



# 2019 Rules & Regulations Guide

Homecoming Week: October 6th-12th

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## **Important Homecoming Dates and Locations**

July 17, 2019	Homecoming Participation Application Opens Link: <a href="http://go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19">go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19</a>
September 12, 2019 Time: 5PM	Court Applications Due Link: <a href="http://go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19">go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19</a>
September 16 - September 20 Time: TBD	Court Interviews (Mandatory for Pageant Participation) Location: TBD
September 3, 2019 Time: 6PM-7PM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 316
September 5, 2019 Time: 3PM-4PM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 314
September 9th, 2019 Time: 12PM-1PM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 305
September 11, 2019 Time: 10AM-11AM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 305
September 16, 2019 Time: 10:30AM-11:30AM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 241A
September 18, 2019 Time: 6PM-7PM	BBC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Wolfe University Center 159
September 23, 2019 Time: 11:45AM-2:15PM	ONLINE Rules & Regulations Meeting Link: <a href="https://fiu.zoom.us/j/818973304">https://fiu.zoom.us/j/818973304</a>
September 23, 2019 Time: Submit by 5PM	Homecoming Participation Registration Forms Due Link: <a href="http://go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19">go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19</a>

September 23, 2019  
Time: Submit by 5PM

Spirit Team Rosters Due  
Email: [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com)

October 5, 2019  
Time: 5PM-7PM

Royal Reunion  
Location: Biscayne Bay Area in Football Stadium

October 7, 2019 - October 8, 2019  
Time: 8AM (Oct. 7) - 5PM (Oct. 8)

Viewer's Choice Floor Sticker Contest  
Location: Graham Center

October 6, 2019  
Time: 7PM-10PM

Court Pageant  
Location: GC Ballrooms

October 7th, 2019  
Time: 9AM-2PM

Court Voting  
BBC WUC Tabling hallway, Engineering center & I-75 campus  
Location: WUC Lobby

October 8th, 2019  
Time: 8AM-4PM

Court Voting  
MMC GC Tabling hallway, Engineering center & I-75 campus  
Location: GC Computer Labs

Rules and Regulations Meetings serve to inform teams and participants of upcoming dates and events they need to be aware of. All spirit team captains, solo performers, or PGT team captain must attend at least ONE of the seven informational meetings listed above.

## **General Information**

### *Homecoming Mission Statement:*

The purpose of the Florida International University Homecoming promotes Panther pride with the goal of connecting administration, alumni, faculty, staff, and students, along with the local community, in an effort of unification and raising spirits. The Homecoming Council reminds everyone that enthusiasm and entertainment are the main goals of all Homecoming events!

### Application requirements:

- You must choose a team captain as they will be the person communicating with the Homecoming Council and ensuring all forms are submitted before the deadline.
- Team Captains must attend at least **one** Rules and Regulations Meeting in order to participate in any Homecoming 2019 event.
- The team's captains are responsible for communicating all information discussed at the Rules and Regulations meetings to their teams.
- Team eligibility requires at least one active FIU student taking nine credits in the fall semester. All participants must be currently enrolled students (undergraduate or graduate) or faculty/staff of Florida International University.
- Must have a full understanding of the rules and regulations.
- Any single participant or team can win any of the events based on their ranking at the end of each event. Total points awarded to teams or participants will determine the overall spirit team winner at the end of the week.
- A team may choose whether or not to participate in one or more Homecoming events. The team will gain points for participating and winning, but will not be penalized for choosing not to participate in such events.
- The Homecoming Participation Form needs to be submitted by September 23rd, 2019 by 5pm. This form can be found online at [go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19](http://go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19).
- If a team is participating in an event that requires a roster, it must be submitted by September 23rd, 2019 at 5pm to [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com). The roster form requires the name of the participants and their Panther IDs.
- Participation and attendance of any Homecoming events will be crucial to

deciding the Overall Winner.

- The Florida International University Homecoming Council reserves the right to keep scoring confidential.
- Scoring will be kept confidential until a cumulative total is reached at the end of Homecoming week. Team captains can send a request to the advisor for their respective team scores.
- Any material that is to be submitted to the Homecoming Council (including registration forms, sketches, posters, banners, and music) must be turned in digitally via email or at any of the Rules and Regulations meetings.
- All students **must** abide by the University Policies and Procedures, FIU Student Code of Conduct, and by the Environmental Health and Safety contained in the student handbook.

