Banner Competition

450 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.
- 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 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 at the Parade Workshop on October 1st.
- Banners disqualified for any reason will not be allowed to appear in the parade.
- Submissions will be judged during Pollock Halls Celebration and will be picked up by organizations in 227B HUB on Thursday, October 8th by 5pm.

**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 the banner is made from incorrect materials or exceeds size limits
- 50 point deduction if the banner is submitted after the Parade Workshop
- 50 point deduction if organization fails to place name or theme on banner

Any question pertaining to the Banner Competition should be directed to Jaclyn Gross, Competition Director at [CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu](mailto:CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu)
# Banner Competition 2015 Rubric

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<td><strong>Design and Color, Use of Materials, Utilizes Size/Space</strong></td>
<td>No excessive white space in the banner, Design is pleasant and appealing to viewer</td>
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<td>Not colorful, excessive white space, design in unclear</td>
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<td><strong>Penn State/ Homecoming Spirit</strong></td>
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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.
**T-Shirt Design Competition**

**300 Spirit Points Possible**

**Description:** Organizations may submit up to three graphic design ideas for a general Penn State Homecoming merchandise T-shirt by September 11th. The submissions will be judged by the Homecoming Merchandise Committee members. The committee is comprised of students who have shown exceptional Homecoming spirit and were selected through an application and interview process. The top 3 vote receiving organizations will receive an allotted quantity of spirit points.

**Guidelines:**
- Organizations may submit up to three graphic design submissions
- The design may use pre-existing logos
- Use of the Homecoming theme is encouraged, but not required “A Legacy to Shape the Future”
- The design can be just for the front of a T-shirt, just for the back or both
- “Penn State Homecoming” must be included somewhere on the shirt

**Specifications:**
- The design must be submitted in a .ai, .png, or .jpeg format
  - .png and .jpeg submissions must be in 300dpi
- Organizations can either submit their designs via email to licensinghomecoming@psu.edu or on a CD to 227B (Homecoming office) HUB by September 11th at 5pm.

**Point Allotment:**
- Each organization will earn 10 spirit points for each design they submit. For a total of 30 spirit points
  - Winning designs points:
    - First place: 150 points
    - Second place: 100 points
    - Third place: 75 points

*Note: The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to reject inappropriate designs and change any design as seen fit.*

Any question pertaining to T-Shirt Competition point allotments or guidelines should be directed to Jaclyn Gross, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.

Any question pertaining to T-Shirt Competition specifications should be directed to Korynn Bernhardt, Merchandise Director at MerchHomecoming@psu.edu.
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 2015 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 September 23rd
- 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 Organization Relations Director by Sunday, September 20th.
- 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: Sept 23, Alumni Hall, 6-11pm**
- 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.

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 rewarded a spot in the FTG Talent Show. The number of performing organizations will be determined at the discretion of those judging the tryout process.

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 twenty organizations selected to participate in the FTG Talent Show 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.

Dress rehearsal: Monday, October 5 from 6 pm-11 pm

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.
For The Glory Talent Show

650 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.

Scoring Criteria for Day of Show:

- Rules & Regulations: 50 points
- Relation to Theme: 75 points
- Enthusiasm: 75 points
- Collaboration: 75 points
- Professional/Appropriate: 75 points
- Creativity: 100 points
- Crowd Response: 100 points

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.

- 20 point deduction if the group fails to set-up or clean the stage of props within 30 seconds.
- 30 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.
- 20 point deduction for each member of a performance who is deemed to have an inappropriate costume.
- 50 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 Dan Hamm, Organization Relations Director at OrgHomecoming@psu.edu

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For the Glory Talent Show 2015

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**Best of Penn State “BOPS” Field Day**

**500 Points Possible**

**THEME: USA**

**Description:** The Best of Penn State Field Day is a celebration of all of the different aspects of Penn State and includes various outdoor games designed to inspire Penn State and America pride. All Overall Competitors must participate in BOPS Field Day. Competition Points will be awarded based on an organization or pair’s participation in the **mandatory** field day events. There will also be spirit points awarded to the organization with the most USA spirit, as judged by carefully selected judges.

