria:

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| ➤ Relation to Theme | 100 points |
| ➤ Enthusiasm | 100 points |
| ➤ Collaboration | 80 points |
| ➤ Professional/Appropriate | 80 points |
| ➤ Creativity | 120 points |
| ➤ Crowd Response | 120 points |

Additional points will be awarded for placing in the overall competition:

1 st Place:	50 points
2 nd Place:	40 points
3 rd Place:	30 points
4 th Place	20 points
5 th Place	10 points

Deductions: deductions will be made before the additional points for the Top 5 performances are factored.

- 20 point deduction if the group fails to set-up or clean the stage of props within 60 seconds.
- 30 point deduction if an organization's CD and/or act description are turned in late.
- 10 point deduction for each 10 seconds an act in under or exceeds the time limit.
- 20 point deduction for each member of a performance who is not wearing shoes.
- 20 point deduction for each member of a performance who not allowed to perform or is deemed to have an inappropriate costume.
- 50 point deduction if an organization/pair is unprepared for or late to dress rehearsal.

Any question pertaining to the For The Glory Talent Show should be directed to either:

Mike Tombasco, IFC AVP at IFCHomecoming@psu.edu

Adrianna Very, PHC AVP at PHCHomecoming@psu.edu

Best of Penn State Carnival & Field Day

500 Points Possible

Description: The Best of Penn State Carnival & Field Day is a celebration of all the different aspects of Penn State and includes games, food, and entertainment designed to inspire Penn State pride! All Overall Competitors must participate. Competition Points will be awarded based on an organization or pair's carnival booth. Spirit Points will also be awarded based on a member's participation in field day events and other organizations' carnival booths. Competition Points will be awarded based on the criteria below.

Carnival

Rules:

- Each organization/pair will be assigned a Best of Penn State (BOPS) theme related to Penn State after preliminary registration. The activity at each organization or pair's booth should reflect this theme.
- Each booth will be provided with a table and 2 chairs. Each organization/pair is responsible to make their booth come alive with their own creativity and supplies.
- Two members of the organization/pair must be present at the booth at all times.
- Upon entry to the Carnival, each participant will receive a 'passport' which has place for a stamp from each booth they visit.
 - Participants must hand in the 'passport' as they leave the Carnival in order to receive Spirit Points for their organization.
- Each organization must use the assigned symbol to confirm attendance at each booth.
- Carnival booths must be setup and torn down in a timely manner.

Scoring Criteria:

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| ➤ Incorporation of BOPS Theme | 100 points |
| ➤ Creativity of Activity | 100 points |
| ➤ Promotes Student Participation | 125 points |
| ➤ Overall Appearance of Booth | 100 points |
| ➤ Enthusiasm/Participation of Competitors | 50 points |
| ➤ Creatively Identify Organization(s) | 25 points |

Deductions:

- Any organization or pair that flagrantly disobeys the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Carnival and shall receive a 50 point deduction from their Competition Score.

Field Day

Rules:

- Each organization/pair will have the opportunity to participate in 6 different field day events
 - Spirit Points will be assigned based on the # of events an organization/pair participated in.
 - After 6 events, the top 3 teams will compete in a relay style obstacle course for bonus points.
- Organizations/pairs should expect to have 20 members available to participate in Field Day games and activities.
- The rules for each event are subject to change.
- Organizations should display good sportsmanship at all times

Events

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| 1. Tug Of War | 15 points |
| 2. Bobbing for Donuts | 15 points |
| 3. Water Balloon Toss | 15 points |
| 4. Water Race | 15 points |
| 5. Potato Sac Race | 15 points |
| 6. Corn Hole | 15 points |

Event Rules & Descriptions:

- Tug of War
 - 10 members per team, 5 members from each organization if paired.
 - First team to pull the flag past their cone wins.
- Bob for Doughnuts
 - 5 members per team.
 - Each team will be designated 5 doughnuts hanging from strings.
 - Competitors must finish their doughnuts (doughnuts must be swallowed).
 - First team to finish all 5 doughnuts wins.
- Water Balloon Toss
 - 2 people per team, up to 10 teams compete at once.
 - 2 start cones will be placed 10 feet apart.
 - After each toss, 1 member of the team must take a step back.
 - The team that throws the furthest without their balloon breaking wins.
- Water Race
 - 15 team members sit in a single file line.
 - Up to 4 teams compete at once.
 - The first person in line soaks a sponge. The sponge is passed down the line and squeezed into a bucket. The sponge must then be passed back up the line. Members must be seated at all time and must pass the sponge overhead, not around sides.
 - This is repeated until the bucket has been filled to the designated line. First to reach the line wins.

- Potato Sack Race
 - 3 members per team.
 - 1 person from each team is in a potato sac. They must race down and back the set course and then pass off the sac to the next participant. Team with the best time wins.

- Corn Hole
 - Timed Event: 1 minute
 - 2 members per team; 1 member will be shooting, the other will retrieve the bean bags
 - After the one-minute time limit, the team with the most beanbags thrown in the hole wins
 - In the event of a tie, the teams that tie will compete head to head until a winner is determined.