**If any participant of a competing team violates any of the rules listed here in the 2019 Homecoming Rules & Regulation Packet he, she, or they will be removed from the competition roster as well as their team or organization.**

## **Spirit Teams Guidelines**

### **What are spirit teams?**

A spirit team is a group of people coming together demonstrating their school spirit, while uplifting those around them. This is a perfect opportunity to build positive relationships with various organizations on our campus. Homecoming Council supports the partnership of organizations as a spirit team if the team so chooses to, but is not mandated to be paired. If your organization chooses to do so, they will get to choose who they wish to partner with! If one organization chooses to stop participating, both teams will have to forfeit or one organization's points will start from the beginning. Spirit Teams provide friendly competition to make the Week of Homecoming even more enjoyable!

The Homecoming Council strongly encourages teams to be formed by joining different organizations, but it is **not** mandatory! A **maximum of 3** organizations can be paired to create one team, as long as their roster does not exceed 50 members.

### **How is the winner decided?**

A set amount of points will be allotted based on varying factors. These include:

1. Participation
2. Winning at events
3. Attendance

**\*\* Any violations resulting in point deductions. Once the 3rd violation is given, the team will be disqualified. \*\***

### **Expectations of Spirit Teams**

- Organizations that chose to participate in Florida International University Homecoming represents the University and will abide by the FIU Student Code of Conduct **at all times**. By registering to participate in any Homecoming events, organizations agree to abide by the Student Code of Conduct and to follow the rules and regulations set forth in this Rules and Regulations packet for Homecoming 2019.
- Any organization that is on suspension, under investigation, or not recognized by

the University is not allowed to participate as a spirit team, even if it is alone or paired with another organization.

- Paired organizations will also be held responsible for the actions of their partner organization. Penalties incurred due to failure to comply with the rules set forth by the Homecoming executive council will affect both organizations.
- Troublesome and intoxicated behavior of participants will **not be tolerated**. If any member of a participating organization is found to be inebriated or disruptive during a Homecoming event, the advisor reserves the right to remove that person and disqualify their organization from the event without warning.
- The Homecoming Council reserves the right to deny any participants or organizations entry into any Homecoming event or competition, **within reason**.
- The Homecoming Executive Board reserves the right to disqualify any inappropriate designs or performances. Panthers Got Talent performances, banners, or parade floats deemed to be inappropriate will be disqualified and not allowed to be displayed or permitted to participate in Homecoming.
- Political propaganda, profanity, and nudity are expressly forbidden for all Homecoming week events and pre-events. A violation of this rule can result in disqualification of the entire team.
- All decisions made by the Homecoming Executive Board and advisor are final.
- Any and all rules and regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Board and advisor. Any modifications or additions to the rules and regulations will be announced appropriately.
- Lack of awareness and acknowledgment of the Homecoming Rules and Regulations **do not** excuse participants of unacceptable behavior.

### **Participation**

Spirit Teams will **gain points** for the following events in which they choose to participate:

1. Panther's Got Talent: Submission of a team will earn participation 50 points.
2. Homecoming Court/Pageant: if an individual from a spirit team roster participates, their team will receive 75 points
3. Spirit Team Commercial Competition: Sending an entry to



[rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com) will allow spirit team to participate in commercial competition. The commercial will be posted on the @FIUHC Instagram. Points will be based on likes on the post. Spirit team's post will be ranked based upon likes only:

1st place: 30 points

2nd place: 20

3rd place: 15

Participation: 10

4. Banner Competition: Each Spirit Team will need to create a banner that exemplifies FIU Pride. They will be hung up around the Graham Center Atrium and be judged by faculty and staff:

1st place: 50 points

2nd place: 40

3rd place: 30

Participation: 20

5. Parade: Each participating Spirit Team will receive points based upon the method of participation in parade festivities

Walking Team: 20 Points

Walking Team with Banner: 30 points

Decorated Car: 40 Points

Float: 50 Points

6. The Uncaging: Panthers on the Lawn: Spirit Teams receive 50 points for setting up a game booth for attendees of The Uncaging. Suggestions include, but are not limited to:

Hopscotch

Pin the Tail on Roary

Balloon Darts

Ring Toss

Bags

Duck Pond

Color Match

Face Painting

**Get creative!**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** As the objective is to encourage involvement throughout the entire week, we **will not award points** if a team chooses not to participate in any of the events listed above. **\*\***

### **Winning of Events**

If a Spirit Team wins one of the following events, they will gain **bonus points** as follows:

1. Panther's Got Talent: 100 bonus points will be awarded if the group places in the competition.
2. Parade: 60 bonus points will be awarded to the team deemed as a winner of the Homecoming Parade

### **Attendance**

Spirit Team must submit their team rosters by **September 23rd @ 5pm**. Please have your Homecoming Team Captain keep a copy of all materials including applications and rosters. **Please note all of the deadlines. Late applications will not be accepted!**

Attendance will be taken at all Homecoming events, so team members **must bring their FIU OneCard to be able to sign-in** and be counted as present.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You will only submit **ONE** roster, not separate rosters for each event. The Spirit Team rosters are used for attendance and any team members who will be participating in HC events need to be on this roster. They also need to submit forms, paperwork, and meet the requirements for each specific event such as Panther's Got Talent. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure this information is submitted by the deadlines.

**ONLY** the names on the roster count towards the team's attendance score. **PLEASE NOTE** that once a person is added to the roster, they **CANNOT** be removed! So, they will continue to count for or against your team's total percentage.

The percentage of team members present will determine how many points are awarded:

**80% + of entire team = 60 points**

50%-79% of entire team = 30 points

30%-49% of entire team = 10 points

0%-29% of entire team = 0 points

### **Violations and Point Deductions**

Violations of any Homecoming or University rules will result in point deductions. **Once the 3rd violation is given, the team will be disqualified.** Refer to the guidelines for **each individual event** to minimize deductions. The Homecoming Council reserves the right to decide upon further deductions that are not explicitly stated in this packet.

20 points will be deducted for each of the following violations:

- If someone is caught trying to check-in as someone else to increase a team's attendance
- Bashing or insulting another organization/team during events AND throughout the Week of Homecoming.
- Any violation that is described in individual event packets

### **Group Divisions**

Spirit Teams will be placed into two different categories based on the number of participants on their roster:

Small Group Division: 10-20 team members

Medium Group Division: 21-30 team members

Large Group Division: 31-50 team members

Spirit Teams can be made-up of a maximum of 3 Registered Campus Organizations, if the spirit team chooses so but is not mandated. Teams are allowed to pair with any organization as long as they are recognized by FIU and in good standing with the organization. For example, you can form a team from an honor society, multicultural greek organization, and club **IF** the size of your team fits into these divisions.

These categories are meant to make the competition fair, especially when counting attendance points. If the Homecoming Council believes a group should be moved into a different category, we reserve the right to do so. These decisions will be made for the benefit of all groups.

**All questions or concerns should be directed to the Rules and Regulations  
Chairperson,(Shenya Belizaire), [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com)**

### **Commercial Competition for Spirit Teams**

This Commercial Competition is a new way to promote Homecoming events while incorporating your own team members! These commercials will be uploaded to the @FIUHC Instagram account.

Points are allotted based on participation AND winning. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded based on the amount of likes and comments on each video.

Your commercial must:

- Be between 30-60 seconds
- Emailed to [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com) by October 1st at 5pm
- NOT include any profanity, or inappropriate content
- Highlight FIU pride

If a post is seen with an excessive amount of likes and comments from accounts that appear to be a Rho Gamma, fake account, or any account that was created/used for the sole purpose of boosting likes and comments, **we will issue a violation of 50 points.**

All posts will be counted on the day of Panther's Got Talent.

- a. Competition starts: **October 6th, 2019 at 11 AM**
- b. Competition ends: **October 9th, 2019 at 11:59 PM**

## **Banner Competition Guidelines**

The banner should be a representation of your team as well as a representation of FIU spirit!

