



## **Homecoming XXI Team Competition Handbook**

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

October 9<sup>th</sup> - October 13<sup>th</sup>  
University of South Florida

The application deadline is Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 11:59 PM via BullSync. Click [here](#) to register as a team captain. Click [here](#) to register as a Free Agent.

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 XXI. 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 us at [Ebarajas@usf.edu](mailto:Ebarajas@usf.edu) or [jordenirby@usf.edu](mailto:jordenirby@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 a free agent 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 members can register via BullSync once the team captain has registered. Click [here](#) to register as a team member. **Registration for team captains, team members, and free agents, closes Wednesday, September 27 at 11:59 PM.**

Keep in mind that there is also a **mandatory captains' meeting on Thursday September 28 at 7:00PM location: CLCE 1306. All captains are required to show up to a captains' meeting.** We look forward to seeing all of you!

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

In BULL Pride,

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Campus Traditions Board

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# 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 team.** The team captain 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 Thursday, September 28 at 7:00PM location: CLCE 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 [ebarajas@usf.edu](mailto:ebarajas@usf.edu) or [jordenirby@usf.edu](mailto:jordenirby@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 2017 Schedule

*Homecoming Events in Italics*

**Team Competitions in Bold**

Friday Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Team Competition- Banner Competition due (MSC)**

Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Team Competition- Banner Competition display (MSC)**

Thursday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Team Competition- Charit-A-Bull starts (MSC)**

Friday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Team Competition- Charit-A-Bull due by 5PM (MSC)**
- ❖ **Team Competition- Color the Campus (MSC)**

Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Team Competition- Color the Campus (MSC)**

Sunday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Team Competition- Color the Campus (MSC)**

Monday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>:

- ❖ *Kickoff*
- ❖ **Team Competition- Blood Drive Begins**
- ❖ **Team Competition- Flag Football and Tug-O-War (Magnolia Fields)**

Tuesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ *Stampede Comedy Show*
- ❖ **Team Competition - Blood Drive**
- ❖ **Team Competition - Green and Gold Rush**

Wednesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ *Homecoming Bull Market*
- ❖ *Homecoming Ball*
- ❖ **Team Competition - Blood Drive**

Thursday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ *Homecoming Concert*
- ❖ **Team Competition - Blood Drive**
- ❖ **Team Competition - Soda Tabs Competition (Due)**

Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Saturday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ *Homecoming Football Game vs. Cincinnati*

Please visit [www.usf.edu/homecoming](http://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 XXI award.

Event	Place			Participation
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Banner Competition	40	30	20	10
Charit-A-Bull	40	30	20	10
Flag Football	40	30	20	10
Tug of War	40	30	20	10
Green and Gold Rush	40	30	20	10
Parade Float	40	30	20	10
Color the Campus	40	30	20	10
Blood Drive	40	30	20	10
Soda Tab Collection	40	30	20	10

**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 12:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2017 to the Center for Student Involvement (MSC 2306). Judging for the banners will take place on Monday, October 2.

## 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 Cincinnati logo, please do so in good taste.
- **Rough draft designs for banners are to be submitted via email to [ebarajas@usf.edu](mailto:ebarajas@usf.edu) by Wednesday, September 27 at 5:00 PM.**
- All banners must be 5 feet long by 3 feet tall, preferably made out of fabric.
- No other banner material will be used; it will result in disqualification.
- Use of glitter will result in disqualification 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 2017" must appear somewhere on the banner at least once.
- Green and Gold must be the dominant colors used, though teams may use any colors.
- **The banners used for this competition will also be used at some events during homecoming week. Extra points will be given to the teams that bring the banner to these events (10 points extra per event).**
- The banners must be attached to a pole to be represented at the events.
- Please come to the Center for Student Involvement office, MSC 2306, on Monday, October 9 from 8:00am-5:00pm to receive your banner to take to the homecoming events.
- Any incomplete banners or banners not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.

## SCORING:

JUDGING BASED UPON:

Overall appearance - 10 points

Originality and Creativity - 15 points

Display of school spirit – 15 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 Oct 5, 2017 at the Marshall Student Center's information desk. The window painting will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, October 6 through 11:59pm on Sunday, October 8. You will be able to paint during the times the building is open. Judging will take place on Monday, October 9 from 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 University of South Florida logo, please do so in good taste.
- Paint and brushes will be provided to the teams participating by the Marshall Student Center at the information desk starting at 5:00pm on Friday, October 5.
- 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 [jordenirby@usf.edu](mailto:jordenirby@usf.edu) by Wednesday, October 4 by 5:00 PM.
- Any decorations not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.

## OPTIONAL:

You will also be given the opportunity to Chalk outside of the MSC and across the campus to show off your Homecoming spirit (and for extra points). Chalk will be provided to the teams who choose to participate at the MSC Information Desk. The rules and guidelines for chalking are the same as the ones for window painting.

