**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. 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:** 300 Competition points awarded
- **Second Place:** 200 Competition points awarded
- **Third Place:** 100 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 11th may earn 15 points per participating member, up to 75 points.

- **Legacy Celebration – 150 Spirit Points possible**
  - Come to Homecoming’s Legacy Celebration on April 22nd to show your Penn State pride!
  - 15 members of your organization, pair or triad must attend the event, participate in float pomping, then check-in to receive the full 150 points (10 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

- **Pollock Party Celebration – 200 Spirit Points possible**
  - Join the celebration in the Pollock quad on Monday, October 5th from 4pm to 7pm for fun, giveaways, food and performances by a variety of Penn State student groups and organizations! Make sure to check out each of the entries for the Banner and T-Shirt competitions too.
○ 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must complete a short Penn State Trivia quiz at the Trivia Booth and sign in at the Spirit Points table to receive the full 200 points (20 points per member).
○ You may also make a volleyball team and compete for spirit points in the volleyball tournament

- **Past To Present Scavenger Hunt – 200 Spirit Points possible**
  ○ Earn points by completing a Penn State & Homecoming themed bucket list in the HUB and returning it to the Spirit Point table.
  ○ This event will take place Tuesday, October 6th from 11-3pm in the HUB
  ○ 10 members of the organization, pair or triad must successfully complete and return the scavenger hunt to earn the full 200 points (20 points per member).

- **Student-Alumni Ice Cream Social – 200 Spirit Points possible**
  ○ Attend the annual Student-Alumni Ice Cream Social in the Hintz Family Alumni Center on Friday, October 9th and enjoy complimentary Penn State Creamery Ice Cream and other refreshments, entertainment and a chance to win great prizes!
  ○ 10 members of each organization, pair or triad must attend in order to receive the full 200 points (20 points per member). Organization alumni are valid to check in for spirit points at this event.

- **Meetings – 150 Spirit Points possible**
  ○ Organizations must attend the appropriate meetings.
  ○ **Spring Information Meeting – 50 points**
    • One representative from each organization (2 total if paired) must be present and sign in to receive 25 points.
  ○ **Parade Workshop – 50 Points**
    • Two representatives from each organization, 4 total if paired, 6 if in a triad, must sign-in to 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).
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- **Homecoming Directors, Captains, or Committee Members – 100 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)

- Executive Committee Member 75 points
- Captain 30 points
- Committee Member/Security Leader 5 points

- Homecoming Court Representative – 100 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 Jaclyn Gross, Competition Director at CompetitionHomecoming@psu.edu
All Possible Competition Points Deductions

**Meetings:** – these deductions only apply to organizations required to attend the respective meeting. See page 13 for further information.
- 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.

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

- These deductions apply to Overall Competitors only.
- 10 points per person will be deducted for each Security Committee Member who does not attend the Security Meeting, up to 150 points for triads 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 September 21st, 2015 at 5pm.
- 50 point deduction for not complying with Parade Information and Float Regulations on page 44 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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