



2019 Panther's Got Talent Participation Guide

Panther's Got Talent: October 9th 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Homecoming Week: October 6th-October 12th

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Participant Eligibility

To be eligible to apply to perform in Panther's Got Talent, one must meet the following requirements:

1. Must currently be an FIU student/ staff member (whether it be in BBC , MMC, Online, etc)
2. Ensure that you are in good standing with the University (conduct, academic, etc)
3. Submit all paperwork and forms **on time** and in the appropriate manner
4. You are not allowed to show any signs of affiliation to any organization, if it is under suspension, kicked off campus, etc.
5. Maximum amount of performance time is 3 minutes for solo performers, 5 minutes for Blue division, and 8 minutes for Gold division, if you exceed this limit then points will be deducted.
6. No use of profanity is allowed in any performances. For example, if you're using a song you must make sure there is no use of curse words, profanity etc. you must also make sure to have the song already edited and ready to be played.
7. Remember, that in order to keep your eligibility you must attend at least one general meeting, if large group one person(team captain) from each group must attend, which could be:
 - Sept 3rd, 2019 MMC at 6:00 pm
 - Sept 5th, 2019 MMC at 3:00 pm
 - Sept 9th, 2019 MMC at 12:00 pm
 - Sept 11th, 2019 MMC at 10:00 am
 - Sept 16th, 2019 MMC at 10:30 am
 - Sept 18th, 2019 BBC at 6:00 pm
 - Sept 25th, 2019 Online 11:45AM (<https://fiu.zoom.us/j/818973304>)

Application Process

1. All individuals who qualify to apply for Panther's Got Talent must submit the application no later than **September 23rd, 2019**. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** The application can be found online at:
Go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19
 - Once you send in your application to participate by (**September 23rd, 2019**), you should be contacted by **September 26th, 2019**, with a definite answer as to whether you have been approved to participate in Panthers Got Talent.
2. All individuals who expect to participate in Panther's Got Talent must attend at least **ONE** general meeting to be eligible for participation. (One representative for each group must attend)
3. For Spirit Teams, only the team captain needs to attend one of these meetings. It is their responsibility to relay the information to the rest of their team and ensure they are aware of the rules AND deadlines.
4. Applicants must also meet the deadlines given to them such as the following:
 - i. Deadline to apply: **September 23rd, 2019**.
 - ii. Deadline to send a 30 second attachment (video clip AND description) of your performance to Panthers Got Talent Chair:
September 26th, 2019
 - iii. Deadline to send a picture of yourself or your team to PGT Intern Nick Czerwinski (nczer002@fiu.edu):
September 26th, 2019
 - iv. Deadline to submit your music track or any additional audio needed for your performance (already edited) to PGT Intern Nick Czerwinski (nczer002@fiu.edu): **October 1st, 2019**
5. When submitting your application please be aware of the following categories:
 - i. **Stardom (Solo) Division:** consists of a One (1) participant.
 - ii. **Road to Fame (Small Group) Blue Division (2-6):** consists of a minimum of 2 individuals with the maximum capacity of 6 per team.
 - iii. **Superstar (Large Group) Gold Division (7-20):** consists of a minimum of 7 individuals with the maximum capacity of 20 per team.
 - iv. **Online Division:** geared towards FIU Online Students

We recommend you pick an appropriate team name so that announcements and media shout outs are more interesting. Be creative!

What to Expect

There will be three winners for first, second, and third place in each division.

