



Homecoming XIX Team Competition Handbook

*Our Week. Our Homecoming. Our USF.
Bulls Unite.*

October 3rd - October 8th
University of South Florida

The application deadline for team captains is Monday, September 12th, 2016 at 5:00pm via BullSync. Team roster sign-ups begin Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 9:00am.

[Click here to register as a Team Captain.](#)

ALL team rosters are due Friday, September 16th at midnight via Bullsinc. Submissions are time stamped and will be discarded if submitted after this deadline, there will be *no exceptions*. [Click here to register as a member of a team.](#)

Dear USF Students,

The Campus Traditions Board invites you to celebrate our Homecoming traditions at the University of South Florida! Thank you for your interest in participating in the team competition portion of Homecoming XX. All current students are welcome to participate with student organizations or form their own teams for the week's competitions. This handbook includes the guidelines and important information needed to compete in our friendly competitions this year. Our theme for this year is **"Our Week. Our Homecoming. Our USF. Bulls Unite."**

It is extremely important that the information provided in this handbook be communicated to your fellow team members. Please review this handbook with **ALL** of your team members. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at donaldlloyd@usf.edu or stop by the Center for Student Involvement located in MSC 2306.

We encourage the participation of all student organizations and/or individual students. Please keep in mind that Homecoming teams consist of a maximum of three organizations and must contain at least three students who identify as men and three students who identify as women. The remainder of your team can be any gender. The entire team can also only have a maximum of twenty students. If you do not have a team to join, you may register as an individual and we will do our best to add you to an existing team!

Each organization on a team will have a designated team captain. Team captains will be required to register in advance before the remainder of the team members can register. **Team captain registration closes Monday, September 12th at 5:00 pm. Registration for all other team members will begin Tuesday, September 13th at 9:00 am.**

Keep in mind that there is also a **mandatory captains' meeting on Friday September 16th at 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm or 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm in the CLCE Classroom; MSC 1306.** The captains' meeting will be held during these two times. **All captains are required to show up to a captains' meeting.** For those of you signing up as an individual who wish to be placed on a team, please refer to the next page for more information. We look forward to seeing all of you!

On behalf of USF's Campus Traditions Board, I would like to thank you for your future cooperation and contributions to SuperBull XX and I look forward to working with each team.

In BULL Pride,

Don Lloyd
Campus Relations Director
Campus Traditions Board

Homecoming Competition Rules and Regulations

Homecoming teams may consist of one individual organization, a group of multiple organizations, or a group of individuals who have come together to form a team, without an organizational affiliation. A team cannot exceed three organizations.

Team rosters must have at least 3 students who identify as men and 3 students who identify as women to be complete and can only have a maximum of twenty students. The remaining team members can be of any gender.

All team members must be currently enrolled students at USF.

Teams must provide a creative Homecoming Team name to be used during the week. Vulgar or discriminating names/terms will not be permitted. The Campus Traditions Board has the right to determine if a team's name is within the Homecoming guidelines.

Teams must also designate a team captain to serve as the official liaison to the Campus Traditions Board. Please make sure the team captain can attend the mandatory team captains' meeting and be available to serve as the main contact person during the week of Homecoming. **There must be one captain per organization represented on each team.** One of the team captains must come to each event their team is participating in to be the liaison for their team to the Campus Traditions Board.

All team captains will have to attend a mandatory informational meeting on September 16th at 5:00 pm or 6:00 pm in CLCE Classroom; MSC 1306

During the week of Homecoming, no team member will be given the team's point totals. If a team wishes to receive their point breakdown after Homecoming is over, they must make a request in writing to the Campus Traditions Board at donaldlloyd@usf.edu. The point totals will be announced at certain events, at the discretion of the Campus Traditions Board.

Each competing team member must check-in and receive their wristbands before competing. Only those listed on the team roster will be able to participate. All participants must have their valid USF student ID to participate, no exceptions. **Please be advised if a team fails to check-in during the allotted time they WILL NOT be able to participate in the event.** Rules and Regulations for each team competition may be found listed below by event.

Any unsportsmanlike conduct including but not limited to drunken and disorderly behavior or vandalism of any kind during the week of Homecoming will result in immediate disqualification of the team or individual at the discretion of the Campus Traditions Board and/or the referee(s) or other officials affiliated with the University of South Florida. Any rudeness or disrespect towards any Homecoming staff will not be tolerated, and will result in the loss of points or disqualification of the team under the discretion of the Campus Traditions Board.

