A word from our Executive Director:

Every year, over a thousand students come together to participate in a celebration of the school that has given us some of the best years we will ever experience. The overwhelming pride that they display during Homecoming and throughout the entire year is second-to-none. I am incredibly excited to see everything that you all accomplish this year to create a homecoming experience that will be remembered for years to come.

This rulebook is your guide to Homecoming. In it, you will find the regulations and guidelines we have set in order to make sure that you have the best homecoming experience possible. The Homecoming Executive Committee is here to ensure that this year’s celebration is the best it can be so if at any time you have a question, please let us know.

The theme for this year is Old State Inspiring New Beginnings. We hope that you will join us in celebrating the traditions of the past while looking toward the promise of each new day. Thank you for the time and dedication you will put into this year! Let’s work together to celebrate the best of Penn State’s past, present, and future.

For The Glory,

Katie Gasior
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All dates can be found on the Homecoming Website under the Calendar tab.
Expectations of Participating Organizations

- An organization that 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, Policies and Rules for Student Organizations, and to follow the rules and regulations set forth in the Homecoming Competition Rulebook. The student code of conduct can be found at [http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/conduct/codeofconduct/](http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/conduct/codeofconduct/). Policies and Rules for Student Organizations can be found at [http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/organizationrules](http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/organizationrules).
- Paired organizations will be held responsible for the actions of their partner organization, regardless of fault. 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.
- 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 authorities.
- The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to deny any participant(s) or organization(s) entry into any Homecoming event or competition.
- 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 allowed to participate.
- Political propaganda, profanity, alcohol/drug related references 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.
- Any and all rules and regulations are subject to change at any time 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 and the Homecoming website.
- All organizations who violate the rules and guidelines set place in the Homecoming 2016 Rulebook are subject to an automatic review by the Homecoming Executive Committee, and can have their participation in Homecoming 2016 revoked and their future participations restricted.
- Organizations whose performance is deemed unsatisfactory by the Homecoming Executive Committee will be placed on a probationary period for the following year. If their performance is still unsatisfactory after the probationary period, they will be restricted from participating in Homecoming 2018. Organization's’ ability to participate in any future Homecomings will be up to the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.
- All organizations on probation will have all fines doubled for that Homecoming season.
Pairing & Pre-Registration Guidelines

Organizations may register as:

**Overall Competitors:** These organizations must compete in all required events, and are eligible for spirit points. Overall Competitors are eligible to be paired with other Overall Competing organizations. When registered as an Overall Competitor, organizations are required to participate in these competitions:

- Banner
- For The Glory Talent Show
- Best of Penn State Field Day (BoPS)
- Madhatter
- Float

If an organization fails to participate in the above events, they will automatically be disqualified. If at any time an organization or pair must withdraw from an event required of Overall Competitors, they will be moved into Event Competitor status and will no longer be able to acquire Spirit Points. **Any Greek organizations who are moved to Event Competitor status will be charged and lose their accreditation.**

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

**Walking Organizations:** Student Organizations who wish to walk with or ride on an un-pomped vehicle in the Homecoming Parade are not considered competitors.

Organizations, pairs or triads participating in all competitions (Banner, For The Glory Talent Show, Best of Penn State, Madhatter, and Parade) will be classified as competing

**Pairing:**

- Pairing forms will be released on the Homecoming Website on Sunday, February 28th.
- Pairings are due online on Friday, March 18th at 5pm for final review and approval.
- 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 another organization in 2015, they may not be paired with that organization until 2017.
  - Triads will only be allowed at the discretion of the Competition Director pending request.
- Two organizations that previously formed a triad may pair again in the following year
- 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” henceforth.

Any questions regarding pairings should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.
Registration Financial Information

Overall Competitor Preliminary Registration:
- Organizations who wish to compete as Overall Competitors may begin pre-registration on the Homecoming website on the specified date.
  - Pre-registration signifies a commitment by the participating organizations to compete in all Homecoming events.
- Organizations must complete their specific pre-registration form and open an ASA purchase order or bring a check to 227B HUB. If an ASA purchase order is opened, documentation of the order must be brought to 227B HUB. The due date of both types of payment can be found on the Homecoming Website.
- During pre-registration, organizations must provide their Treasurer and Homecoming Chair psu.edu email along with an address and cell phone number, as well as specified theme choices for their organization overall. Organizations will not be considered fully registered until this information is completed.
- A fine of $20, up to $100, will be levied for each weekday that an organization’s money is late, up to one business week.
- After 7 days an organization will no longer be able to register as an Overall Competing Organization.

Overall Competitor Final Registration:
- Overall Competing Organizations must complete Final Registration, which will open after the close of Pre-registration and will remain open until the beginning of the fall semester. All remaining fees must be paid at final registration. All additional information required must be submitted at this time.
- Overall Competitors must complete Final Registration online and take payment to 227B HUB between 1:00pm and 5:00pm.
- If an organization fails to submit their full payment by the date above, an extension may be given at the discretion of the Finance Director, and late fees will incur. If after the extension, the organization has still not paid, they forfeit all pre-registration fees and are disqualified from participating in this year’s Homecoming celebrations.

Event Competitor Registration:
- Event Competitor registration will be available on the Homecoming Website.
- Organizations will not be considered fully registered unless they have completely filled out the registration form with each event section correctly completed and submitted to 227B HUB. No exceptions will be made nor will late payments be accepted.

Walking Organization Registration:
- Organizations interested in walking in the parade will be able to register through the Homecoming website.

Any questions regarding registration should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.
Financial Obligation Information

An Overall Pair is responsible for the entire payment. However, each individual pair or triad 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.

Breakdown of fees:
- Due at Pre-Registration

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Note: Tailgate Competition is free to enter.

Any questions regarding financial obligations should be directed to Liz Gong, Finance Director, at financehomecoming@psu.edu
Financial Deadlines

**Paired Overall Competitors:** Must pay Equipment and Security Deposits, equaling $230.00, (non-refundable) at pre-registration. The remaining balance of $490.00 must be paid in full by the end of final registration.

**Unpaired Overall Competitors:** Must pay Equipment and Security Deposits, equaling $230.00, (non-refundable) at pre-registration. The remaining balance of $450.00 must be paid in full by the end of final registration.