Obstacle Course

- The top 3 teams will compete in the Obstacle Course.
- No member may compete in more than one leg of the race.
- Members may not drop the baton – if the baton is dropped, the team must restart that leg of the race. Once a competitor crosses the finish line of their activity, they may pass the baton off to their teammate.
- The first team to complete all 5 activities successfully and cross the final finish line wins.
 - First Place is awarded 60 spirit points
 - Second Place is awarded 40 spirit points
 - Third Place is awarded 20 spirit points

 - Three-Legged Race
 - 2 members will complete the three-legged race.
 - Each member must stay attached to his or her partner the entire time.
 - Army Crawl
 - 1 member will take the baton, and then complete the army crawl activity.
 - Each participant must stay on his or her hands and knees in the tunnel.

 - Giant Ball Race
 - 1 member from each team must maneuver the ball to the finish line without falling off/out of the ball.

 - Hurdle Race
 - 2 members will compete in a shuttle hurdle relay.
 - If a member knocks over a hurdle, he or she must restart at the beginning.

 - Dizzy Bat
 - 3 members will compete, one at a time. No member may begin spinning until the previous participant has crossed the finish line.
 - Each member must spin around the bat 10 times while the bat touches the ground and his or her head. Those not racing must stay in line.

Any question related to the BOPS should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Madhatter

600 Points Possible

Description: The Madhatter is a large, pumped, body suit that is worn in the parade. Madhatters traditionally represent a character related to the float's theme. All Overall Competitors must participate in Madhatter. Competition Points will be awarded based on the criteria below.

Rules:

- Madhatters can be no more than 6' wide X 6' deep X 13' high while it is being worn.
 - The frame may not extend more than 10" below the waist of the wearer.
- Any electrical power used in the Madhatter must be battery powered or it will not be judged or allowed to appear in the parade.
- Madhatters will report to check-in at the IM Building at the same time as their designated Float check-in time.
 - Madhatters must be complete at check-in. No repairs or alterations may be made after check-in. Lost pumps may be replaced before judging.
 - At least 1 member from the participating organization(s) must be present at check-in and during judging or the Madhatter will not be judged. The person who wears the Madhatter during judging must also wear the Madhatter during the parade or it will be disqualified.
- The Madhatter must remain in front of the Float at all times during the parade. If a Madhatter is behind its corresponding Float it will be pulled from the parade and disqualified.

Scoring Criteria:

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| ➤ Quality of Construction | 125 points |
| ➤ Complete & Professional | 125 points |
| ➤ Originality & Creativity | 125 points |
| ➤ Accurately Reflect Theme | 125 points |
| ➤ Enthusiastic/Crowd Friendly | 100 points |

Deductions:

- 50 point deduction if an organization or pair's Madhatter is late for the designated check-in time (10 minute window). This will be the same time as float check-in.
- 60 point deduction if the madhatter exceeds size limitations or uses non-battery electricity.
- 100 point deduction if the Madhatter fails to complete the parade route.

Any question related to the Float Competition should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Float Competition

1100 points

Description: Floats participating in the parade may enter the Float Competition and will be judged as they pass the Allen Street Gates.

Rules:

- Float construction may not begin before Sunday October 9th at 5pm.
- Floats must meet all *Homecoming, Police and Fire Regulations* found on pages 31 – 33.
- Organizations/pairs must report to the parade check-in table at the designated time (within 10 minutes) with their floats. Floats arriving more than 30 minutes late will be disqualified lose their Equipment Deposit and will not participate in the parade.
 - Organizations arriving without the proper safety equipment will not be considered checked-in and will have 30 minutes to retrieve the equipment or be disqualified.
- Floats must be complete upon arrival at the staging area for check-in
- The Borough Traffic Coordinator strictly prohibits anything being thrown from a flatbed, float, or vehicle. Deductions will be made each time any person is caught throwing any item.
- Organization(s) names must appear clearly on the float.
- Paper-mâché and air brushing are prohibited during float construction.
- Float dimensions may not exceed 8ft wide X 20ft long X 15ft high. If a float does not meet this size requirement, it will be disqualified and not allowed to participate in the parade.
- Floats must be pulled by a State College Borough-certified motor vehicle with a properly working towing hitch.
- Any float deemed unsafe or inappropriate by the Homecoming Executive Committee or the State College Police will be removed from the parade and disqualified from competition.
- Any member of an organization caught vandalizing floats or any parade equipment will be immediately disqualified from all parade competitions and may also face legal action.

Scoring Criteria:

➤ Is Complete & Fully Pumped	125 points
➤ Utilizes Flatbed Space Effectively	100 points
➤ Quality of Construction	100 points
➤ Consistent Use of Materials/Decorations	100 points
➤ Appealing Design/Color Scheme	125 points
➤ Creativity/Originality	100 points
➤ Use of Lights, Moving Parts, Etc.	50 points
➤ Relates to Organization/Pair's Theme	100 points
➤ Promotes Penn State Spirit	75 points
➤ Appropriate for Audience	100 points
➤ Entertaining/Crowd Reaction	125 points

Float Competition

Deductions:

- Floats not complying with Police and Fire Regulations listed on pages 31 – 33 at the initial float inspection will receive a deduction of 50 points per infraction.
- Floats not complying with Police and Fire Regulations listed on pages 31 - 33 at float inspection on parade day will be disqualified and not allowed to participate in the parade.
- 200 point deduction for beginning construction before October 9th at 5pm
- 50 point deduction if an organization is late for check-in (10 minute window)
- 50 point deduction for each repair/addition that is not considered superficial
- 50 point deduction each time an object is seen being thrown from a float/vehicle
- 25 point deduction if the organization name(s) does not appear on the float
- 50 point deduction each time a member of your organization is caught smoking in the parade staging area or while on the float
- 50 point deduction (minimum) if an organization or pair's area is not cleaned prior to leaving the staging area
- 50 point deduction if a float makes any stop at any part of the parade route, unless directed to do so by Homecoming or Police personnel

Other Notes & Tips:

- Parade order is determined at random by the Parade Committee. Any questions concerning parade order should be directed to Victoria Armada, Parade Director at ParadeHomecoming@psu.edu.
- Do not vandalize! Any organization(s) caught vandalizing will be immediately disqualified from the overall competition and may face legal action!
- Organizations should consider placing lights on their float. This makes float safer and may also benefit the floats appeal and score in the competition. Note that halogen lights are prohibited.
- Floats will be inspected several times, each in accordance with all Police and Fire Regulations as well as Homecoming Competition Rules and Regulations. Please read each respective section carefully to ensure your float meets all regulations and will be allowed to participate in the parade.

Any question related to the Float Competition should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Tailgate Competition

Description: All students and alumni are invited to compete in the Tailgate Competition, held Saturday morning prior to the Homecoming football game.

Rules:

- Judging will begin approximately two to two and one-half hours prior to kickoff.
- All competing tailgates are expected to display positive sportsmanship.
- Entries will be eligible for prizes in each of the following areas:
 - Best Food
 - Most Creativity
 - Most Penn State Spirit
 - Overall Presentation

- Please be aware that, although alcohol is not forbidden, all participants must be respectful and representing Penn State students and alumni in the best possible light. All participants will be asked to show proper identification to Tailgate Competition judges if alcohol is present at a tailgate. Judges reserve the right to automatically disqualify any participants who fail to meet these requirements.

Registration for the Tailgate Competition will take place online at homecoming.psu.edu.

Any questions related to the Tailgate Competition should be directed to Ariana Seidel, Alumni Relations Director at alumnihomecoming@psu.edu.

Spirit Points

2500 Points Possible

Description: Overall competing organizations, pairs or triads can earn up to 2500 Points by attending various events before and during Homecoming Week! It is the organization's responsibility to have the assigned number of participants check-in at the events. Only overall competitors can earn Spirit Points.

Events:

- **Legacy Celebration – 150 points possible**
 - Come to Homecoming's first ever Legacy Celebration on April 20th to learn about Penn State's history and show your Penn State pride!
 - 15 members of your organization, pair or triad must attend the event and check-in to receive the full 150 points (10 points per member).

- **Fall Spirit Week – 200 points**
 - Check-in at the various Spirit Week events October 3rd – 8th and show your organization's Penn State Pride!
 - 40 members from your organization, pair or triad must sign-in throughout the week wearing merchandise with Penn State Homecoming or with your organization's name on it to receive the full 200 points (5 points per member).

- **Blood Drive – 150 points possible**
 - Help save a life by donating blood at the Homecoming Blood Drive in the HUB on October 6th.
 - 10 members of you organization, pair or triad must sign-in at the Blood Drive to receive the full 150 points (15 points per member)

- **Merchandise – 100 points possible**
 - Order your Homecoming gear with an official Homecoming logo through the Homecoming Merchandise Committee!
 - 100 points will be awarded for placing your organization or pair's merchandise order through Homecoming.
 - Receipt of your order must be brought to 201 HUB by Friday October 7th at 5pm to receive credit.

- **Dance Competition Attendance – 200 points possible**
 - Come out and cheer on some of Penn State's hottest dance crews before the annual Homecoming kick-off concert sponsored by SPA!
 - 10 members of your organization, pair or triad must attend the concert to receive the full 200 points (20 points per member).

- **In The Park Homecoming Walk Participation – 250 points possible**
 - The Homecoming 5K will be held on Saturday, October 1st at the IM Building Lawn.
 - 10 members of your organization, pair or triad must register and sign-in to receive the full 250 points (25 points per member).

- **Homecoming Day of Service - 300 points possible**
 - Come out and volunteer in the State College and University Park to give back to our community and earn Spirit Points! Homecoming Day of Service will be Sunday, September 18th.
 - Sign-ups for volunteer slots are available online at volunteer.psu.edu.
 - 15 members of each organization, pair or triad must sign-in before and after their assigned service project to receive the full 300 points (20 points per member).

- **East Halls Celebration – 150 points possible**
 - Join the celebration in Findlay Commons from 4pm to 7pm for fun, giveaways, food and performances by a variety of Penn State student groups and organizations! Make sure to check out each of the entries for the Banner and T-Shirt competitions too.
 - 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must sign-in at the Spirit Point table to receive the full 150 points (15 points per member).

- **Past To Present Scavenger Hunt – 100 points possible**
 - Earn points by completing a Penn State & Homecoming themed scavenger hunt in the HUB and returning it to the Spirit Point table.
 - 10 members of the organization, pair or triad must successfully complete and return the scavenger hunt to earn the full 100 points (10 points per member).

