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/. Policies Rules for Student Organizations can be found at http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/organizationrules.

- Paired organizations will also be held responsible for the actions of their partner organization. Penalties incurred due to failure to attend required meetings and events or failure to comply with the rules set forth by the Homecoming Executive Committee will affect both organizations, regardless of fault.

- Unruly or disruptive behavior or intoxicated participants will not be tolerated. If any member of a participating organization is found to be intoxicated or acting inappropriately during any Homecoming event, the Executive Committee reserves the right to remove that person and disqualify their organization from the event without warning.

- In addition to disqualification, persons or organizations may be subject to penalties from the University or State College authorities. Organizations disqualified due to inappropriate behavior may have their ability to participate in Homecoming for the current and coming years reviewed by the Executive Committee.

- The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to deny any participant(s) or organization(s) entry into any Homecoming event or competition.

- The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to disqualify any inappropriate designs or performances. For The Glory Talent Show performances, Banners, T-shirts, Madhatters, or Floats deemed to be inappropriate will be disqualified and will not be displayed or 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.
Pairing & Registration Guidelines

Organizations may register as:

**Overall Competitors**: These organizations will 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 the following competitions:

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

If an organization fails to participate in the following events, they will automatically be disqualified: Banner competition, For the Glory Talent Show, BOPS, Madhatter competition, and the Float competition.

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.**

**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 on Friday, October 9th 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 Tuesday, March 3rd
- Pairings are due between 1pm-4pm in 227B HUB on Friday, March 20th 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 “Organization A” in 2010 and “Organization B” in 2011, they may not pair with “Organization A” again until 2013 and “Organization B” until 2014.
- An Overall Pair may also accept a third organization to form an Overall Competing Triad.
  - A Triad may not consist of three organizations that all held Overall Competitor status at any time in the previous two (2) years.
  - For example, if three organizations were Overall Competitors in 2011 and/or 2012, they may not form a triad in 2013. A triad may consist of two (2) organizations that were Overall Competitors in the previous year and a third organization that was not an Overall Competitor in either of the previous two (2) years.
  - 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 Dan Hamm, Organization Relations Director at OrgHomecoming@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 Jaclyn Gross, 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.

Spring Information Meeting & Fall Info Meetings:

- Attendance at the Spring and Fall Info Meetings is mandatory for all organizations.
- At least one member from each competing organization must be present (2 total if orgs are paired, 3 if in a triad)
- Dates for these meetings can be found on pages 5.

Spring Security Information Meeting: April 15, 2015 8:30pm 100 Thomas

- 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.
- April 15, 2015 from 8:30 pm in 100 Thomas Building.
- 5 members from each Overall Competing organization must be present and sign-in using the card swipe system.
- Each member must bring his/her Student ID to the Security Meeting.
- This means 10 members total for pairs and 15 members total for a triad.
- The individuals who attend the Spring Information meeting will be the same members who will be volunteering for Parade Day.

Fall Security Information Meeting: September 30th and October 1st from 7-11pm (30mins long, orgs are assigned different time slots) 131 HUB.

- This will be a smaller meeting’s with only a few organizations in each to allow organizations to bring any questions or concerns that they might have.
- Attendance at the Spring Information is MANDATORY FOR ALL OVERALL COMPETING ORGANIZATIONS.
- The same 5 members who attended the Spring Information Meeting must be the same 5 members who attend the Fall Information Meeting. ID-swipe system will be used to check in members.
- Each member must bring his/her Student ID to the Security Meeting.
- This means 10 members total for pairs and 15 members total for a triad.

Parade Workshop: October 1st. 6-8pm, 102 and 104 Thomas

- Attendance at the Parade Workshop is mandatory for all organizations participating in the parade; this includes entering a float, riding in a vehicle, or walking.
- Required Parade equipment will also be distributed following the workshop.
• This meeting is comprised of two separate segments. One for organizations or pairs who are entering floats in the competition, and another for organizations who will walk or drive in the parade without a flatbed.
• 2 members from each organization must be present and sign-in (4 total if orgs are paired). At least one member signing in for each organization must be that organization’s Homecoming Chair and the other person must be the driver of the vehicle. PSU student IDs will be checked to enforce these rules.
• 20 points will be deducted for each person that fails to attend the parade workshop
• **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR FLOAT SUPPLIES UNTIL THE RULEBOOK QUIZ HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY YOUR HOMECOMING CHAIRS**