Homecoming 2015 Schedule

Homecoming Events in Italics

Team Competitions in Bold

Monday Oct 3rd:

- ❖ *Kickoff*
- ❖ **Charit- A -Bull (MSC)**
- ❖ **Banner Competition (MSC)**
- ❖ **Blood Drive Begins (MSC & Cooper Hall)**
- ❖ **Flag Football and Tug-O-War (Magnolia Fields)**

Tuesday Oct 4^h

- ❖ *Stampede Comedy Show*
- ❖ *Patio Tuesday*
- ❖ **Team Competition - Blood Drive (MSC & Cooper Hall)**
- ❖ **Team Competition - Green and Gold Rush**

Wednesday Oct 5^h

- ❖ *Homecoming Bull Market*
- ❖ *Homecoming Ball*
- ❖ **Team Competition - Color The Campus (MSC)**
- ❖ **Team Competition - Blood Drive (MSC & Cooper Hall)**

Thursday Oct 6th

- ❖ *Homecoming Concert*
- ❖ *Homecoming Food Truck Rally*
- ❖ **Team Competition - Blood Drive (MSC & Cooper Hall)**
- ❖ **Team Competition - Soda Tabs Competition (Due)**

Friday Oct 7th

- ❖ *Homecoming Carnival*
- ❖ *Student Talent Showcase*
- ❖ **Team Competition - Homecoming Parade**

Saturday Oct 8th

- ❖ *Homecoming Football Game*

Please visit www.usf.edu/homecoming for updated information

Team Competition Point Breakdown

The team with the most cumulative points at the end of the week will be awarded with the SuperBull XX award.

Event	Place			Participation
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	
Banner Competition	20	15	10	5
Charit-A-Bull	30	25	20	15
Flag Football	20	15	10	5
Tug of War	20	15	10	5
Green and Gold Rush	20	15	10	5
Parade Float	30	25	20	15
Color the Campus	20	15	10	5
Blood Drive	25	20	15	10
Soda Tab Collection	25	20	15	10
Total Points Possible				

If there is a tie from the cumulative points at the end of the week, of the tied teams, the team with the most cans donated in the Charit-a-Bull competition will win the tie breaker.

Banner Competition

IMPORTANT DATES:

Banners must be turned in by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 28th, 2016, to the Center for Student Involvement (MSC 2306). Judging for the banners will take place on Monday, October 3rd, 2016, from 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Banners must be completed when organizations submit them to the Center for Student Involvement.
- Profanity or obscenities on the banner will result in disqualification, as determined by the Campus Traditions Board, if using the East Carolina University logo, please do so in good taste.
- **Designs for banners are to be submitted via email to donaldlloyd@usf.edu by Wednesday, September 28th by 5:00 PM.**
- All banners must be 8 feet long and 4 feet tall, preferably made out of fabric.
- Use of glitter will result in disqualification as per MSC guidelines.
- The name of the organization or team must be clearly seen and spelled out on the banner and should incorporate the Homecoming theme, “Our Week. Our Homecoming. Our USF. Bulls Unite.”
- “Homecoming 2016” must appear somewhere on the banner at least once.
- Green and Gold must be the dominant colors used, though teams may use any colors.
- If your group would like their banner back after Friday, October 7th, 2016, please come to the Center for Student Involvement office, MSC 2306, the week of October 10th-14th, from 8:30am-5:00pm to receive your banner.
- Any incomplete banners or banners not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.

SCORING:

JUDGING BASED UPON

Overall appearance- 5 points

Originality and Creativity - 10 points

Display of school spirit – 5 points

Color the Campus

IMPORTANT DATES:

Color the Campus will require students to paint window panes on the inside of the Marshall Student Center to help promote Homecoming to USF students. The location of your team's windows will be provided on Sept 28th 2016. The window painting will begin on Friday September 30th through Sunday October 2nd 2016. Judging will take place on Wednesday October 5th 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Results will be posted on the official Homecoming website.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Once your team has agreed to participate in this competition, failure to participate will result in an automatic 10 point deduction from your overall team score.
- Profanity or obscenities on the windows will result in disqualification, as determined by the Campus Traditions Board. If using the East Carolina University logo, please do so in good taste.
- Paint and brushes will be provided to the teams participating.
- The only three mandated design components are:
 - Name of the organization or team must be clearly seen and spelled out, and incorporate the Homecoming theme, "Our Week. Our Homecoming. Our USF. Bulls Unite."
 - Any colors may be used; however, Green and Gold must be the dominant colors. Paint will be supplied by the Marshall Student Center, and no other paint may be used.
 - Designs for Color the Campus must be submitted via email to donaldlloyd@usf.edu by Wednesday, September 28th by 5:00 PM
- Any decorations not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.