- **Best of Penn State Carnival – 100 points possible**
 - Upon entering the event, participants pick up a Carnival Passport that must be stamped at every booth. Return a completed Passport when exiting to receive credit for your organization or pair.
 - 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must turn in completed Passports to receive the full 100 points (10 points per member).

- **Best of Penn State Field Day – 150 points possible**
 - Each organization, pair or triad must compete in each of the field day activities on page 20.
 - The top 3 teams will compete in an obstacle course for additional Spirit Points.

- **Student-Alumni Ice Cream Social – 200 points possible**
 - Attend the annual Student-Alumni Ice Cream Social in the Hintz Family Alumni Center on Friday, October 14th and enjoy complimentary Penn State Creamery Ice Cream and other refreshments, entertainment and a chance to win great prizes!
 - 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must attend in order to receive the full 200 points (20 points per member).

- **Spikes Game Attendance – 150 points possible**
 - Organization members who attend the annual Homecoming Spikes games can earn spirit points for their organization by checking in at the game.
 - Attendance slips will be collected after the 7th inning stretch
 - 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must attend in order to receive the full 100 points (15 points per member).

➤ **Meetings – 100 points possible**

- Organizations must attend the appropriate meetings, as detailed on page 11.
- Spring Information Meeting – 25 points
 - One representative from each organization (2 total if paired) must be present and sign in to receive 25 points.
- Parade Workshop – 25 Points
 - Two representatives from each organization, 4 total if paired, 6 if in a triad, must sign-in to receive 25 points.
- Security Meeting – 25 points
 - All 5 of each organization's Security Committee members must be present to receive 25 points.
- Competition Meeting – 25 points
 - One member of each organization (2 if paired, 3 if in a triad) must be sign-in to receive 25 points.

➤ **Homecoming Fundraisers – 200 points possible**

- Organizations must attend and sign in at one of the designated Homecoming fundraisers organized by the Finance Committee.
- 50 members from each organization, pair or triad must sign-in over the course of all fundraisers to earn the full 200 points (4 points per member, max of 60 points per event).
- Contact Morgan Hite, Finance Director at FinanceHomecoming@psu.edu for more information.

Royalty & Awards

ROYALTY:

Each year, the student body of Penn State University selects an outstanding male and female student to represent their University for that year. These young men and women represent Penn State University throughout Homecoming week at events such as the parade and the football game, as well as receiving the honor of becoming the Homecoming King and Queen. To nominate an outstanding student to become a member of the Homecoming Court, visit homecoming.psu.edu.

Additionally, each year Homecoming recognizes outstanding faculty and staff members for their dedication to Penn State and its students. To nominate a faculty or staff member to the University Court, visit homecoming.psu.edu.

Nominations for both Student and University Courts will be open April 18th – 22nd and August 22nd – 26th.

Any questions about the Royalty process can be directed to Leanna Usnik, Royalty Director at royaltyhomecoming@psu.edu

Awards

1st - 3rd place Overall Competitors and 1st – 3rd place Spirit Points will be announced at the Homecoming Football game on Saturday, October 15th.

Awards for individual events will be announced via the Homecoming website and listserv.

All awards will presented during the annual Homecoming Recognition Banquet, date and time TBA.

Any questions about awards should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Pomps

Pomps are 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" sheets of colored tissue paper placed in chicken wire used to decorate Madhatters and floats.

Pomps **must** be supplied by Nittany Co-Op and ordered through Penn State Homecoming. No outside ordering is allowed.

- Pomps are \$1.90/pack for all organizations
 - Chicken wire (50' roll) is \$15.00 and Glue (1 gallon) is \$10.00
 - These prices are subject to change at the discretion of Nittany Co-Op & Penn State Homecoming
- Payment should be made in the form of a check or ASA transfer made out to Penn State Homecoming
- All pomps are now tax exempt
- Organizations are highly encouraged to order pomps in **12s or 24s**; pomps are pre-packaged this way.
- Organizations will be able to purchase leftover pomps during the week of Homecoming on a first come, first serve basis after all orders have been filled.
- If, for any reason, there is not enough of one particular color of pomps to fill every organization's order, every order will be adjusted accordingly.
- Pomps must be picked up at Nittany Co-Op at the designated time on October 6th

Pomp order forms will be available on Monday August 22nd. Organizations can either download and print a copy of the form from the Homecoming website or pick-up a form in the Homecoming Office, 201 HUB.

- Completed forms and payment must be submitted by 5pm on Friday, September 2nd in 201 HUB.
- When you submit your order, you must sign up for a pick-up time on Thursday, October 6th.

Organizations or pairs will receive a 30 point deduction for not scheduling a pick-up time and 30 points for failing to pick-up their order at their scheduled time.

Any question regarding pomp orders should be directed to Tyler Donnell, OPPerations Director at OPPHomecoming@psu.edu

Parade Information & Float Regulations

The following information is provided to assist each organization or pair in successfully and safely completing the parade. These rules and regulations are in place to protect the participants, spectators, volunteers, and staff involved in the parade, and are necessary to ensure that Homecoming can continue to have such a successful and entertaining celebration in the future.