## SCORING:

### JUDGING BASED UPON

Overall appearance- 10 points  
Originality and Creativity - 15 points  
Display of school spirit – 15 points  
Sidewalk Chalking – 10 points extra



# Charit-A-Bull

We are Bulls and we care about our community. Let's show them how much by breaking our current record of 8,000 cans. All donations will be used to support 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 times are Thursday, October 5 from 10:00am- 4:00pm in the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE), MSC room 1300.

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

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

**NOTE: ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS (ex. fruit cups, cereal) WILL BE ACCEPTED AND COUNT TOWARD TEAM TOTALS EVEN IF NOT IN CANNED FORM.**

## 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 65 pts.**
- Teams can earn full points purely by donating.
- In the event of a tiebreaker, the team that donated the most cans will win.

<b>10 pts</b>	200 - 399 Cans
<b>15 pts</b>	400 - 499 Cans
<b>20 pts</b>	500 - 599 Cans
<b>25 pts</b>	600 - 699 Cans
<b>30 pts</b>	700 - 799 Cans
<b>35 pts</b>	800 - 899 Cans
<b>40 pts</b>	900 -1000 Cans
	<b>Bonus Points (up to 25 total)</b>
<b>5 pts</b>	150+ canned fruit
<b>5 pts</b>	150+ canned protein/Pb&J
<b>5 pts</b>	150+ breakfast items
<b>5 pts</b>	150+ pasta/rice
<b>5 pts</b>	150+ pasta sauce

# Flag Football

## **RULES AND GUIDELINES:**

- Team check-in will be from 6:00pm- 7:00pm at the Magnolia Fields. No check-ins after 7:00pm.
- The competition will begin at 7:30pm on Monday, October 9th, 2016.
- Players **MAY NOT** wear pants or shorts with any belt loops or pockets. They are prohibited. Players will not be allowed to participate with illegal equipment.
- Jewelry is **not allowed**. All jewelry must be removed before playing, no exceptions. Players wearing jewelry will be removed from the game until the jewelry is removed. Players may wear soft, pliable basketball or wrestling kneepads on legs, knees, and/or ankles.
- 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 6:00pm-7:00pm on Monday, October 9th, 2016, at the Magnolia Fields. More specific check-in information will be provided.
- 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 – 40pts

2nd place – 30pts

3rd place – 20pts

Participation – 10pts

Banner present- 10pts extra

# Green and Gold Rush

Objective: Like the Amazing Race, journey around campus to learn more about USF traditions and history. The team with the most USF traditions completed before time runs out wins.

## **RULES AND GUIDELINES:**

- Team check-in will be from 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and will end at 6:00pm. All staff members & judges must stay until at least 6:15pm

## **Starting line:**

- Each team will be provided a list of USF traditions to complete around the campus.
- Each team must consist of 4 members; one team member will be selected as the team leader. The team leader is the only person allowed to submit pictures on the USF Horns Up app.
- Each team of 4 must stay together at all times.
- Campus Traditions Board will announce the start of the competition while distributing list of the campus traditions needed to complete the scavenger hunt. The teams will then go off to various locations to complete different USF traditions.
- At least 3 of your team members must be featured in each of the pictures for it to count.
- Each team will have 1 hour to complete as many traditions as possible. You will be disqualified if you are not at the finish line after the hour is over.
- The winners will be announced shortly after everyone is at the finish line

## **Finish Line:**

- At 6:00pm all stations will close. At that time, whoever has captured the most USF traditions will win. If multiple teams capture the same amount of picture, there will be a trivia tie breaker.

## **SCORING:**

1<sup>st</sup> place – 40pts

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 30pts

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 20pts

Participation – 10pts

Banner present – 10pts extra

# 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 12, 2017, 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 13, 2017.
- Teams with the most collected tabs will then earn 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place or participation for this category.

## **SCORING:**

1<sup>st</sup> place – 40pts

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 30pts

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 20pts

Participation – 10pts

# Blood Drive

## RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Donating will take place Monday through Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 11:30am-6:30pm.
- Any team who participates with 75% of team roster donating blood will receive 10 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 three 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 anyone 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: 11:30am – 6:30pm at MSC and Cooper Hall
- Tuesday: 11:30am – 6:30pm at MSC, Juniper Poplar Hall, and Sun Dome
- Wednesday: 11:30am – 6:30pm at Juniper Poplar Hall, Argos Center, and Sun Dome

## Basic Requirements for All Donors:

- Have a photo I.D.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Have a good meal prior to donating, and drink plenty of water
- Not 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 sign a binder provided on the red bus in order to receive points for the donation. The team names will be listed on the binder for donors to sign their names under in order for the teams to receive points.

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 2017 Campus Traditions Board-