**Event Competitors:** Will pay fees on an event-based system; each event fee will be totaled up and paid for at the time of registration.

**Guidelines:**
- The $140 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.
- Security and equipment deposit returns will be returned to one single organization who will be responsible for redistributing the proper amount to the other organization. Returns will be made only if all Security requirements were fulfilled and all equipment was returned undamaged by the scheduled return date.
- In the event that a pair or triad is paying together, and only one of the organizations has an existing ASA account, the pair must make payments through the org with the existing ASA account (See type 1 section below).
- Event Competitors must pay in the following manner:
  - For organizations with ASA accounts, payment must be in the form of an ASA transfer (See section B below).
  - For organizations without ASA accounts, payment must be in the form of a check (See type 2 section below).

**Students with active Associated Student Activities (ASA) accounts:**

A. Pre-registration: fees of Equipment and Security Deposits **must** be paid by opening a purchase order with Penn State Homecoming acting as the vendor.
- Purchase order request forms are available in 240 HUB. A copy will need to be turned in to 227B HUB for documentation no later than the final day at 4pm of pre-registration period to avoid late fees.
● Be sure to use the object code of 50251 (Registration/Tournament Fee)

● If equipment is returned on time and in proper condition, the Organization will not be invoiced and Homecoming will close the purchase order. In the event that a portion or entirety of the Equipment Deposit is not to be refunded, Homecoming will invoice the Organization for the appropriate amount.

● Security Deposits will work the same way, and will be refunded in the form of Homecoming cancelling the purchase order. This will be upon confirmation from the Security Director that the organization(s) has fulfilled their Security Committee Requirements, including completion of satisfactory cleaning efforts as determined by the Security Director. If not all requirements are met, Homecoming will invoice the Organization for the appropriate amount. For more details on the Security Committee obligations, refer to page 14.

B. Final Registration: fees must be paid in the form of an account transfer from ASA.

● These forms are available in 240 HUB and a copy of documentation must be delivered to 227B HUB no later than the final day at 5pm of the Final Registration Period.

● Be sure to use the object code of 50251 (Registration/Tournament Fee).

Student Organizations without active ASA accounts:

A. Pre-registration and final registration fees must be paid by writing a check 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.

● Checks should be brought to 227B HUB no later than the final day at 5pm of pre-registration period to avoid late fees.

B. 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 (227B 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 (227B HUB). For more details on the Security Committee obligations, refer to page 14.

Any questions regarding financial obligations should be directed to Liz Gong, Finance Director, at financehomecoming@psu.edu
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 Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, will forfeit all attendance for that meeting.
- The time and dates of all required meetings will be included in updates e-mailed to all registered Homecoming Chairs as well as on the Calendar located on the Homecoming Website.

Spring Information Meeting & Fall Info Meetings:
- Attendance at the Spring and Fall Info Meetings is mandatory for all organizations.
- Homecoming chairs for each overall competing organization must be present at the Spring Information meeting. Every Homecoming chair for each organization must be in attendance, with the exception of family/health related emergencies or class. All excuses should be sent to competitionhomecoming@psu.edu to be reviewed by the Competition Director and Executive Director.
- Following the meeting, you must email securityhomecoming@psu.edu with the names of your 5 volunteers for parade day.
  - These 5 volunteers will be the exact same volunteers that show up to the Fall Information meeting and Parade day for Homecoming 2016.
- All members from each competing organization must be present (10 if a pair and 15 for a triad)

Spring Security Information Meeting:
- This is the general organization meeting that will consist of all the current Overall Competing Organizations.
- Attendance at the Spring Information is MANDATORY FOR ALL OVERALL COMPETING ORGANIZATIONS.
- Each member must bring his/her student ID to the Spring information meeting and sign in using the card swipe system
- All Homecoming Chairs must submit the names, e-mails and PSU ID numbers of the 5 volunteers that will be representing their organization on Parade day to the Security Director following the Spring Information Meeting.
  - These 5 volunteers must be the same volunteers that will attend the Fall Security meeting as well as Parade Day.

Fall Security Information Meeting:
- This will be a smaller meeting with only a few organizations in each to allow organizations for organizations to bring any questions or concerns that they might have.
- Attendance at the Spring Information is MANDATORY FOR ALL OVERALL COMPETING ORGANIZATIONS.
  - Homecoming Chairs and the 5 members who were submitted following the Spring Information Meeting must attend.
  - There should be 5 volunteers per organization (10 for pairings, 15 for triads)
● Each member must bring his/her Student IS to the Fall Security meeting and sign in using the card swipe system.
● Each member must bring his/her Student ID to the Security Meeting.

**Parade Quiz:**
● All organizations participating in the Parade must complete the Parade quiz located on the Homecoming Website.
● Organizations will not be permitted to pick up float supplies unless the quiz is completed with a score of 100%.
● Only one quiz needs to be completed per pairing/unpaired organization.
● 50 Competition points will be deducted for failing to complete the quiz before float supplies pick up.

**Deductions:**
● 15 points per person will be deducted for failing to attend the Spring Information Meeting or Fall Information Meeting.
● 5 points per person will be deducted for each Security Committee Member who does not attend the Security Meeting, up to 25 points for unpaired Overall Competitors and 50 points for paired Overall Competitors.
● 10 points will be deducted for failing to complete the Parade quiz before float supplies pick up.

Any questions regarding organization meetings should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.
Security Volunteer Committee Obligations

- All organizations participating in the overall competition are required to provide 5 members to the Security Volunteer 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 Volunteer Committee must be active members of the organization at the start of the fall semester (this applies for Greek organizations). Security Volunteer Committee Members must be fully initiated by the first day of classes in the Fall 2015 semester. Student IDs will be checked in order to enforce this rule.
- All volunteers must also attend the Spring Security Volunteer meeting.

- Organizations, pairs, or triads that fail to provide volunteers at the Spring Information meeting will have 10 competition points deducted per missing person.

- Organization volunteers who do not attend the Fall Security information meeting and/or send different volunteers to the meeting will immediately be disqualified from all parade competitions; including the Banner, Madhatter, and Float competition.

- Any organization that does not provide volunteers will also have an additional $20 per missing volunteer added onto their next year’s registration fee and will forfeit their security deposits.