General Guidelines:

- Each organization, pair or triad will be checked for alcohol and/or illegal drugs. University and State College Police will be present to conduct searches and take legal action if applicable. Any persons found with alcohol or drugs in their possession will be immediately disqualified, removed from the staging ground, and will forfeit their equipment deposit.
- Parade order will be determined at random by the Homecoming Parade Committee.
- The parade will begin at 6:00pm.
- All trash should be removed from your area before leaving the staging area. Organizations, pairs or triads that do not properly dispose of their trash will receive point deductions, fines and possible disqualification depending on the severity of the infraction.
- Any Madhatter, Banner, Float, or other presentation or performance that stops along the parade route will receive a warning and a point deduction. Multiple warnings can result in disqualification from the 2011 parade competitions and the 2012 parade.
 - Drivers, walkers or performers should prevent gaps from forming in the procession. If gaps occur, the Security Committee will issue instructions or warning to eliminate the issue.
- Any Float which fails to complete the parade route will be disqualified.
- Absolutely nothing may be thrown from a float or vehicle during the parade! Points will be deducted each time a person is seen throwing any object from a float or vehicle. All candy, flyers, etc. must be handed out to spectators by members walking on the street. This is extremely important to the safety of our spectators, especially children. Multiple warnings will result in an organization or pair being immediately pulled from the parade, disqualification, and the loss of the equipment and security deposits.
- Any organization, pair, triad or group found with obscene or political propaganda will not be permitted to participate in the parade.
- Each student organization, pair or triad registered as a walking group is limited to a maximum of 20 persons.
- If an organization, pair or triad is using a flatbed with no object build or placed on it, they are permitted to have 20 persons on the flatbed, 2 persons walking in front of the flatbed with the banner, and 1 madhatter.
- Organizations entering a float are limited to one flatbed and one vehicle. They are permitted a maximum of 5 persons on the float, 2 persons walking in front of the float with the banner, and 1 madhatter.

Float Guidelines:

- Organizations/pairs/triads must report to the parade check-in table at the staging area at their assigned time with their flatbed. Those checking in more than 30 minutes late will be disqualified, will not be allowed to participate in the parade, and will forfeit their Equipment Deposit.
- Each float must be equipped with safety chains, quick links, a triangle reflector, and a fire extinguisher at all times. This equipment must be present at check-in. Any float missing equipment will not be allowed to enter the parade.
- A towing vehicle must accompany every flatbed at all times in the staging grounds. A float may not be dropped off unless there is already another towing vehicle present to replace it.
- All vehicles and floats must be attended at all times. Any vehicle or float seen unattended will be disqualified and will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
- Drivers must have a clear view through all windows and unrestricted access to the door.
- Absolutely no smoking is allowed in the staging area at any time. Any person caught smoking will face point deductions and possible disqualification.
 - Anyone wishing to smoke should first completely exit the staging area.
- An investment in a rain tarp is highly suggested in the event that it rains in the staging area before the parade begins.
- Any float that is found unsafe by the Homecoming Executive Committee or the State College Police will not be permitted to participate in the parade.
- There is limited amount of space for organizations to drive vehicles in the parade (with no flatbed/float) whether alone or in addition to a walking group. Please indicate this specific request on the registration form. The earlier a registration is received, the more likely it is that a specific request can be granted, but there are no guarantees.

Police Regulations for Floats

Read carefully – failure to adhere to these regulations will result in immediate disqualification, loss of Equipment Deposit and the float will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

- A 10 pound minimum ABC (min 2H/10BC rating) fire extinguisher is required for each flatbed/float. Fire extinguishers must be present at inspection and check-in.
- Electrical equipment must be powered by battery or generator. Backups are suggested; Homecoming is not responsible for faulty equipment.
 - Any generator must be uncovered and not placed within 3 feet of combustible materials
 - Generators may not be placed in enclosed spaces, passenger vehicles or truck beds.
- Wiring connections must be safe and secure. No open splices or frayed wires.
- All heat sources, including lights, must be placed safely away from combustible materials.
- No halogen lights may be used.
- Safety chains provided must be affixed to the flatbed. The safety chain should be crossed and connected to the towed and towing vehicle as well as the towing bar to prevent the bar from dropping to the ground. The chains should have no more slack than is necessary for turning.
- Reflection triangles and working brake lights and turn signals must be present.
- Individuals riding on the float must be situated in a secure location.
- Absolutely no open flames are permitted on floats or towing vehicles.
- Any person who operates a vehicle in violation shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of up to \$300 for each violation.

Fire Regulations for Floats

During Homecoming Week, many organizations build shelters to protect the float from weather conditions and to provide security. These shelters may create a fire hazard.

- Any shelter that is attached to any house or structure must be built of fire resistant material.
- Tarps, tents or other materials must be labeled or stamped approved for fire resistance.
- Care should be used with the use of flammable liquids.
- A properly illuminated egress path must be maintained any time the shelter is occupied.
- At least one 10lb ABC fire extinguisher must be displayed near each exit of the tent.
- Tents that are more than 15 feet from any structures do not need to be flame resistant.
- Tents exceeding 200 square feet and canopies exceeding 400 square feet require a permit from the State College Borough.

The Homecoming Executive Committee and the State College Police will be checking fire regulations throughout Homecoming Week. Organizations not complying will be reported to the appropriate officials and will receive a point deduction from their overall score.