**Rules:**

1. Each organization must **send 4 competitors** and check in between 1:45pm and 2:00pm at the points check in table, located on the patio on Old Main Lawn.
2. Once all organization have checked in, Field Day will begin. Each organization/pair will participate in 6 different field day events.
3. Competition Points will be awarded based on how organizations place in the various games.
4. After 6 events, the top 6 teams will compete in a bonus event to determine the top 2 teams.
5. The top 2 orgs/pairs will then compete for bonus points.

- **Organizations are required to have four members available to participate in Field Day games and activities; eight total per organization pair**

- 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.

**Theme Spirit Points:**

- **Point Allotment:**
  - First Place: 150 Points
  - Second Place: 100 Points
  - Third Place: 50 Points

**Events:**

- **Ring Toss:** 15 points first place, 7 points second place
- **Tarp Football** 15 points first place, 7 points second place
- **Fishing:** 15 points first place, 7 points second place
- **Yankee Doodle:** 15 Points first place, 7 points second place
Event Rules & Descriptions:

- **Ring Toss**
  - Each team has 4 players; 2 per org
  - Sets of bottles will be placed across a grassy area, each with different point values
  - During the allocated amount of time each team will try to ring as many bottles as they can.
  - At the end of the time period the team with the most points wins
  - In case of a tie each team will be given four rings and whoever gets the most points wins

- **Tarp Football**
  - All teams will gather around a tarp containing different shape and size slots, each worth a different amount of points
  - Each team will be asked a trivia question related either to Penn State or the USA
  - Once the question is read, the teams who answered the question correctly will be allowed to throw a football at the tarp
  - After the given amount of time, the team with the most points wins
  - In case of a tie the tied teams will be given one more trivia question

- **Fishing**
  - Each team will consist of 4 players; two per org
  - Each team will be given a basket
  - Balloons will be placed all around the playing grid
  - Each participant will be given a pool noodle
  - During the given amount of time, participants will try to get as many balloons as possible into their team’s basket using only the pool noodle
  - At the end of the time period, the team who has the most balloons in their basket wins
  - In case of a tie the tied teams will race again for a shorter amount of time

- **Yankee Doodle**
  - Each team will consist of 4 players; two per org
  - Each team will be given a cone arranged in a circle, then number off 1-4
  - Balls will be placed in the middle of the circle; one fewer than the amount of teams
  - A number 1-4 will then be called off and that number for each team must run around the circle until they reach their cone then run in the middle, grab a ball, and bring it back to their team
  - The team who did not get a ball is out and one ball is removed for the next round
  - The team who grabs the last ball on the last round wins.

- **Pop the Balloons**
  - 4 members per team.
  - Balloon must be tied to the ankle of participants.
  - To pop balloon, participants must step onto balloons of opposing players.
  - All participants must stay in the boundaries provided or be called out.
  - Boundaries will become smaller as the game progresses.
  - Once one team remains, the game will end or if time runs out the team with the most players remaining will win.

- **Corn Hole**
- **Timed Event**: 1 minute
- 6 corn holes, set up in pairs
- Each pair will be called Corn Hole 1, 2, and 3
- 2 members will be shooting on one side, while 2 members from the other team will be shooting across from them
- Get bags from the side the team member shoots from
- 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 go into a shootout, where whichever team makes the first hole wins
- The winners of each round moves up one corn hole and the losers of the round moves down one corn hole
- At the end of the 5 minutes, whichever team wins corn hole 1 is 1st place and the losing team on corn hole 1 is 2nd place

**Relay Race**
- The top 6 teams will compete in the Relay Race.
- Every member present must participate in one event.
- The first team to complete all 5 activities successfully and cross the final finish line wins.
  - First Place is awarded 60 points
  - Second Place is awarded 40 points
  - Third place is awarded 20 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.
- If legs become separated the team must stop and tie back together before continuing.

**Dizzy Bat**
- 1 member per team will start.
- The member participating will spin 10 times with their forehead on the bat and the bat on the ground.
- Then the team member will run to the next checkpoint.

