Homecoming XIX
Team Competition Handbook

Our Week. Our Homecoming. Our USF. Bulls Unite

October 5th – 10th, 2015

Apply [here](#) as a team captain today to register your team! Submissions are time stamped and will be discarded if submitted after this deadline, there will be *no exceptions*. A detailed scheduled of all events is provided on the final page of the handbook. Please be mindful of the following deadlines:

- Team captain registration: **Monday, September 14th, 2015 at 5:00pm**
- Mandatory captain meetings: **Friday, September 18th, 5pm-5:45pm OR 6pm-6:45pm**
- Team roster registration: **Tuesday, September 15th (9:00am)-Friday, September 18th (5:00pm)**
Dear 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 XIX. 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 tagline for Homecoming 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 williamsj4@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.

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 14th at 5:00pm. Registration for all other team members will begin Tuesday, September 15th at 9:00 am.

Keep in mind that there is also a mandatory captain’s meeting on Friday September 18th. Captains can choose to attend one of two meetings, from 5:00pm-5:45pm or 6:00pm-6:45pm 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 XIX and I look forward to working with each team.

In Bull Pride,

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Homecoming Competition Rules and Regulations

Homecoming Team Eligibility:

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 for the Campus Traditions Board. Please make sure the team captain can attend the mandatory team captain’s 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 for the Campus Traditions Board.

All team captains will have to attend a mandatory informational meeting on September 18th at 5:00 pm or 6:00 pm in CLCE Classroom; MSC 1306

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 williamsj4@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 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

Team Competitions noted in green
Please visit [http://homecoming.usf.edu/](http://homecoming.usf.edu/) for updated information

Prior to Homecoming Week:
- **Team Competition** – Banners are due Wednesday, September 30th by 5:00pm
- **Team Competition** - Charit-A-Bull: cans due Friday, October 2nd
- **Team Competition** - Color The Campus: window painting will take place Friday, October 2nd- Sunday, October 4th

**Monday Oct 5th**
- Kick off
- **Team Competition** - Blood Drive Begins (MSC & Cooper Hall)
- **Team Competitions** - Flag Football and Tug-of-War

**Tuesday Oct 6th**
- Stampede Comedy Show
- Patio Tuesday
- **Team Competition** - Blood Drive (MSC & Cooper Hall)
- **Team Competition** - Green and Gold Rush

**Wednesday Oct 7th**
- Bull Market
- Homecoming Ball & Royal Court Reveal
- **Team Competition** - Blood Drive (MSC & Cooper Hall)

**Thursday Oct 8th**
- 1st Day of Homecoming Carnival
- Carnival Student Showcase
- **Team Competition** - Blood Drive (MSC & Cooper Hall)
- **Team Competition** - Soda Tabs Due

**Friday Oct 9th**
- 2nd Day of Homecoming Carnival
- After Party Concert
- **Team Competition** - Homecoming Parade float

**Saturday Oct 10th**
- Homecoming Football Game vs. Syracuse University

Team Competition Point Breakdown
The team with the most cumulative points at the end of the week will be awarded with the SuperBull XIX award.

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Banner Competition

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Designs for banners are to be submitted via email to williamsj4@usf.edu by Wednesday, September 30th by 5:00 PM.
- Banners must be turned in by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 30th, 2015, to the Center for Student Involvement (MSC 2306).
- Judging for the banners will take place on Monday, October 5th, 2015, 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 Syracuse University logo, please do so in good taste.
- The three mandated design components are:
  - Name of the organization or team must be clearly depicted
  - Green and Gold should be the dominant colors used, though teams may use any colors.
- If your group would like their banner back after Friday, October 9th, 2015, please come to the Center for Student Involvement office, MSC 2306, the following week (October 12-16th) 8:30am-5:00pm to receive your banner. Remaining banners will be discarded after October 16th.
- Any incomplete banners or banners not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.

SCORING
- Overall appearance: 5 points
- Originality and Creativity: 10 points
- Display of school spirit: 5 points

Soda Can Tabs

Can tabs will be collected for points and donated to Shriner’s Hospital for Children. 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, this is a worth wild cause!