“Camping Out”

- Two or more people from the same organization gathering or marking at any particular point along the parade route before 9am on Friday October 14th will have 100 points deducted from their overall score each time they are caught or asked to vacate.
 - Any chairs, signs, coolers, etc. left along the sidewalk to reserve an organization’s location before 9am will be removed by Homecoming Security.
 - Homecoming will not be held responsible for any items left unattended
- Any organizations involved in disorderly conduct of any form (fighting, harassment, public drunkenness, etc.) or any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Homecoming Executive Committee will be disqualified and removed from all parade competitions.
- Do not litter! There are trashcans available along the parade route, please use them.
- The State College Police will be patrolling the streets before, during and after the parade. If any police action is taken against a member of a particular organization, that organization’s eligibility to participate in Homecoming 2012 will come under the review of the Homecoming Executive Committee.
- The Homecoming Security Committee will patrol the parade route throughout the entire day of the parade and will take action against any persons who do not comply with these regulations.

Any question pertaining to parade rules, regulations or guidelines or registration as an Alumni or Community group should be directed to Victoria Armada, Parade Director at ParadeHomecoming@psu.edu.

Bonus Point Opportunities

250 Points Possible

Bonus point opportunities are available for organizations or persons who go above and beyond to demonstrate their Penn State spirit.

Bonus Point Opportunities:

- **Parade Convertibles – 25 points**

Organizations can earn bonus points for providing a convertible to be used in the parade. Organizations wishing to do so should contact Victoria Armada, Parade Director, by Friday, September 30th to confirm a vehicle's participation in the parade. Organizations volunteering a convertible must also provide a driver. The convertible must arrive in the staging area by 4:30pm on Friday, October 14th. Note there is a 100 point deduction for any organization that confirms a convertible and fails to provide it on Parade Day.

- **University Court Nominations – 25 points**

Show appreciation for the outstanding members of the Penn State faculty and staff by nominating a faculty or staff member that exemplifies Penn State spirit and pride to be considered for the Homecoming Faculty Court. 5 points will be awarded per person, per nomination, for a maximum of 25 points per organization or pair. Nominations will be taken from April 18th – 22nd and August 22nd – 26th.

- **Homecoming Directors, Captains, or Committee Members – 100 points**

To thank the organizations who have members who volunteer their time to assist in the planning and execution of Homecoming, bonus points will be awarded to each of their organizations. Note that Security Committee Members are a requirement of Overall Competitors and are not worth bonus points. Any Captain or Committee Member who does not perform to the expectations of the Homecoming Executive Committee will not be awarded points for their organization(s)

- Executive Committee Member 75 points
- Captain 20 points
- Committee Member/Security Leader 5 points

- **Homecoming Court Representative – 100 points**

If any member of an organization is among the top 10 court finalists, their organization will be awarded 100 points. No organization, pair or triad will receive additional bonus points for having more than one representative member on court.

All Possible Deductions

Registration

- 25 points will be deducted per day that Pre- registration is late for a week (until 4/22).
- 25 points will be deducted per day that Final registration is late for a week (until 9/10).

Meetings – these deductions only apply to organizations required to attend the respective meeting. See page 11 for further information.

- 20 points will be deducted for failing to attend the Spring Information Meeting or Fall Info Meeting.
- 50 points will be deducted for failing to attend the Competition Meeting.
- 10 points per person will be deducted for each Security Committee Member who does not attend the Security Meeting, up to 50 points for Unpaired Overall Competitors, 100 Points for Paired Overall Competitors and 150 points for Overall Competing Triads.
- 50 points will be deducted for failing to attend the Parade Workshop.

Miscellaneous

- 100 points will be deducted for any organization that confirms a convertible and fails to provide it on Parade Day.
- 100 points will be deducted each time an organization is caught “camping out” before 9am on Parade Day.
- 30 points will be deducted if a pomp pick-up time is not scheduled when the order is placed.
- 30 points will be deducted if pomp orders are not picked up at the scheduled time.

Merchandise

- 10 points will be deducted for the first day a submission is late.
- 5 points will be deducted for every additional day a submission is late.

T-Shirt Competition – deductions will be made before the additional points for the Top 3 are factored.

- 25 points will be deducted for the first day a submission is late.
- 10 points will be deducted for every additional day a submission is late.

Banner Competition

- 20 point deduction if sketch is not submitted at Final Registration.
- 30 point deduction for failing to pick-up your banner at the parade staging area on Parade Day.
- 40 point deduction if the banner exceeds size limits.
- 40 point deduction if the banner is made from incorrect materials.
- 50 point deduction if the banner is submitted after the Parade Workshop.

Talent Show - deductions will be made before the additional points for the Top 5 are factored.

- 10 point deduction for each 10 seconds an act is under or exceeds the time limit.
- 20 point deduction if the group fails to set-up or clean the stage of props within 60 seconds.
- 20 point deduction for each member of a performance who is not wearing shoes.
- 20 point deduction for each member of a performance who is deemed to have an inappropriate costume.
- 30 point deduction if an organization’s CD and/or act description are turned in late.
- 50 point deduction if an organization/pair is unprepared at dress rehearsal.

Best of Penn State

- Any organization or pair who flagrantly disobeys the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Carnival and shall receive a 50 point deduction.