- Any organization that fails to provide 5 volunteers on Parade Day will have their eligibility for Homecoming 2017 reviewed by the Homecoming Executive Committee.

- Any organization that provides volunteers that do not stay until the end of the parade will result in the forfeit of their organizations security deposit as well as $50 fine and an increase in their registration fee by 25% per volunteer.

- All point deductions can be found in the Deductions section on page 41.

- Specific point deductions based on an organization’s Security Volunteer Committee Members can be found 14.

Any questions regarding Security should be directed to Erin O’Rourke, Security Director, at securityhomecoming@psu.edu.
Parade Day Responsibilities of Security Volunteer Committee

- All volunteers who have attended the Spring and Fall Security Information Meetings must be the same exact volunteers who volunteer for the parade day.
- Volunteers must bring their STUDENT ID to be swiped in using the swipe-ID system.
- Volunteers will meet the rest of the volunteers and Security Captain committee in an assigned room that will be given out at the Fall Information meeting.
- Volunteers must be substance-free when they arrive and for the entire time. Any volunteer who is visibly intoxicated will be asked to leave, their organization will automatically be disqualified from Competition, will forfeit their security deposit and be subject to a $100 fine, and possible legal action.
- All security Committee Members will be given a red Homecoming Security Shirt to wear during the parade. The shirt must be worn on the outside of their clothing. After the parade, the shirt is theirs to keep.
- Volunteers 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 per police regulations they will not be permitted to use cellular devices at any point while on duty during the parade.
- Any volunteer who DOES NOT cooperate with security captains or DOES NOT follow their responsibilities, their org will forfeit their security deposit as well as a $50 fine for every uncooperative volunteer.
- If every member from an organization leaves without being dismissed, that organization will forfeit their security deposit.
- Following the end of the parade, Security captains will dismiss their volunteers and at NO POINT will a volunteer dismiss himself or herself. Volunteers who leave the parade route prior to being dismissed will result in the forfeit of their organizations security deposit as well as $50 fine per person and an increase in their registration fee by 25% per volunteer.

Deductions:
- These deductions apply to Overall Competitors only.
- 10 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 50 points for unpaired competitors and 100 for paired competitors.
- A warning, followed by a 50 point deduction will occur if 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.
- 15 points will be deducted if any organization uses tape on the sidewalks to reserve space on Parade Day, even after 9:00am.

Any questions regarding Security should be directed to Erin O’Rourke, Security Director, at securityhomecoming@psu.edu.
Merchandise Information

Rules for Homecoming Merchandise Orders:

- All organizations must have all their apparel designs approved by the Merchandise Committee prior to submitting their order. A digital copy must be sent to merchhomecoming@psu.edu for evaluation.

- After approval you may choose to use vendor of your choice unless your design contains any official Homecoming Logos. If an organization would like to use any official Penn State Homecoming Logo, including the 2016, “S” or Legacy logos, they must meet with a member of the Merchandise Committee. The Homecoming Merchandise Committee must then place this 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 wears apparel that is deemed inappropriate by the Homecoming Executive Committee during any Homecoming event, that organization will be disqualified from event and will forfeit any points earned at event

- Apparel designs must be submitted by the designated date to 227B HUB or via e-mail to merchhomecoming@psu.edu so that vendors are given ample time to submit orders. Late orders will result in point deductions and organizations found wearing merchandise not approved by the Merchandise committee will also be penalized.

**Custom ink Is not an approved vendor**

Any questions regarding Homecoming merchandise should be directed to Dana Kyle, Merchandise Director, at merchhomecoming@psu.edu
**Banner Competition**  
**25 Points Possible**

**Description:** These banners are the ones that will be used during organizations to showcase their theme and organizations name during the Homecoming parade. A banner must be submitted and judged before it is allowed to appear in the parade. Organizations names should be clearly seen on the banner. 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.
  - 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”).
- Banners must have an open ring in each of the upper corners.
- The banner must be carried by at least 2 people throughout the entirety of 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.
- Banners must be submitted by the designated date located on the Homecoming Calendar to the Homecoming office, 227B.
- Banners disqualified for any reason will not be allowed to appear in the parade.
- Submissions will be judged during Pollock Party and will be picked up by organizations in 227B HUB on the Thursday 9-5 of Homecoming Week prior to float check-in.

**Scoring Criteria:**
- Utilizes Size/Space
- Quality of Construction
- Professional/Complete
- Use of Materials
- Design and Color
- Originality and Creativity
- Use of Org’s Theme
- Penn State/Homecoming Spirit

**Deductions:**
- 5 point deduction if the banner is made from incorrect materials or exceeds size limits.
- 5 point deduction if the banner does not have two holes/rings in the upper corners.
- 10 point deduction if the banner is submitted after the deadline.
- 5 point deduction if organization fails to place name or theme on banner

Any question pertaining to the Banner Competition should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu
## Banner Competition 2016 Rubric

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The Banner Competition will be judged by invited faculty, students, staff and community members, as selected by the Judging Captains on the Competition Committee.

Deductions will be taken from your overall Competition Point score for the following penalties:

- 5 point deduction for failing to pick-up your banner from the office on Thursday or Friday from 227B HUB.
- 5 point deduction if the banner is made from incorrect materials.
For The Glory Talent Show

Description: The FTG Talent Show displays the vast array of talents possessed by our student body. Organizations/pairs should incorporate their Homecoming theme and/or the 2016 Homecoming Theme in their act. All competitors must participate in the tryout process. 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 tryouts.
  ○ Acts not meeting these requirements will be disqualified.
  ○ Tryouts will be held the evening of Thursday, September 22nd.

● Organizations taking part in the For The Glory Talent Show must submit their performance CD or send a MP3 file of the music to the Competition Director by the date specified on the Homecoming Calendar.

● Prop forms must be printed out and brought to tryouts.

● Talent/act description and a complete list of props must be submitted during Final Registration.
  ○ 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 the dress rehearsal.

● Performances must be between 2 and 5 minutes in length.

● Performances must qualify as one or more of the following categories: Dancing, Singing, or Skit.

● Any act or performance found to be grossly inappropriate by the judges will be immediately disqualified and no points will be awarded.