### **Rules and Regulations:**

- Banners deemed by the judges and/or Homecoming council as racist, sexist, slanderous, offensive, vulgar, etc. will be **disqualified**. This violation will result in the disqualification of the entire team from Homecoming.
- All banners must be no larger than 3ft x 4ft. The banner must not be more than 3 inches in depth. The banner can be vertical or horizontal and must have holes on the top of the banner in order for the banner to hang in the Atrium.
- All banners must have the team name displayed on it.
- Printed banners will not be accepted for judging.
- Banners will be judged based on the use of creativity, originality, and school spirit.
- Banners will not be returned to the teams unless specifically requested.
- The use of Roary, FIU logos and non-FIU trademarked logos is **prohibited**.
- 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. Banners must come with holes already placed so they can be displayed. Banners without holes run the risk of being damaged.
- Banners disqualified for any reason **will not** be allowed to appear in the parade. These decisions are final and non-negotiable.
- Enclosed with any entry must be the following information: team captain, phone number, email, team name, and organization. If not included with the entry, it will be disqualified.
- Banners will be turned into the Homecoming office along with the above information by Monday, October 1st at 5PM.
  - Banners will be returned to participants starting on October 11th from 11am-4pm. On the day of the parade, banners will no longer be returned.

Any question pertaining to the Banner Guidelines should be directed to, Rules and

Regulations Chairperson, (Shenya Belizaire) at [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com)  
Competition Information

Team Captains

For the 2019 Homecoming, the Team Captain will hold a small but important role. The team captain will be trusted to complete the following tasks:

- *Panthers Got Talent & Parade Waiver Pick-Up/Drop-Off*

For those teams participating in the Panthers Got Talent and Parade event, waivers must be signed BY EVERY PARTICIPANT that is eligible to participate in the event itself. The team captain must have their ENTIRE team sign the spaces required by the Homecoming Council. Team captains will need to return the folder to the Homecoming Office and a schedule will also include drop-off dates, the last day to drop off the waiver will be **October 2 at 5pm**. Failure to complete this task will result in the disqualification of your team/organization.

- Attending Team Captain Meetings

The Rules & Regulations Chairpersons alongside the Assistant Director of Administration will conduct a series of meetings closer to the time of Homecoming. These meetings will provide an overview of the Homecoming festivities. Failure to complete this task will result in the disqualification of your team/organization.

September 3, 2019 Time: 6PM-7PM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 316
September 5, 2019 Time: 3PM-4PM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 314
September 9th, 2019 Time: 12PM-1PM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 305
September 11, 2019 Time: 10AM-11AM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 305
September 16, 2019 Time: 10:30AM-11:30AM	MMC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Graham Center 241A
September 18, 2019 Time: 6PM-7PM	BBC Rules & Regulations Meeting Location: Wolfe University Center

September 23, 2019  
Time: 11:45AM-2:15PM

ONLINE Rules & Regulations  
Meeting

Link: <https://fiu.zoom.us/j/81897330>

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**Please Note: Team Captains only need to attend ONE meeting.**

Provide Your Team with Time Management Supervision

The Homecoming Council trusts team captains to ensure that their team is present and prepared for the event. Failure to complete this task will result in the disqualification of your team/organization.

Any question pertaining to the Team Captain Responsibilities should be directed to, Rules and Regulations Chairperson (Shenya Belizaire) at [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com)

## RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

*(Student)*

I, the undersigned, as a student of Florida International University, do hereby agree and promise the following for and in consideration of my being allowed to participate in the Homecoming Parade event held on October 12th, 2019 and all activities related thereto.

My participation in the Event is voluntary and is not a requirement of my curriculum at FIU. I have chosen to participate in the Event because of the cultural, social and educational experiences I will gain. I acknowledge that I am neither an agent nor representative of FIU and may not look to the University or the State of Florida for reimbursement of expenses. I accept full responsibility for all costs and expenses associated with my participation in the Event.

I further acknowledge that, in the course of the performance of any activities which I have voluntarily assumed to perform during this Event, I expose myself to risks, known and unknown, of property damage or loss, as well as personal injury that could be painful, permanently disfiguring or debilitating, including broken bones, partial and/or total paralysis, other ailments that could cause serious disability, and/or and death.

I further expressly agree that this Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement is intended to be broad and as inclusive as the laws of the State of Florida will allow, and that if any portion thereof is held to be invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding the invalid portions, will continue in full legal force and effect.