SCORING:

JUDGING BASED UPON

Overall appearance- 5 points

Originality and Creativity - 10 points

Display of school spirit – 5 points

Charit-A-Bull

All the cans collected by teams will be assembled into a single USF Spirit sculpture. This sculpture will embody elements of this year's theme. The American Society of Civil Engineers in collaboration with the Center for Student Involvement will be in charge of designing the sculpture. We are Bulls and we care about our community, let's show them how much by breaking our current recorded of 8,000 cans. All donations will be used to support the Metropolitan Ministries and the USF Feed-a-Bull food pantry. **Please do not paint the cans or remove/destroy the labels.**

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Can check-in time is Friday, September 30th, 2016, from 12:00pm- 5:00pm at the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement
- Construction of the USF Spirit sculpture will begin Sunday October 2nd, 2016.
- Deconstruction of the USF Spirit sculpture will begin Monday, October 10th, 2016

Start collecting now and learn more about Metropolitan Ministries by checking out their website here <http://www.metromin.org/>.

Learn more about the USF Feed-a-Bull food pantry! <http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/wellness/whats-new/feedabull.aspx>

SCORING:

JUDGING BASED UPON

- Teams will be judged on the number of cans donated.
- To receive the minimum participation points a team must donate at least 200 cans.
- **The maximum number of points earned for this competition is 33 pt.**
- Teams can earn full points purely by donating.
- In the event of a tiebreaker, the team that donated the most cans will win.

3 pt	200 - 399 Cans
5 pt	400 - 499 Cans
10 pt	500 - 599 Cans
15 pt	600 - 699 Cans
20 pt	700 - 799 Cans
25 pt	800 - 899 Cans
30 pt	900 -1000 Cans
	Bonus Points
1 pt	150+ canned fruit
1 pt	150+ canned soup
1 pt	150+ breakfast items

Flag Football

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Team check-in will be from 6:30pm- 7:30pm at the Magnolia Fields. No check-ins after 7:30pm.
- All participating members will receive a wristband during check-in.
- The competition will begin at 8:00pm on Monday, October 3rd, 2016.
- Teams must consist of 6 players; 3 men and 3 women, additional players can be used as substitutes.
- Teams will play on a regulation field in a single elimination tournament.
- Games will consist of two 10 minute halves and a 3 minute half time. The final two minutes of the second half will have normal stop clock rules. Each team will have one time out per game as regulated by the officials.
- The team with the most points at the end of twenty minutes wins.
- Tie games will result in a sudden death.
- The two teams eliminated during the semi-final will face off to determine 3rd place.
- Regulation Co-Rec Flag Football rules apply. Rules will be provided at the mandatory team captains' meeting. Rules can also be provided upon request in the Center for Student Involvement or through the Campus Recreation Center.
- Teams and participants that are not present at the time they are called for the competition will be disqualified.

Tug of War

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Team check-in will be from 6:30pm- 7:30pm on Monday, October 3rd, 2016, at the Magnolia Fields. More specific check-in information will be provided.
- All participating members will receive a wristband during check-in.
- Teams must consist of 6 players, 3 students who identify as men and 3 students who identify as women. Additional players can be used as substitutes.
- All Teams are required to remain in the Tug of War area until their game time.
- Game time is forfeit time. NO extra time will be granted for players to arrive.
- A single elimination tournament will be used.
- The final will consist of the best 2 out of 3, with 2 teams advancing to the losing bracket competing to determine 3rd place.
- Only tennis shoes are allowed. No cleats of any kind will be allowed. An individual and/or team will be disqualified if cleats are worn. Closed-toe shoes must be worn in order to participate.
- The wearing of gloves will not be permitted.
- A flag will be affixed to the center of the Tug-of-War rope. Lines will be drawn in the ground to designate opposite sides of play. The first team to pull the flag across the line on their side of the ground will be declared the winner.