● All performers must wear shoes and appropriate attire
  ○ No nudity, body glitter, body paint, etc… are permitted
  ○ Members wearing inappropriate costumes will be asked to remove them prior to the performance, or may not be allowed to perform.

● Performance order will be determined at random by the Homecoming Executive Committee.
**Tryout regulations:**

- Every organization must participate in the mandatory tryouts. Use of props and costumes is expected.
- Failure to arrive at the designated time will result in immediate disqualification.
- All organizations will be judged based on the Tryout Rubric that will be given out by the For the Glory Talent Show Captain.
- Towards the total score, every organization will receive a score out of 5 for Overall Performance.
- Also for the total score, an average will be taken of every category that applies to the act, resulting in a score out of 5.
- Example: Group A has prepared a dancing act. They will receive a total score out of 10, based on the two categories of Choreography & Overall Performance. Group B has prepared a singing/dancing act. They will also receive a total score out of 10, based on the three categories of Choreography, Vocals, and Overall Performance (their Choreography and Vocals scores will be averaged to result in a score out of 5).
- Up to twenty organizations that score the highest during Tryouts will be awarded a spot in the FTG Talent Show. The number of performing organizations will be determined at the discretion of those judging the tryout process.
  - The number of performances will be decided by the Competition Committee.
- Those who receive satisfactory scores, ranging from 9 to 4 out of 10, will not be deducted any points; however, they will not receive a spot in the FTG Talent Show.
- Those who receive unsatisfactory scores, ranging from 3 to 0 out of 10, will be put under review for disqualification by the Homecoming Executive Committee.

**The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to deem any audition unsatisfactory, thus not meeting the specified requirements of an overall competitor audition. This would result in the disqualification and removal of Overall Competitor status.**

The organizations selected after the FTG Talent Show tryouts must participate in the mandatory dress rehearsal. Use of props and costumes is once again expected.

- Unprepared organizations will lose points from their final score.
- Failure to arrive at the designated time will result in immediate disqualification and removal of points awarded for the FTG Talent Show
- The Dress Rehearsal is the day before performance day.

**Performance Day Regulations:**

- Performers arriving to check-in more than 15 minutes late without prior approval will be disqualified.
- All registered performers and one Homecoming Chair from each organization will receive wristbands permitting them to enter the performance seating area in Eisenhower Auditorium for the day of the show.
• 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.
• The stage must be left in the condition in which it was found at the start of each performance.
• Each organization will have 30 seconds to set-up and tear down before and after the act.
• Performers are not permitted to bring bags with them on the day of the performance.
• **No group is permitted to leave after their performance. All participants must remain in Eisenhower until the conclusion of the event.**

Any questions pertaining to the For The Glory Talent Show should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu
For The Glory Talent Show

160 Points Possible

● 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.
  ○ Spirit points will be awarded for the number of organization/pair’s members that attend the FTG Talent Show. Up to 300 spirit points can be earned.
● The score for the Talent Show will be calculated as follows out of a total 150 possible points:
  ○ Score out of 10 for the organization’s try-out performance
  ○ 20 points for being selected to perform in the FTG Talent Show
  ○ Score out of 30 for the day of performance
  ○ Additional points for placing in the top 5

Scoring Criteria for Day of Show:

● Relation to Theme
● Enthusiasm
● Collaboration
● Professional/Appropriate
● Creativity
● Crowd Response

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

● 1st Place: 100 points
● 2nd Place: 75 points
● 3rd Place: 50 points
● 4th Place: 25 points
● 5th Place: 10 points

Deductions: Deductions will be made before the additional points for the Top 5 performances are factored in.
● 10 point deduction if the group fails to set-up or clean the stage of props within 30 seconds.
● 10 point deduction if an organization’s CD and/or act description are turned in late.
● 10 point deduction for each member of a performance who is not wearing shoes.
● 15 point deduction for each member of a performance who is deemed to have an inappropriate costume.
● 20 point deduction if an organization/pair is unprepared at dress rehearsal.

Any question pertaining to the For The Glory Talent Show should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at copetitionhomecoming@psu.edu.
### For the Glory Talent Show 2016 Rubric

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The FTG Talent Show will be judged by invited faculty, students, staff and community members, as selected by the Judging Captains on the Competition Committee.

Deductions will be taken from your overall Competition Point score for the following penalties:
- 10 point deduction if any member of the performing group leaves before the Talent Show is over.
**Best of Penn State “BOPS” Field Day**

**90 Points Possible**

**Description:** The Best of Penn State Carnival & Field Day is a celebration of all of the different aspects of Penn State and includes games, food, and entertainment designed to inspire Penn State Pride. All Overall Competitors must participate in Field Day. Competition Points will be awarded based on an organization or pair’s performance in the Field Day Competition.

- Field Day will be divided into designated shifts for when organizations must arrive to participate. Your shift will be assigned to you and it **cannot** be changed.
- Points will be given out based on performance, **NOT** participation.

**Rules:**

Each organization/pair will have the opportunity to participate in the 6 different field day events.

- Each organization must send a total of 8 members; four members per organization for pairings unless in a triad. Organizations in a Triad must send 3 members per organization (9 for that triad)
- If paired, each organization must have a minimum of 3 members participating.
- The rules for each event are subject to change.
- Events are subject to change based on inclement weather at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.
- Organizations must display good sportsmanship at all times.

**Points:**

- For each event the points will be distributed as follows:
  - First Place: 15 Competition Points
  - Second Place: 7 Competition Points
  - Third Place: 3 Competition Points

**Deductions:** Any organization, pair, or triad that flagrantly disobeys the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Field Day and shall receive a 50 point Competition point deduction and a 100 Spirit Point deduction.

Any question related to the Field Day should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.
Madhatter Competition
25 Points Possible

Description: The Madhatter is a large, pomped, 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 designated location and time, as assigned by the Parade Committee. This time is different from your Float check in time.
  ○ Madhatters must be complete at check-in. No repairs or alterations may be made after check-in unless previously approved. Lost pomps 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.
● The Madhatter must be 75% covered with pomps and will be up to the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.