I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives and assigns voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge and relinquish and to indemnify and hold harmless FIU, from and against all claims, suits, or causes of action for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise from my participation in the Event and its related activities or from personal unrelated activities whether the same should arise by reason of negligence of anyone organizing or participating in the Event or otherwise. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging, and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the FIU. I agree that, under no circumstances, will I or anyone claiming through me, prosecute or present any claims for personal or bodily injury property damage or loss, or wrongful death against FIU.

I, for myself and any others claiming through me, accept full responsibility for safety and expenses and assume the complete risk of any injury to myself or my property which may arise out of or in the course of my participation in this Event.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND, BY SIGNING IT, AGREE THAT IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE FIU FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Print Name*



## **Panthers Got Talent Guidelines**

October 9, 2019

### **Categories:**

- Each person will be able to choose from three categories:

Stardom (Solo) = 1 participant

Road to Fame (Blue) = 2-6 participants

Superstar (Gold) = 7-20 participants

The names and Panther ID's of the participants must be turned in through the link [go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19](http://go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19).

- Time limits will be set for performances based on the group's division. This time limit **includes** setup and breakdown, and will cause serious point deductions if participants exceed it:

Stardom (Solo) = 3 minutes

Road to Fame (Blue) = 5 minutes

Superstar (Gold) = 8 minutes

- A performer must cue the DJ when to start the music.
- Time begins once contestant steps on stage (if it is a team then time begins when they're all on stage)
- Time ends when performer and any props are off the stage. Remember that points will be deducted if the time limit is exceeded.
- 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.

### **Participation:**

- Participants in any division do not have to be registered with a team to compete in this Homecoming event. Students, faculty, staff and/or alumni are welcome to register.
- Performers must all check in at the time of their rehearsal with a valid Panther ID (the rehearsal time will be at 1pm day of the show) and arrive 1 hour and 30 minutes before the event starts. If there are performers who cannot meet these criteria, an email, including the name, team affiliation, panther ID, and reason for tardiness must be submitted to [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com) and CC [fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com) by October 1st at 5pm.

- There will be a limited number of performances allowed to perform in each division; the more prompt you are with turning in your registration, the more likely you will be ensured a spot. Team captains **MUST** be present at a General Rules Meeting in order to receive additional information regarding Homecoming events.
- The last day to make any edits to the performance roster is October 1st by 5PM. If any alternatives are to be used, send **ONE** email detailing the names and Panther IDs of those replacements to the Panther's Got Talent Chairperson, Noe Calderon ([fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com)). Up to two replacements may be utilized after this due date.
- All participants must be dressed appropriately or the team will be disqualified. Questions about appropriateness may be directed towards Noe Calderon, the Panther's Got Talent Chairperson, at [fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com).
- Any performances deemed inappropriate by the advisor may cause the team to be disqualified.
- Other clubs/organizations or teams **cannot** be negatively portrayed on stage.
- While teams are performing, only PGT performers are allowed to be on stage or on the side.
- Performers **cannot** 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: setup and breakdown count toward on-stage time.**
- **ONLY** acoustic guitars, box drums, and/or keyboard are allowed on stage. **NO FULL BANDS** can perform due equipment and time restrictions.
- Props **cannot** be thrown from the stage during or after the performance.
- Props **cannot** be stored in the arena.
- Any props not removed from the premises an hour after the show will receive appropriate deductions. The Homecoming Council reserves the right to keep and throw away any props left behind.
- 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.
- The deadline to send a picture of yourself or your team is October 1st, 2019 by 5pm.
- A total of 6 microphones will be provided. Keep this in mind when planning performances.

### **Music Submission:**

- There is no limit on the number of songs a team may perform. Songs used in the performance must be edited for content and lyrics.
- An edited version of the music being used for competition must be turned in for review by 5PM on October 1st to the contact listed below. The music must be submitted in mp3 format and uploaded to the Google Drive link that we will provide. As a backup, also email music to:  
[fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com)
- Once a team has turned in the first original draft, songs and format can NO longer be changed UNLESS deemed inappropriate by the Logistics chairperson and /or AD of Administration.
- If your music is not approved and a team is asked to submit any changes, it must be done by Thursday, October 1st and turned in by 5PM to GC 2214 and emailed to [fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com). Once the music has been approved it can no longer be changed.