- Judges will base their point system on:
 1. Presentation
 2. Creativity
 3. Timing
 4. Delivery
- Participants could receive **bonus** points by incorporating an element of FIU into their performance (**be creative!**) However, there are under no obligation to do so.
- No performance can exceed the set time limit for their category:
 - Solo division: 3 minutes
 - Blue Division: 5 minutes
 - Gold Division: 8 minutes
- Please keep in mind that these times include setup and break down.
- Your time will begin once the contestant (or team) gets on stage, time will end once the contestants and/or props are off the stage. (**PLEASE BE ON TIME**)
- If a performer is affiliated with a team and decides to enter into another category, they are allowed but they **WON'T** win points for the affiliated team. Ex: If team 1 and team 2 perform a dance together, and then team 1 is performing with team 3 then team 1 **will not** receive points for that 2nd performance. (**FOR SPIRIT TEAMS ONLY**)
- The last day to make any edits to the performance roster is **October 1st, 2019**. If any alternatives are to be used, send **ONE** email to Noe Calderon, Panthers Got Talent chair (fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com) detailing the names and Panther IDs of those replacements. **Up to two replacements may be utilized before this due date.**
- All participants must be dressed appropriately, or the team will be disqualified. Questions about appropriateness may be directed towards Noe Calderon, Panthers Got Talent chair, at (fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com).
- **Any performances deemed inappropriate by the advisor may cause the team to be disqualified.**
- Other clubs/organizations or teams **CAN NOT** be negatively portrayed on stage.
- While teams are performing, performers may only be on stage or on the side.
- Performers **CAN NOT** stand in front of the stage, jump off the stage or run through the audience.
- Any liquid, glitter, and/or powder-like material **will not** be allowed because of potential safety hazards.

- The stage must be left in the same condition as it was found. Teams/participants may use props, but all props must be taken off the stage at the end of the performance. Please note as stated before, setup and breakdown count toward on-stage time.
- Props **CAN NOT** be thrown from the stage during or after the performance.
- Props **CAN NOT** be stored in the arena.
- The Homecoming Council reserves the right to keep/throw away any props left behind.
- Any props not removed from the premises an hour after the show will receive appropriate deductions. **(Spirit Teams Only)**
- As a participant you must be aware of your deadlines and be aware that failure to meet these deadlines will result in point deduction towards your performance.
- All dates and times are **FINAL**; no rescheduling, every person on the team must be available during performance time or your performance slot will be cancelled. **No exceptions.**
- It is very important that you follow the deadlines, especially the one for the music and photo. If you want to have the correct music and be featured at the entrance, you must submit these on time. There is very little time to make and approve any changes.
- By **October 1st, 2019** all participants should be receiving a schedule of the show order so that they are aware of their performance time and can plan accordingly. All performers **MUST** be at the venue at 5:00pm regardless of the time at which they are supposed to perform.
- On the day of the show it is very important that all talent arrive to the convocation center by 1pm, so that they may have enough time to rehearse and prepare their performance. If you find that you will not be available to meet at that time, please email Panthers Got Talent Intern Nick Czerwinski (nczer002@fiu.edu) so that we may figure out an appropriate time for you to arrive. If you wish to leave after your rehearsal time please make sure to arrive at the venue no later than an hour and a half before the show begins, and make sure you are all prepared to perform.

Attendance

In order to secure your spot as a participant in Panther's Got Talent, it is very important that you meet the required general meetings and show up on time to the Panther's Got Talent rehearsal:

General Rules Meeting

- Sept 3rd, 2019 MMC at 6:00 pm
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If you are in the Solo division you must attend **ONE** general meeting **no exceptions**, if you are on a team division at least one individual (team captain) must attend **ONE** general meeting.

*******Failure to do so will result in Disqualification*******

Day of Panther's Got Talent:

- All talent must arrive to Ocean Bank Convocation Center (where the event will be taking place), at 1pm in order to facilitate a smooth rehearsal before the actual show, The actual event begins at 6pm, so it is important that we allocate enough time for everyone to rehearse and practice their piece.
- If you missed your rehearsal time, that is on you and Homecoming will not be held liable.
- If you wish to leave the arena after your rehearsal you must be back at the venue an hour and a half before the show begins (meaning be at the arena at 5:00pm, if you are late, do not show up) dressed and ready to start.
- If you encounter any difficulties with arriving at 1pm, please email the PGT Intern Nick Czerwinski (nczer002@fiu.edu) by a week before the actual event (therefore, must email by **October 1st, 2019**) so that we may come up with a solution.