Scoring Criteria:

● Quality of Construction
● Complete & Professional
● Originality & Creativity
● Accurately Reflect Theme
● Enthusiastic/Crowd Friendly

Deductions:

● 5 point deduction if the madhatter exceeds size limitations or uses non-battery electricity.

Any question related to the Madhatter Competition should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.
Madhatter Competition 2016 Rubric

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<td>Effort is shown in preparation and care of madhatter</td>
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<td>Lack of effort and care is apparent</td>
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<td>Complete and Professional</td>
<td>Madhatter is completely pomped, appropriate and well put together</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Wire visible through pomping, and faulty structure</td>
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<td>Originality and Creativity</td>
<td>Unique and imaginative artistic effort in designing the madhatter is present</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Low quality, low effort and no new ideas are portrayed</td>
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<td>Accurately Reflect Theme</td>
<td>Fully demonstrates and relates to the chosen theme</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Theme is not represented or discernable</td>
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<td>Enthusiastic/Crowd Friendly</td>
<td>Madhatter is energetic and interactive, displays various movements</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Madhatter has limited movement of both suit and wearer, minimal crowd interaction</td>
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The Madhatter Competition will be judged by invited faculty, students, staff and community members, as selected by the Judging Captains on the Competition Committee.

Deductions will be made from your overall Competition Point score for the following things:
- 10 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.
- 15 point deduction if the Madhatter fails to complete the parade route.
Float Competition
120 points

Description: Pomped floats participating in the parade using flatbeds may enter the Float Competition and will be judged as they pass the Allen Street Gates at the Friends and Family Tent.

Rules:

- Float construction will begin at Noon on the Sunday of Homecoming Week.
- Floats must meet all Parade Information and Float Regulations found on page 38.
- During the Thursday night inspection on the night prior to the parade the organization must have completed the following tasks.
  - The vehicle towing the float must be present for inspection.
  - If you are renting a vehicle to tow your float, you must rent it for Thursday and Friday.
  - You must also have a vehicle the Sunday after the Homecoming Football Game to transport your float to Recycle Your Float.
    - The vehicle towing the float must have a full tank of gas.
    - Slow moving vehicle triangle must be attached to the rear of the float and visible.
    - Flatbed must be properly hitched to the towing vehicle.
    - Flatbed brake lights must be attached to rear of the float, working, and visible.
    - There must be a 10-pound ABC fire extinguisher on the float.
- Organizations/pairs must report to the parade check-in table at the designated time with their floats. Floats arriving more than 15 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 airbrushing are prohibited during float construction.
- Float dimensions may not exceed 8ft wide X 20ft long X 15ft high (from the ground). 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.
- Floats will be inspected several times during float inspection and on Parade Day. 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 member of an organization caught vandalizing floats or any parade equipment will be immediately disqualified from all parade competitions and forfeit its Overall Competitor.
status, and in addition may also face legal action. IFC, the Panhellenic Council, and the State College Police Department will be contacted.

- Any organization that has a float subject to vandalism, and does not appear in the parade will be immediately disqualified from all parade competitions and forfeit its Overall Competitor status. This means that each organization is responsible for the safety and well being of its float at all times!
- Alcohol and other illegal substances are not permitted on Floats at any time. This includes during Float construction and on Parade Day. Organizations who are caught with alcohol or illegal substances will be disqualified from the Float Competition, will lose their security deposit, will have an automatic review of their participation by the Homecoming Executive Committee and will be reported to the State College Police.
- Homecoming is not responsible for any damage made to an individual organization’s personal property or property entrusted to that organization.
- Parade order is determined at random by the Parade Committee.
- Floats not complying with Police and Fire Regulations listed on page 38 at float inspection on parade day will be disqualified and not allowed to participate in the parade.

The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to disqualify any floats that do not meet quality standards.

Scoring Criteria:
- Is Complete & Fully Pomped
- Utilizes Flatbed Space Effectively
- Quality of Construction
- Consistent Use of Materials/Decorations
- Appealing Design/Color Scheme
- Creativity/Originality
- Use of Lights, Moving Parts, Etc.
- Relates to Organization/Pair’s Theme
- Promotes Penn State Spirit
- Appropriate for Audience
- Entertaining/Crowd Reaction

Deductions:
- 15 point deduction if the organization name(s) does not appear on the float.

Any questions concerning the parade should be directed to Nick Harvey, Parade Director, at paradehomecoming@psu.edu.
Any question related to the Float Competition should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.
# Float Competition 2016 Rubric

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<td>Complete, Fully pompred, quality of construction, Consistent use of materials/decorations</td>
<td>Float looks complete, pompoms are securely attached, care to make the float is apparent</td>
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<td>Float structure not well put together, wire visible through pompoms</td>
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<td>Appealing design, color scheme and creativity/originality</td>
<td>Unique and imaginative artistic effort in designing the float is present, visually pleasing</td>
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<td>Low quality, low effort and no new ideas are portrayed</td>
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<td>Use of lights, moving parts, utilizes flatbed space</td>
<td>Flatbed space is evenly distributed and covered, lights and moving parts are present and fully functioning</td>
<td>10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0</td>
<td>Excess space on flatbed not in use, no lights or moving parts are present</td>
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<td>Relates to organization’s theme</td>
<td>Fully demonstrates and relates to the chosen theme</td>
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<td>Theme is not represented or discernable</td>
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<td>Promotes Penn state spirit</td>
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<td>Audience appropriate/Crowd reaction</td>
<td>Fun to watch and very expressive, appropriate for all ages</td>
<td>10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0</td>
<td>Crowd is not responsive, not family friendly</td>
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The Float Competition will be judged by invited faculty, students, staff and community members, as selected by the Judging Captains on the Competition Committee.