Madhatter Competition

- 50 point deduction if an organization or pair's Madhatter is late for the designated check-in time. Madhatter check-in will be the same time as float check-in.
- 60 point deduction if the Madhatter exceeds size limitations.
- 100 point deduction if the Madhatter fails to complete the parade route.

Security Deductions – these deductions apply to Overall Competitors only.

- 10 points per person will be deducted for each Security Committee Member who does not attend the Security Meeting, up to 150 points for triads (same deduction as listed in "Meetings" on page 35).
- 20 points per person will be deducted for each Security Committee Member who fails to arrive on time to the designated meeting area on Parade Day, up to 100 points for unpaired competitors, 200 for paired competitors and 300 points for triads. This time and location will be announced at the Security Meeting.
- 25 points will be deducted per Security Committee Member who fail to assist in the clean-up of their assigned section of the parade route to the satisfaction of the Security Director.
- 100 points will be deducted each time an organization is caught reserving sidewalk space before 9:00am on Parade Day. This includes chalking, taping, etc. Multiple infractions may lead to disqualification from all parade events and police involvement.
- 30 points will be deducted if any organization uses tape on the sidewalks to reserve space on Parade Day, even after 9:00am. Chalk is an acceptable substitute.
- 5 points will be deducted each time a Security Committee Member is seen using a cellular phone during the parade.

Float & Parade Deductions

- 200 point deduction for beginning float construction before October 9th, 2011 at 5pm.
- 50 point deduction for not complying with Police and Fire Regulations on pages 31 – 33 during initial on-site inspection.
- 50 point deduction if an organization is late for check-in (10 minute window).
- 50 point deduction for each repair/addition that is not considered superficial.
- 50 point deduction each time an object is seen being thrown from a float/vehicle.
- 25 point deduction if the organization/pair's name(s) do not appear on the float
- 50 point deduction each time a member of your organization is caught smoking in the parade staging area or while on the float.
- 50 point deduction (minimum) if an organization or pair's area is not cleaned prior to leaving the staging area.
- 50 point deduction if a float makes any stop at any part of the parade route, unless directed to do so by Homecoming or Police personnel.
- 30 points will be deducted if a pomp pick-up time is not scheduled when the order is placed.
- 30 points will be deducted if pomp orders are not picked up at the scheduled time

All Disqualifications & Fines

Registration fees are non-refundable and will not be returned in the event of disqualification.

General

- Unruly and disruptive behavior or intoxicated participants **will not be tolerated**. If any member of a participating organization is found to be intoxicated or acting inappropriately during any Homecoming event, the Executive Committee reserves the right to remove that person and disqualify their organization from that event without warning.
- The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to disqualify any inappropriate designs or performances. For The Glory Talent Show performances, T-shirts, Banners, Madhatters, or Floats deemed to be inappropriate will be disqualified and will not be displayed or allowed to participate in the parade. Political propaganda, profanity and nudity of any kind are expressly forbidden.
- Multiple failures to attend the required Homecoming Organization Information meeting can result in disqualification from related events, including the parade. These meetings contain information essential to a successful and safe Homecoming celebration.

For The Glory Talent Show

- Organization or pairs who fail to attend the dress rehearsal for the For The Glory Talent Show will be disqualified.
- Any act or performance found to be inappropriate by the judges will be immediately disqualified and no points will be awarded.
- Performers arriving to check-in more than 15 minutes late without prior approval will be disqualified.

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- Any organization/pair who flagrantly disobeys the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Carnival and shall receive a 50 point deduction from their Competition Score.

Madhatter

- If the person who wears the Madhatter during judging is not the person who wears it during the parade, it will be disqualified.
- If a Madhatter is left unattended at any time between check-in and judging, it will be disqualified.
- If at any time during the parade, the Madhatter is behind its corresponding float, it will be disqualified.

Parade & Float

- If any individual is caught vandalizing floats or parade equipment or any other competitive submissions, his or her organization will be immediately disqualified from all competitive events and forfeit their Security and Equipment Deposits.
- Organizations or pairs who fail to provide Security Committee Members will be immediately disqualified from all parade competitions. This includes the Banner, Madhatter, and Float competitions. The following year, these organizations will be subject to twice the normal Security Deposit.
- Unruly behavior or visible intoxication/impairment of any Security Committee Member will result in immediate disqualification from all parade events, the forfeit of the organization or pair's Security Deposit, and possible legal action, if applicable. The Homecoming Executive Committee will also review the organization's status in Homecoming and may suspend the organization from participating in future Homecoming competitions.
- Floats checking in more than 30 minutes late on Parade Day will be disqualified not be allowed to participate in the parade, and will forfeit their equipment deposit.
- Any vehicle or float left unattended will be disqualified and not be allowed to participate in the parade.
- Any member(s) of an organization found with alcohol or drugs in their possession in the staging grounds or on the float will face immediately disqualification, removal from the staging ground and forfeiture of their Equipment Deposit.
- Any person caught smoking in the staging area will face point deductions. Multiple warnings will result in disqualification.
- Organizations who do not properly dispose of their trash in the parade staging areas may face penalties to their Equipment Deposit.
- Any madhatter, banner, float, or performance that stops along the parade route without being instructed to do so by Homecoming or Police personnel will receive a warning and a point deduction. Multiple warnings may result in disqualification.
- Any Madhatter, Banner, or Float which fails to complete the parade route will be disqualified.
- Multiple warnings for throwing any object from a vehicle, flatbed or float will result in immediate removal from the parade, disqualification, and the loss of the Equipment or Security Deposit.
- Any violation of Police or Fire Regulations listed on pages 31 - 33 at the Parade Day inspection will result in disqualification, loss of equipment deposit and the opportunity to appear in the parade.