Participant Divisions

Stardom Division (SOLO)

- Otherwise known as the solo division, there can only be one person performing for this division
- No more than one person is allowed
- The maximum amount of time that you have for this division is 3 minutes. In other words, Your time will begin once the contestant gets on stage, time will end once the contestant is off the stage.
- If a performer is affiliated with a team and decides to enter into another category, they are allowed but they **WON'T** win points for the affiliated team (**Spirit Teams Only**).
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- Other clubs/organizations or teams **CAN NOT** be negatively portrayed on stage.
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- Performer **CAN NOT** stand in front of the stage, jump off the stage or run through the audience.
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Road to Fame Division (BLUE) small group

- One of the Group divisions.
- The minimum amount of people you must have in this category is 2 people with a maximum amount of 6 people per team.
- The maximum amount of time that you have for this division is 5 minutes, which includes setup and breakdown. In other words, Your time will begin once the contestants get on stage, time will end once the contestants and/or props are off the stage.
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Superstar Division (GOLD) large group

- Our second group division
- The minimum amount of people you must have in this category is 7 people with a maximum amount of 20 people per team.
- The maximum amount of time that you have for this division is 8 minutes, which includes setup and breakdown. In other words, Your time will begin once the contestants get on stage, time will end once the contestants and/or props are off the stage.
- If a performer is affiliated with a team and decides to enter into another category, they are allowed but they **WON'T** win points for the affiliated team (**Spirit Teams Only**).
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- Any props not removed from the premises an hour after the show will receive appropriate deductions. The Homecoming Council reserves the right to keep/throw away any props left behind.
- All dates and times are **FINAL**; no rescheduling, every individual must be available during performance time or your performance slot will be cancelled. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Online Division

- This division is geared towards our FIU online students
- The maximum amount of time that you have for this division is 2 minutes. Video performances will be played during intermissions at Panther's Got Talent.
- If a performer is affiliated with a team and decides to enter into another category, they are allowed but they **WON'T** win points for the affiliated team (**Spirit Teams Only**).
- The last day to turn in performance videos is **October 1st, 2019** and email Noe Calderon, Panthers Got Talent chair (fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com). Homecoming Council has the right to **accept or deny** any video submissions.
- All participants must be dressed appropriately or the team will be disqualified. Questions about appropriateness may be directed towards Noe Calderon, Panthers Got Talent chair, at (fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com) Any performances deemed inappropriate by the advisor may cause the team to be disqualified.
- Other clubs/organizations or teams may not be negatively portrayed in performance videos.
- All dates and times are **FINAL; NO EXCEPTIONS**

Judging point system

Categories

The judging for the performers will be based off of a point system that will be separated into different categories.

The categories are as follows:

- Presentation/ Stage presence
- Creativity
- Timing
- Delivery/quality
- Ability to involve FIU in some way (**Bonus**)

Placement and prizes

For each category there will be a First, Second, and Third. Each will have its corresponding award. There will also be an additional bonus point category for Crowd favorite which will involve the audience to vote on after all performers have gone on stage using a ballot like system through google forms.

Crowd Favorite

- Once all performers have gone, The audience will receive information about a google form that they can fill out on their phone to cast their vote. This will be another way to gain bonus points!

Point deductions

- The Homecoming Council reserves the right to decide upon any further point deductions based on the actions of participants.
- If contestants do not turn in their music track on time that is a point deduction, same will apply for any deadlines that need to be made. For every deadline not met, a point is deducted, **NO EXCEPTION.**
- If contestants go over the time limit set for their performance (3 minutes for solo performers, 5 minutes for blue division, 8 minutes for gold division) then it is another point deducted.

possible point deductions:

- Did not meet deadlines
- Went past the set amount of time given for their category
- Did not attend any meetings (could also result in disqualification)
- Inappropriate content (curse words, insulting other organizations etc)
- Inappropriate costumes
- Intoxicated participants
- If a team represents an organization that has been kicked off or is not in good standing with the university
- If props are thrown off the stage or individuals jump off the stage during or after a performance.
- If they don't leave the stage how they found it

*******CAN AND WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION*******

How will the winner be determined?

1. All three judges that have been asked to assess the show, will count their individual score for each performer. Then we will average all three and see which one has the most, least etc from each division.
2. From there we will determine who won First, second, and third place in their corresponding division.
3. When called upon, behave appropriately and walk onto the stage to receive award and recognition.