### **Registration and Points:**

- The registration form must be submitted through the google forms at [go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19](http://go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19).
- **The use of alcohol/drugs by participants/team members before or during the competition will result in the disqualification of that team.**
- Panthers Got Talent will be judged on the following categories: Presentation, Creativity, Timing, and Delivery.
- Bonus points will be provided to teams that involve an element of FIU into their performance. This is not mandatory, but will greatly increase scores.

The AD of Administration is the **ONLY** person allowed to make executive decisions in regards to any special changes, directions, rules, timing, etc. on the day of Panthers Got Talent, in consultation with the HC Advisor

**Any questions or concerns to Panthers Got Talent should be directed to the Panthers Got Talent Chairperson, Noe Calderon at [fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:fiuhcpanthersgottalent@gmail.com)**

## **THE CROWN Pageant**

On October 6th, 2019, candidates will attend THE CROWN Pageant, and participate in four categories that will allow them to receive points towards their overall total. The pageant will consist of the following:

- Candidates must arrive two hours prior to the time the pageant begins, or at the time they were scheduled to rehearse if requested. **Tardiness is unacceptable and will result in a deduction of 1 point for every 5 minutes late** from pageant score.

### **Applications**

1. All students who qualify to apply for Homecoming Court must submit the application no later than September 12, 2019. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** The application can be found online at:

[go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19](http://go.fiu.edu/HCParticipation19)

2. All applicants must schedule and attend an interview during the week of September 16th - 20th. Failure to attend an interview will result in automatic disqualification.

### **Crowning**

- A. Duke/Duchess will be crowned at Panthers Got Talent on October 9th, 2019.
- B. Prince/Princess will be crowned at The Uncaging: Panthers on the Lawn on October 10th, 2019.
- C. King/Queen will be crowned at Homecoming Game on October 12th, 2019.

### **Responsibilities and Expectations**

1. Homecoming winners will be representing the Homecoming Council and will show school spirit before, during, and after the 2019 Homecoming Court is announced.
2. The final candidates for Duke/Duchess, Prince/ Princess, and King/Queen will be required to attend all Homecoming events.
3. The Homecoming Court is expected to go to as many FIU Sporting Events

as possible wearing their crown and sash.

4. They must behave according to the FIU Student Code of Conduct.
5. Just because a participant wins a title, does not mean that title is permanent. It will be up to the individuals to carry it out to its full potential. **One can lose their title due to poor academic standings and/or judicial standing with the university.**
6. Winners must attend FIU events throughout the fall and spring semester hosted by the Homecoming Council.
7. Above all, one must be a model student of FIU. You are a representation of our university. You do not do the bare minimum. You go above and beyond!

### **Rules for Campaigning**

1. Homecoming Court elections will take place on both MMC and BBC campuses. Voting in BBC will take place in the Wolf Center on October 7th, 2018 from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Voting in MMC will take place in the GC Computer Lab on October 8th, 2018 from 8:00AM-4:00PM.
2. Candidates are the **only** ones allowed to pass out the official homecoming flyer as well as campaign for themselves.
  - a. There are to be absolutely no affiliation of any kind while campaigning, from both the candidates and people helping the candidates campaign.
  - b. **A 5 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
3. **The use of educational sites such as Canvas or any social media platforms to campaign are not permitted. A 10 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
4. During group photos, the candidate will take two pictures: an individual one and a group one. Candidates are the only ones allowed to post their individual flyer, as well as the group flyer.
  - a. Anyone besides the candidate is **ONLY** allowed to post group flyer. **If caught posting individual flyer, the candidate will receive a 25 point deduction.**

4. Personal technology, such as laptops and cellphones, cannot be set up at polling stations by any individual or team during the election. **A 5 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
5. Absolutely no bashing of other candidates or teams throughout this experience. If any Homecoming Council members are present or become aware of this behavior, they will contact the Rules & Regulations Chair, Shenya Belizaire, and the Court Logistics Chair, Heidi Valdes, who will then decide whether that candidate **will be disqualified**. Email: [rulesandreghc@gmail.com](mailto:rulesandreghc@gmail.com) and CC [fiuhccourt@gmail.com](mailto:fiuhccourt@gmail.com).