- Each team must turn in their collection of soda tabs to the Center for Student Involvement located on the second floor in MSC 2306 by Thursday, October 8th, 2015, no later than 5pm.
- All turned in tabs must be in a clear, zipped bag with the team name plus date and time of submission.
- Only bags submitted to the Center for Student Involvement office assistants will be counted.
- Tabs collected by each team will be counted by weight on Friday October 9th, 2015
- Teams with the most collected tabs will then earn 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and participant for this category.
“Color the Campus” Competition

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.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Designs for Color the Campus must be submitted via email to williamsj4@usf.edu by Wednesday, September 30th by 5:00 PM.
- The location of your team’s windows will be provided on Sept 30th 2014.
- The window painting will begin on Friday October 3rd through Sunday October 4th 2015.
- Judging will take place on Wednesday October 7th 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

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 Syracuse 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.”
  - A Green and Gold should be the dominant colors used, though teams may use any colors. Only the washable paint supplies are to be used. Paint will be supplied by the MSC.
- Any decorations not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.

SCORING
- Overall appearance: 5 points
- Originality and Creativity: 10 points
- Display of school spirit: 5 points

Parade Float

In order to participate in the parade float portion of the team competitions, teams must apply separately here. All team competition floats must be homemade in order to be eligible for competition. Teams are responsible for reviewing the official Parade Guidelines.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Parade applications are due no later than Monday, August 21st, 2015 at 5:00pm.
- The Homecoming Parade is Friday, October 9th.
- Teams must arrive no later than 5:30pm
Charit-A-Bull

Charit-A-Bull is a campus-wide can drive to collect food for Metropolitan Ministries and the new USF Feed-a-Bull food Panty. All the cans collected by teams will be assembled into a single USF Spirit sculpture. The American Society of Civil Engineers in collaboration with the Center for Student Involvement will be in charge of designing the sculpture. Let’s try to break our record of 8,000 cans!

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Can check-in Time is Friday, October 2nd, 2015, from 12:00pm-5:00pm at the CLCE
- Construction of the USF Spirit sculpture will begin Sunday October 4th, 2015.
- Deconstruction of the USF Spirit sculpture will begin Monday, October 12th, 2015.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:
- Only non-perishable, unopened canned goods may be donated
- Please do not paint the cans or remove/destroy the labels.

SCORING
- Teams will be judged on the numbers 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.
- In the event of a tiebreaker. The team that donated the most cans will win.

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Bonus Donations | Bonus Points Awarded:
- 150+ canned fruit | 1
- 150+ canned yams | 1
- 150+ canned beans | 1

Flag Football

RULES AND GUIDELINES:
- Team check-in will be from 7:30pm-8:00pm at the Magnolia Fields. No check-ins after 8:00pm.
- The competition will begin at 8:00pm on Monday, October 5th, 2015.
- 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.
- 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 team with the most points at the end of twenty minutes wins.
- Tie games will result in a sudden death match.
- Regulation Co-Rec Flag Football rules apply. Rules will be provided at the mandatory team captain meeting. Rules can also be provided upon request through the Campus Recreation Center.
- Teams and participants who 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 7:30pm-8:00pm on Monday, October 5th, 2015, at Magnolia Fields.
- 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 and 4th place
- Only tennis shoes are allowed. No cleats of any kind will be allowed. The 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.

Green and Gold Rush

The object of this competition is for each team to answer each question at every specified location on campus in order to collect stickers. The team with the most stickers before time runs out wins. Green and Gold Rush managed by the USF Ambassadors

IMPORTANT TIMES:
- Team check-in will be from 4:15pm to 4:45pm on Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 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 6th, 2015, and will end at 6:00pm. All staff members & judges must stay until at least 6:15pm.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:
- All questions will come from the Book of Bull. The Book of Bull cannot be used during the event.
- Each team must consist of 4 members. 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.
- The 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 sticker 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.
- 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.
Blood Drive

RULES AND GUIDELINES:
- Donating will take place Monday through Thursday, October 5th - 8th, 2015 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. Therefore, if you know that you are INELIGIBLE to donate, RECRUIT people to donate towards your team. Only successful donations will count towards the competition. 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 captain’s meeting.

LOCATIONS:
- **Monday:** 10:30am – 5:30pm at MSC and Cooper Hall
- **Tuesday:** 10:30am – 5:30pm at MSC and Cooper Hall
- **Wednesday:** 10:30am – 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/or a tattoo in the past 12 months
- Be at least 17 years of age
- Be in generally good health and feeling well
- Additional requirements will be explained by One Blood at the time of donation

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 donators know this. Donators are responsible for ensuring they have signed-in to receive points for their donations. 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.