Deductions will be taken from your overall Competition Point score for the following deductions:
- 50 point deduction for beginning float construction before the Sunday night of Homecoming week.
● 20 point deduction per infraction for not complying with Parade Information and Float Regulations on page 38 during initial on-site inspection.
● 30 point deduction if an organization is late for check-in
● 30 point deduction each time a member of your organization is caught smoking in the parade staging area or while on the float.
● 20 point deduction (minimum) if an organization or pair’s area is not cleaned prior to leaving the staging area.
● 30 point deduction per incident if a float makes any stop at any part of the parade route, unless directed to do so by Homecoming or Police personnel.
● 10 points will be deducted if a pomp pick-up time is not scheduled when the order is placed.
● 20 point deduction each time an object is seen being thrown from a float/vehicle.
**Spirit Points Competition**

**Description:** Overall competing organizations, pairs or triads can earn Spirit Points by attending various events before and during Homecoming Week! The top 3 organizations with the highest amount of spirit points will receive extra competition points towards determining the overall Homecoming winner. The overall Spirit Point winner will win an opportunity to be featured in the Homecoming Parade in a convertible! It is the organization’s responsibility to have the assigned number of participant’s check-in at the events. Only overall competitors can earn Spirit Points.

**Point Allotment:** Organizations can receive extra competition points by being one of the three pairs, or triads, with the largest amount of Spirit Points
- First Place: 100 Competition points awarded
- Second Place: 50 Competition points awarded
- Third Place: 25 Competition points awarded

**Events and Opportunities to earn Spirit Points:**

- **Homecoming Day of Service – 75 Spirit Points possible**
  - Organizations that participate in the Homecoming Day of Service on Saturday, April 19th may earn 15 points per participating member, up to 75 points.

- **Legacy Celebration – 150 Spirit Points possible**
  - 15 members of your organization, pair or triad must attend the event, participate in the activity, then check-in to receive the full 150 points (10 points per member).

- **The Homecoming 5k – 150 Spirit Points possible**
  - 10 members of each organization, pair or triad can earn 15 points per member, up to 150 points, by registering and participating in the Homecoming 5k. To receive the points, members need to sign in at Packet Pick up the day of the 5k.
  - All members after the first 10 will receive 5 spirit points per member.

- **Blood Drive – 145 Spirit Points possible**
  - Help save a life by donating blood at the Homecoming Blood Drive in the HUB.
  - Members of your organization, pair or triad should sign-in to donate at the Blood Drive to receive 10 points per member (Up to 10 members).
  - **If you pre-register to donate at the blood drive, you can earn up to 12 points per member**
    - If a member of your organization volunteers at the blood drive, you may receive 5 spirit points per 2 hour shift (Up to 5 members).
    - Organizations can earn up to 145 points by donating or volunteering in the blood drive.
• **Social Media Competition – 300 points**
  o Each day of Homecoming week through the Twitter account, @PSUHOMECOMING, a challenge or question will be posed and for every response that is tweeted by an organization, that pair/triad will receive 4 points. Organizations can earn a maximum of 60 points per day, for a total of 300 points for the week. In order for a tweet to count, organizations must tag @PSUHOMECOMING and their respective pair/triad in a hashtag format ending with FTG (For the Glory). For example: “#AXOPKTFTG”

• **Pollock Party Celebration – 200 Spirit Points possible**
  o 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must complete the activity and sign-in at the Spirit Points table to receive the full 200 points (20 points per member).

• **Past To Present – 200 Spirit Points possible**
  o 10 members of the organization, pair or triad must successfully complete the activity to earn the full 200 points (20 points per member).

• **For The Glory Talent Show – 300 Spirit Points possible**
  o Organizations can earn points for members attending the For The Glory Talent Show. **To earn points, all members must stay for the entire duration of the talent show.**
    Members must write the name of their respective organizations on the back of the ticket and submit tickets to Competition or Security captains upon exit of the building.
  o 15 members of each organization, pair or triad must submit tickets to receive the full 300 points (20 points per member).

• **Best of Penn State Carnival and Field Day – 120 Spirit Points possible**
  o Organizations can earn points for members dressing in theme during the Field Day Competition.
  o 15 points will be awarded to each member of the organization that dresses in theme.

• **Student-Alumni Ice Cream Social – 200 Spirit Points possible**
  o 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must attend in order to receive the full 200 points (20 points per member). Organization alumni are valid to check in for spirit points at this event.

• **Meetings – 200 Spirit Points possible**
  o Organizations must attend the appropriate meetings.
    o Spring Information Meeting – 50 points
      ■ One representative from each organization (2 total if paired) must be present and sign in to receive 25 points.
    o Fall Information Meeting – 50 points
      ■ One representative from each organization (2 total if paired) must be present and sign in to receive 25 points.
  o Parade Quiz – 25 Points
Completion of the Parade quiz with a score of 100% will receive 25 points.
- Spring/ Fall Security Meeting – 50 points
  - All 5 of each organization’s Security Committee members must be present to receive 25 points.

- **Homecoming Fundraisers – 300 Spirit points possible**
  - Organizations are encouraged to attend and sign in at one of the designated Homecoming fundraisers organized by the Finance Committee.
  - For each person in attendance 4 spirit points will be awarded. Members from each organization, pair or triad must sign-in over the course of all fundraisers to earn the full 300 points (4 points per member, max of 60 points per event).

- **Homecoming Directors, Captains, or Committee Members – 300 Spirit points**
  - To thank the organizations that 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). Spirit Points will be capped at 300 points per pairing.
    - Executive Committee Member 100 points
    - Captain 30 points
    - Committee Member/Security Leader 10 points

- **Homecoming Court Representative – 75 Spirit 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.
Any question related to the Spirit Point Competition should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.

Tailgate Competition

Description: The Student-Alumni Tailgate Competition is held right before the Homecoming football game and is open to current students as well as alumni. Tailgates are based off of four categories: best food, most creative, most Penn State spirit and best overall atmosphere. On the day of, judges help score all tailgates and reward winners with spirited prizes. This event helps promote Penn State pride and creates a fun atmosphere leading up to kick-off. Go State!

Rules:

- 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 Atmosphere
- Please be aware that, although alcohol is not forbidden for those of age, 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 and at registration tables outside Beaver Stadium the day of the event
Any questions related to the Tailgate Competition should be directed to Shannon McConnell, Alumni Relations Director, at alumnihomecoming@psu.edu.

Royalty

Description: Each year, the student body of Penn State University selects outstanding students, faculty members, and alumni to represent their University for that year on four courts of royalty. These courts, which will represent Penn State University throughout Homecoming week at events, such as the parade and the football game, are the Student Court, University Court, and Alumni Court. To nominate an outstanding student to become a member of the Homecoming Court, visit homecoming.psu.edu.