Any questions regarding disqualifications or fines should be directed to Josh Kirwin, Competition Director at Competition.Homecoming@psu.edu

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between an Overall Competitor and an Event Competitor?

When registering as an Overall Competitor (paired or unpaired), an organization is automatically registered for Banner, the FTG Talent Show, BOPS Carnival & Field Day, Madhatter, and the Float competitions. When registering as an Event Competitor, the organization may select which specific events they do and do not wish to participate in. For example, an Event Competitor may choose to only compete in the FTG Talent Show and Float competitions. No organization is ever “non-competing.”

2. Can anyone donate blood during the Homecoming Blood Drive or do you need to be in a participating organization?

Anyone can donate blood at the Homecoming Blood Drive! Members of participating organizations do get bonus spirit points, but individuals are also needed and welcome.

3. Can non-students, including faculty, staff, and community members participate in the Homecoming 5K?

Absolutely! Anyone is able to register and participate in the Homecoming 5K.

4. Where can I find out the date or time of a meeting or specific event?

All of the dates and times of the required meetings for orgs and all other Homecoming events, including merchandise sales, Spirit Days and fundraisers are on the Homecoming website on the Calendar of Events tab. Also look for updates on the Homecoming list-serve, or in e-mails from the AVPs!

5. I am interested in learning more about Homecoming and being informed about the events that are going on. Which list-serve should I join?

The General list-serve includes announcements about the latest Homecoming info including:

- General Announcements
- Alumni News
- Homecoming Week Information

The Student list-serve includes all of the above items, but adds information for students and clubs located at University Park including:

- Meeting Announcements
- Rule Changes
- Student Volunteer Information
- Registration Deadlines

For other questions about the list-serve, contact Marta Jonca, Public Relations Director at prhomecoming@psu.edu

6. Can anyone participate in the Homecoming week events?

Yes, for more information about how to get involved with Homecoming events, contact Bridgette Carrier, University Relations Director.

7. What are the security committee member requirements?

For Overall Competitors, each organization is required to provide five committee members. If you are a paired organization, you need ten committee members (five from each organization). All Committee Members are required to come to the security meeting (location and time TBA). These must be the same individuals that report on Parade Day. In addition there may be minimal, mandatory training prior to the parade. Event Competitors are not required to supply Security Committee Members.

8. How do I nominate someone for Student or University Court?

Nominations for Student & University Court can be made by Penn State students digitally in the HUB-Robeson Center & on the Homecoming website during the weeks of April 18th-22nd & August 22nd-26th.

9. What is Spirit Week?

Spirit week is a new celebration which takes place the week before Homecoming week (October 3rd – 8th). It is comprised of events to get students, alumni and staff excited for Homecoming Week events. It is also an opportunity for participating orgs to earn spirit points.

10. My organization already has a flatbed, are we required to rent one for the parade?

No, if your organization already has a flatbed, they may use it as long as it does not exceed the maximum size allowed by Homecoming and the Borough. However, you are required to use the equipment supplied by Penn State Homecoming and pay the Equipment Deposit.

Glossary

Active Member – an organization's member must have been initiated prior to the start of the fall 2011 semester.

Community Organization – an organization not affiliated with Penn State University and is not a registered Student Organization. Such organizations may participate in the parade free of charge.

Competition Points – Competition Points are awarded by a panel of guest judges based on defined scoring criteria.

Event Competitor – event competitors may choose which competitive events they do and do not wish to participate in. Event competitors do not earn Spirit Points

Friends & Family Tent – located at the intersection of College Ave & Allen St, this is where participants in the Float Competition will be judged from.

HOOD – the HOOD is the Homecoming Online Organizational Database. The HOOD is used to track chair information, registration, finances and the point system.

Madhatter – a large pumped body suit that often walks in front of an organization's float and excites the crowd. The madhatter is often a character who correlates to the float's theme.

Overall Competitor – Overall Competitors must participate in Banner, FTG Talent Show, BOPS Field Day & Carnival, Madhatter and Float competitions. If at any time an organization, pair or triad must withdraw from any of these competitions, they forfeit Overall Competitor status.

Pomps – pomps are 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" squares of tissue paper used to decorate floats and madhatter frames made of "chicken wire."

Security Committee Member – the Security Committee is made up of volunteers who assist with security during the Parade. Each Overall Competitor is required to provide 5 Security Committee Members.

Security Leader – Security Leaders are selected by the Security Captain Committee and help to oversee the Security Committee Members during the Parade. Applications to become a Security Leader may be found on the Homecoming website. Contact Kevin O'Connor, Security Director at securityhomecoming@psu.edu for more info.

Spirit Points – Spirit Points are awarded to Overall Competitors for their participation in events that are not judged based on scoring criteria or are attendance based.