SCORING (for both events):

1st place – 20pts

2nd place – 15pts

3rd place – 10pts

Participation – 5pts

Green and Gold Rush

Object: Each team must answer each question at every location on campus in order to collect stickers. The team with the most stickers before time runs out wins.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Team check-in will be from 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 at the Alumni Center, no check-ins after 4:45pm.
- Each team must consist of 2 students who identify as men and 2 students who identify as women.
- The competition will begin at 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016, and will end at 6:00pm. All staff members & judges must stay until at least 6:15pm

Starting line

- All questions asked will come from the USF Book of Bull. These can be found in the USF Alumni Center if your team wishes to study prior to the competition. The use of the book during the event will automatically disqualify your team.
- Each team must consist of 4 members; one team member will be selected as the spokesperson. The spokesperson is the only person allowed to answer questions, however, all team members will work together to develop their final answers.
- Each team of 4 must stay together at all times, and will be moving from station to station on their own where they will find a USF Ambassador for their next question/clue.
- Campus Traditions Board will announce the start of the competition while distributing the first clue to each team. The team will then go to that location for their first question to collect a button. Each station following provides a button for a correct answer.
- Each team will have 2 minutes to answer each question. After the 2 minutes have passed if the question has not been answered they will then have to move on to their next station. There will be no opportunity to go back and answer the question to collect the button.

Finish Line

At 6:00pm all stations will close. At that time, whoever has collected the most buttons will win. If multiple teams come back before the end time with all possible stickers, there will be a tie breaker.

SCORING:

1st place – 20pts

2nd place – 15pts

3rd place – 10pts

Participation – 5pts

Soda Can Tabs

Soda can tabs will be collected for points and donated to “Shriner’s Hospital for Children” located on the USF campus. Collecting these tabs can be your way of giving back to the community and supporting children to have access to life saving medical care. Every tab collected will be turned into a cash donation used to save the lives of children. As proud USF Bulls we want to show our support towards the community both on and off campus so start collecting now for this worthwhile cause!

- Each team can turn in their collection of soda tabs to the Center for Student Involvement located on the second floor in MSC 2306 on Thursday, October 6th, 2016, no later than 5pm.
- All turned in tabs must be in a clear, zipped Ziploc bag with the team name plus date and time of submission.
- Bags may only be given to the Center for Student Involvement office assistants in order to be counted.
- Tabs collected by each team will be counted by weight on Friday October 7th, 2016.
- Teams with the most collected tabs will then earn 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place or participation for this category.

SCORING:

1st place – 20pts

2nd place – 15pts

3rd place – 10pts

Participation – 5pts

Blood Drive

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Donating will take place Monday through Thursday, October 3rd- 7th, 2016 from 10:30am-5:30pm.
- Any team who participates with 75% of team roster donating blood will receive 5 bonus points. Members must be eligible to donate blood in order to count toward this 75%. A daily update will be posted at the check-in stations next to the blood mobiles.
- Any USF student may donate blood for credit towards a particular Homecoming team. All whole blood donations will count as one point whether they are on the team roster or recruited by a team member. All Alyx donations will count as two points since they include double red cells.
- Only successful donations will count towards the competition. Unfortunately, just trying to donate **WILL NOT** give your team a point, so **we encourage any ineligible to donate to encourage others to donate on their behalf.** The blood drive is 4 days, so try early in case your iron level is low or temperature is high so you can try again! Specific locations and times of donation sites will be provided at the mandatory team captains' meeting.

LOCATIONS:

- Monday: 10:30am – 5:30pm at MSC and Cooper Hall
- Tuesday: 10:30pm – 5:30pm at MSC and Cooper Hall
- Wednesday: 10:30pm – 5:30pm at MSC and Cooper Hall
- Thursday: 10:30am – 5:30 pm at MSC, Cooper Hall, and in front of Juniper Poplar Hall

Basic Requirements for All Donors:

- Have a photo I.D.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Have a good meal prior to donating
- Not be taking antibiotics
- Not have had a human bite that broke the skin and a tattoo in the past 12 months
- Be at least 17 years of age
- Be in generally good health and feeling well

Requirement for Alyx Donors:

- Males: Minimum height 5'3" weight 135lbs
- Females: Minimum height 5'5" weight 150lbs

DO NOT DONATE BLOOD IF:

- You have an infection
- You have ever tested positive for HIV
- You have ever injected yourself with drugs or other substances not prescribed by a physician

Everyone donating will have to check-in at the table before donating. Please make sure that all donors know this. After donating, donors must bring the slip of paper given out to the table in order to receive points for the donation.

You may not recruit donors within 100 ft. of the blood mobiles. This includes signage as well as talking to the donors. Any active recruitment within this area may result in penalties as deemed necessary by the Campus Traditions Board. This may include, but is not limited to, point reduction or disqualification from the points accumulated from the blood drive event.

Parade Float

Parade guidelines and application information can be found [here](#)

Teams must apply separately to be in the parade.

Teams will either receive 1st, 2st, 3rd or participation points.

1st, 2nd, 3rd place will all receive 20pts.

Participants will receive 10 pts.

We look forward to working with you!

-The 2016 Campus Traditions Board-