Student Court: The Student Court will be composed of 5 outstanding male and 5 outstanding female senior students, 2 of which, through a student voting process, will receive the honor of being crowned 2016 Homecoming King and Queen.

- Nomination Guidelines:
  - Penn State students are able to nominate an unlimited amount of Penn State seniors (fifth years included) during the nomination weeks. There will be one nomination week in the spring, as well as in the Fall.
  - To nominate a senior one must provide the nominated person’s name and email, along with a short description of why they are being nominated. Visit the nomination tables located on first floor HUB or visit homecoming.psu.edu

- Application, Interview, and Selection Process:
  - Depending on the number of nominees and the quality of the reasoning behind the nominations, the Royalty Director will use discretion to decide who is qualified to receive an application.
    - Please Note: Almost all students nominated will receive an application, as long as the reasoning behind the nomination is credible.
  - Those seniors who receive applications will have several days to complete and turn the application into the Homecoming office after which, the Royalty Director, Executive Director, and the Homecoming University Advisor and Graduate Advisor will review all applications and offer interviews to the top 10 males and top 10 females.
  - Those offered interviews will interview with a panel composed of members of the Penn State faculty and staff from which the top 5 males and 5 females will be named to the Homecoming Student Court.

- Voting Process:
  - Throughout Homecoming Week Penn State students will be able to vote for 1 male and 1 female to represent their university for the following year. At the Homecoming Football Game the male and female with the most votes will be crowned the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen.
  - Visit the voting tables located at various Homecoming events throughout the week or visit homecoming.psu.edu.

University Court: The University Court will be composed of 5 male and 5 female Penn State faculty members.

- Nomination Guidelines:
Penn State students are able to nominate an unlimited amount of Penn State faculty, and staff members during the nomination weeks. There will be one nomination week in the spring, as well as the first week of school in the fall. Visit the nomination tables located on first floor HUB or visit homecoming.psu.edu

To nominate a faculty and or staff member one must provide the nominated person’s name and email, along with a short description of why they are being nominated

**Selection Process:**
- The University Court Liaison Captain from the Royalty Committee will then form a panel of 6-8 respected students at Penn State to create a student panel which will select 5 nominated males and 5 nominated females to represent the University Court

**Alumni Court:** The Alumni Court will be composed of 3 male and 3 female Penn State alumni who were on Student Court during their time at Penn State.

- **Nomination Guidelines:**
  - The Royalty director will send out an application to every past Penn State Student Court member, there is no nomination needed.
  - **Application, Interview, and Selection Process:**
  - The Homecoming Executive Committee will review the applicants and choose 3 males and 3 females to represent the Alumni Court. No interview is necessary

**Nomination Dates:** Nomination weeks for both Student and University Courts will be in the Spring and Fall in the HUB. Specific days will be posted on the Homecoming Calendar.
Any questions about the Royalty process can be directed to Samantha Etzi, Royalty Director, at royaltyhomecoming@psu.edu.

**Winner Announcements**

- 1st - 3rd place Overall Competitors and 1st place Spirit Points will be announced at the Homecoming Football game.
- Awards for individual events will be announced via the Homecoming website and listserv.
Any questions about competing organizations should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu.

**Float Competition Supplies**

**Description:** All organizations participating in the Float or Madhatter competitions must purchase all float making supplies (i.e. chicken wire, wood glue, and pomps) through Penn State Homecoming and the Nittany Co-Op.

Pomps are 5 ½” by 5 ½” sheets of colored tissue paper sold in individual packs or cases of 24. Organizations are encouraged to purchase pomps in groups of 12 or 24. Each pack of pomps covers approximately 4 feet by 4 feet of a singly pomped float, or 2 feet by 2 feet of a doubly pomped float.

Chicken wire is sold in 36 inch by 25-foot rolls.

Wood glue is sold by the gallon.

**Instructions:** Float supplies will be distributed by the Nittany Co-Op and must be ordered through Penn State Homecoming. No outside ordering is allowed.

To order float supplies, organizations must create an account on the Penn State Homecoming Website (homecoming.psu.edu) and fill out the Float Supplies Order Form. The deadline to submit this form is located on the Homecoming website on the Organization Calendar.

All organizations—whether they are an Overall or Event Competitors—must bring a check made out to “Penn State Homecoming” or an ASA transfer to the Homecoming Office, 227B HUB, on the specified date.

**Deductions:** 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 Barbara Inman, Distribution Management Director, at distributionhomecoming@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 2016 parade competitions and the 2016 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 that 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 registered as a walking group is limited to a max 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 15 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 **10 Pound** 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. **The towing vehicle should be filled with gas prior to float staging to avoid any last-minute complications.**

● 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 2A/10BC rating) fire extinguisher is required for each flatbed/float. Fire extinguishers must be present at inspection and check-in. Two, 5 pound fire extinguishers are not an acceptable substitute.

● Anyone in need of a Fire Extinguisher may contact FratFix at 814-880-3131.

● 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.
- Anyone in need of a Fire Extinguisher contact Frat Fix at 814-880-3131.
- 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 Parade Day will have 50 points deducted from their overall competition score each time they are caught and they will be removed from the site.
  - 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 intoxication, 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 trash cans 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 the following year’s Homecoming celebration will come under the review by 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.
- Failure to vacate the premises upon warning from the Homecoming Security Committee will result in police notification.

Any question pertaining to parade rules, regulations or guidelines or registration as an Alumni or Community group should be directed to Nick Harvey, Parade Director, at paradehomecoming@psu.edu.
All Possible Competition Points Deductions

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

● 15 points per person will be deducted for failing to attend the Spring Information Meeting or Fall Information Meeting.
● 5 points per person will be deducted for each Security Committee Member who does not attend the Security Meeting, up to 25 points for unpaired Overall Competitors and 50 points for paired Overall Competitors.
● 10 points will be deducted for failing to complete the Parade quiz before float supplies pick up.

Miscellaneous:

● 50 points will be deducted for any organization that confirms a convertible and fails to provide it on Parade Day.
● 10 points will be deducted if a pomp pick-up time is not scheduled when the order is placed.
● 10 points will be deducted if pomp orders are not picked up at the scheduled time.