**(Concrete proof such as video, recording or personal observation by a Homecoming Council member is required in order for disqualification.)**

6. No promotional materials (pens, shirts, food, etc.) are allowed with the exception of the official homecoming flyer, which will be provided by the Homecoming Council. **A 5 point deduction will be issued for this infraction.**
7. **Once the 3rd violation is given, the candidate will be disqualified.**
8. Candidates are allowed one poster board (2'X3') to promote themselves and FIU. The poster **cannot** have anything regarding the following:
  - a. Homecoming Council members
  - b. Past/Present Court Title holders
  - c. Current court candidates
  - d. Greek affiliation

**The Assistant Director of Administration and the Court Logistics Chair have the discretion to deny any poster if it is not appropriate in size or content. It will be due on October 1st in the Homecoming Office (GC 2214). They will be displayed in the GC ballrooms during the pageant and in the GC Pit / Wolf Center on voting day.**

8. Violations will only be issued by the Homecoming Council. If the Homecoming Council does not witness infraction, a violation will not be issued.
9. To ensure that candidates are following the campaigning rules, candidates **must** be connected on social media with the following people:
  - a. Court Logistics Chair
  - b. Court Logistics Intern
  - c. Rules and Regulations Chairs

- d. Assistant Director of Administration
- e. Homecoming Council

10. Failure to follow: the Court Logistics Chair, Rules and Regulations Chair, and Assistant Director of Administration will result in a **deduction of 20 points**. If a member of the Homecoming Council requests access to your social media page, you must accept.

11. Candidates must add the individuals mentioned above on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram upon the submission of their application. Noncompliance with such requests will result in the candidate's disqualification.

### **Attendance**

Tardiness and absences **will not** be accepted. Please take into consideration whether attendance will be an issue or not before applying. The Homecoming Council is on a strict schedule and will place severe infractions upon anyone who does not follow it\*. That being said, you must follow these rules to stay in the process and receive points:

1. All candidates are official 2019-2020 ambassadors for the promotion of school spirit. They are mandated to attend all 2019 Homecoming events that require said candidate to be presented to the audience in order to gain attendance points.
2. All candidates are required to attend:

<b>Group Photo Flyer (Sept. 22)</b>	<b>THE CROWN Pageant (Oct. 6th)</b>
<b>Walkthrough Day (Oct. 5th)</b>	<b>Panther's Got Talent (Oct. 9th)</b>
<b>Trail of the Torch (TBD)</b>	<b>The Uncaging: Panthers on the Lawn (Oct. 11th)</b>
<b>Panthermonium (Oct. 4th)</b>	<b>Parade (Oct. 12th)</b>
<b>Royal Reunion (Oct. 5th)</b>	<b>Homecoming Game (Oct. 12th)</b>

3. Unless stated otherwise, candidates can only check in and check out of events with the Court Logistics Chair. It is each candidate's responsibility to locate the Court Logistics Chair the **moment they arrive** at an event to ensure they are marked present. Tardiness will result in a deduction of 1 point for every 5 minutes the candidate is delayed. If the candidate has reached 30 minutes of tardiness, they will be marked as absent to mandated events. **If there is a recurrence of this issue, the candidate will be disqualified.**

\*A valid excuse needs to be emailed to the Rules and Regulations Chair,

(rulesandreghc@gmail.com), 48 hours prior to the event to minimize deductions.

### **Pageant Flyer Design Contest**

Candidates will participate in a Homecoming Awareness Contest on October 8th-9th 2019, and create their official Homecoming Flyer. The flyers will be posted on a google form that will be accessible through a floor sticker QR code. Candidates can receive points by the amount of votes on their flyer design made alongside our Creative Content Chair & AD of Communications.

1. Each Candidate will have to work with our Creative Content Chair for layout themes.
2. All flyers must include:
  - a. Homecoming Event Dates, Times, and Locations
  - b. Small description of events
  - c. Website link for ticketing information
  - d. Notice that students get in with Panther ID and the \$10 purchase
3. All posts will be counted before Panther's Got Talent
  - a. Competition starts: **October 7th, 2019 at 8 AM**
  - b. Competition ends: **October 8th, 2019 at 5 PM**