**Wheelbarrow Race**
- 2 members will compete.
- If the wheelbarrow breaks at any point (hand walker's feet touch the ground) the participants must switch positions and continue

**Potato Sack Race**
- 1 member per team
- Participant will hop to the next check point.

**Wiffle Ball**
- The final two teams will play a game of wiffle ball
- The game will be five innings or 30 minutes, whichever comes first
- Each team will have a catcher, pitcher, first, second, and third baseman and two to three outfielders
- An inning counts as each team batting
- Three outs mean the teams switch
- No stealing bases
- At the end of the game, the team with the most points is the winner
**Deductions:** Any organization, pair, or triad that flagrantly disobeys the rules or is caught cheating, or does not show up will be disqualified from BOPS Field Day and possibly the Homecoming Competition
### BOPS (Field Day) Competition

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Any question related to the Field Day should be directed to Jaclyn Gross, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.
Madhatter Competition
600 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 walking grounds 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 pomps may be replaced before judging. *Unless previously approved.
  - 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.
- Must be 75% covered and will be up the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee

**Scoring Criteria:**
- 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.

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<td>Complete and Professional</td>
<td>Madhatter is completely pomped, appropriate and well put together</td>
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<td>Wire visible through pomping, and faulty structure</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.
Float Competition

1100 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 Sunday, October 4th at 5pm.
- **During the inspection on the night prior to the parade, the vehicle that will be towing the float MUST have a full tank of gas**
- 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.
  1. 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. 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!
- Have someone guard your float at all times!
- Parade order is determined at random by the Parade Committee.

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

**Scoring Criteria:**
- Is Complete & Fully Pomped 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

**Deductions:**

- Floats not complying with Police and Fire Regulations at the initial float inspection will receive a deduction of 20 points per infraction.
- Floats not complying with Police and Fire Regulations at float inspection on parade day will be disqualified and not allowed to participate in the parade.
- 200 point deduction for beginning construction before Sunday, October 4th' at 5pm
- 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 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

Any questions concerning parade order should be directed to Deanna Javage, Parade Director at ParadeHomecoming@psu.edu.

Any question related to the Float Competition should be directed to Jaclyn Gross, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu.
# Float Competition 2015 Rubric

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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.
All Possible Competition Points Deductions

**Meetings:** – these deductions only apply to organizations required to attend the respective meeting.

- 25 points per person will be deducted for failing to attend the Spring Information Meeting or Fall Information 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.
- 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.

**Banner Competition:**

- Turn in Banner at Parade Day Workshop
- 30 point deduction for failing to pick-up your banner from the office on Thursday or Friday from 227B HUB
- 40 point deduction if the banner is made from incorrect materials.

**Talent Show:**

- Deductions will be made before the additional points for the top 5 are factored.
- 20 point deduction for an act that is under or exceeds the time limit.
- 20 point deduction for each member of a performance who is deemed to have an inappropriate costume or improper footwear.
- 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 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 and shall receive a 100 Spirit Point deduction.

**Madhattan Competition:**

- 50 point deduction if an organization or pair’s Madhattan is late for the designated check-in time. Madhattan check-in will be the same time as float check-in.
- 60 point deduction if the Madhattan exceeds size limitations.
- 100 point deduction if the Madhattan 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. 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.
- 25 points will be deducted per Security Committee Member who fails to assist in the clean-up of their assigned section of the parade route to the satisfaction of the Security Director. **This includes failure to check out at designated point following parade route cleaning.**
- A warning, followed by a 100-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.
- 30 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:

- 200 point deduction for beginning float construction before Sunday October 4, 2015 at 5pm.
- 50 point deduction for not complying with Parade Information and Float Regulations during initial on-site inspection.
- 50 point deduction if an organization is late for check-in.
- 25 point deduction if the organization/pair’s 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.
- 150 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.

Any questions regarding deductions should be directed to Jaclyn Gross, 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. 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, 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 meetings can result in disqualification from related events, including the parade. These meetings contain information essential to a successful and safe Homecoming celebration.

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 (April 18th at 5pm), 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 disobeys the rules or is caught cheating will be disqualified from BOPS Carnival and shall receive a 100 point deduction from their Competition Score.

- Any organization, pair, or triad who flagrantly disobeys 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 100 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.

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