Banner Competition:

● 5 point deduction for failing to pick-up your banner from the office on Thursday or Friday from 227B HUB.
● 5 point deduction if the banner is made from incorrect materials.

For the Glory Talent Show:

● Deductions will be made before the additional points for the top 5 are factored.
● 5 point deduction for an act that is under or exceeds the time limit.
● 5 point deduction for each member of a performance who is deemed to have an inappropriate costume.
● 5 point deduction for each member of a performance who is deemed to have improper footwear.
● 5 point deduction if an organization’s CD and/or act description are turned in late.
● 15 point deduction if an organization/pair is unprepared at dress rehearsal.

Best of Penn State Carnival and Field Day

● Any organization, pair, or triad who flagrantly disobeys the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Field Day, forfeit all points that they have won and shall receive a 50 Point deduction.

Madhatter Competition:

● 10 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.
● 5 point deduction if the Madhatter exceeds size limitations.
● 15 point deduction if the Madhatter fails to complete the parade route.
Parade Day Security Deductions:
- These deductions apply to Overall Competitors only.
- 10 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 50 points for unpaired competitors and 100 for paired competitors.
- A warning, followed by a 50 point deduction will occur if 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.
- 15 points will be deducted if any organization uses tape on the sidewalks to reserve space on Parade Day, even after 9:00am.

Float & Parade Deductions:
- 50 point deduction for beginning float construction before the Sunday night of Homecoming week.
- 20 point deduction per infraction for not complying with Parade Information and Float Regulations on page 38 during initial on-site inspection.
- 30 point deduction if an organization is late for check-in
- 15 point deduction if the organization/pair’s name(s) does not appear on the float
- 30 point deduction each time a member of your organization is caught smoking in the parade staging area or while on the float.
- 20 point deduction (minimum) if an organization or pair’s area is not cleaned prior to leaving the staging area.
- 30 point deduction per incident if a float makes any stop at any part of the parade route, unless directed to do so by Homecoming or Police personnel.
- 10 points will be deducted if a pomp pick-up time is not scheduled when the order is placed.
- 20 point deduction each time an object is seen being thrown from a float/vehicle.

Any questions regarding deductions should be directed to Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu
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 Homecoming Competition without warning. That organization will lose their security deposit. In addition, the Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend an organization from future Homecoming Competition participation.

- 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. That organization can also lose their security deposit. Political propaganda, profanity and nudity of any kind are expressly forbidden.

- Multiple failures to attend the required Homecoming Organization meetings can result in disqualification from related events, including the parade. These meetings contain information essential to a successful and safe Homecoming celebration.

- Any organization who has 0 (Zero) Competition Points at any point after the start of Homecoming will have their participation and eligibility for future Homecomings reviewed by the Homecoming Executive Committee.

- All organizations who violate the rules and guidelines set place in the Homecoming 2016 Rulebook are subject to an automatic review by the Homecoming Executive Committee, and can have their participation in Homecoming 2016 revoked and their future participations restricted.

Registration:

- A fine of $20 will be levied for each day that an organization’s Pre-Registration money and receipts are late, up to one week. After 7 days, an organization will no longer be able to register as an Overall Competing Organization.

For The Glory Talent Show:

- Organization or pairs who fail to attend the tryout or 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.
Best of Penn State Carnival & Field Day:

- Any organization, pair, or triad who flagrantly disobey the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Carnival and shall receive a 50 point deduction from their Competition Score.
- Any organization, pair, or triad who flagrantly disobey the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Field Day and shall receive a 100 Spirit Point deduction.

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.
- If the Madhatter fails to complete the parade route, it will be disqualified and a 15 Competition Point deduction will be given.

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 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 celebrations.
- Floats checking in more than 15 minutes late on Parade Day will be disqualified and 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 Parade Information and Float Regulations listed on page 43 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 Maggie O’Brien, Competition Director, at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the difference between an Overall Competitor and an Event Competitor?**
   Overall competitors are organizations who are automatically registered for the Banner Competition, FTG Talent Show, BoPS Field Day Carnival, the Madhatter Competition, and the Float Competition. Event Competitors can select specific events they wish to participate in, like just the FTG Talent Show or Float Competition. The only time an organization is non-competing is if they are just walking in the parade.

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 Homecoming Calendar. Organization Chairs need to be signed in to see Overall Competitor Specific events. Also look for updates on the Homecoming list-serve, or in e-mails from the Competition Committee!

5. **I am interested in learning more about Homecoming and being informed about the events that are going on. How can I stay updated?**
   If you are a Competing Organization, you can contact the Competition Director at competitionhomecoming@psu.edu to be added to the MailChimp group to receive all updates pertinent to competing orgs. For the most recent event updates, you can visit the Homecoming Website located at homecoming@psu.edu. All general inquiries can be directed to the Executive Director at homecoming@psu.edu

6. **Can anyone participate in the Homecoming week events?**
   Absolutely! For more information about how to get involved with Homecoming events, contact the University Relations Director at universityhomecoming@psu.edu.

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), fifteen committee members for a triad. These committee members must be fully initiated members of each organization prior to the Fall 2016 semester. All Committee Members are required to attend the security meeting in the fall. 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, University, Alumni or First year court?**
   Nominations for Student & University Court can be made by Penn State students digitally in the HUB-Robeson Center & on the Homecoming website. Nomination weeks for both Student and University Courts will be one week in the Spring in the HUB, and one week in the Fall in the HUB. Specific dates are located on the Homecoming Calendar.

9. **What’s the difference between Spirit and Competition points?**
   Competition points are used to determine the event and overall winners for Homecoming 2016. Any organization who participates in an event is eligible to earn competition points. Competition points are awarded by judges based on the designated rubrics and adherence to requirements for each event. Spirit points can only be earned by Overall Competitors. Spirit points are based on participation. The top three organizations with the highest amount of Spirit points will be awarded Competition points as well as an alternate prize.

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 2016 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 and are encouraged to come to events such as the 5k.
- **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 cannot earn spirit points.
- **Judging Tents** – located at the intersection of College Ave & Allen St, also called the Family and Friends Tent, this is where participants in the Float Competition will be judged from.
- **Madhatter** – a large pomped 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, T-shirt, 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 for each organization involved.
- **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 the 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 but are attendance and participation based.