



**2009**

**RULEBOOK**

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Each year the Homecoming Executive Committee (HEC) takes pride in creating and programming all of the Homecoming festivities. These events are designed to unite the campus and fill each Hurricane heart with pride. University of Miami students, alumni, and staff, as well as future Hurricanes from the surrounding areas, fill the campus in order to capture that UM spirit. Enlivened with traditions of the past, this year's Homecoming will offer a full array of events for everyone.

Over the past few months, the Homecoming Executive Committee has worked hard to provide a memorable week of events for the University Community's enjoyment. These events promise to offer something for everyone! So, Hurricanes young and old, on campus or off, mark your calendars for **October 30 – November 7, 2009**. Make sure to remember the dates because this year's Homecoming is one special celebration you don't want to miss!

This year's Homecoming Executive Committee invites you to celebrate Homecoming traditions at the University of Miami. All current students are welcome to participate with organizations in the friendly competitions the HEC will host.

## COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1. Organizations will be divided into two categories: large and small.
2. For competition purposes organizations will be randomly assigned to one of three teams: Orange, Green, or White.
3. Each team (Orange, Green, and White) will have an equally distributed amount of Large and Small Organizations, as well as an equal number of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent organizations.
4. Each color team will compete for the Homecoming 2009 Spirit Award.
5. Individual organizations will still be competing independently for the overall title of Homecoming Champion.
6. All rules and judging are final and interpretation is at the sole discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.

## POINT BREAKDOWN

Participation	2,800
Hurricane "U" Competition	250
Banner Competition	500
Opening Ceremonies	500
Hurricanes Help the Hometown	2,500
Blood Drive	2,600
Homecoming King & Queen	1,250
Organized Cheer	1,600
Alma Mater Singing Competition	1,300
Spirit tree Competition	600
Homecoming Parade	2,000
Hurricane Howl	1,250
Yearbook Photos	500
Homecoming Pictures	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,750</b>

## HOMECOMING SPIRIT AWARD

**DATE:** Homecoming Week

**LOCATION:** Everywhere

**TIME:** All the time

**CONTACTS:** Billy Fuchsman, Mary Elizabeth Barron, Christina Farmer, Kristen Weaver

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The Homecoming Spirit Award is designed to recognize the organizations in a competing color team that have shown exemplary participation, sportsmanship, spirit, and pride for the University throughout Homecoming Week. This award will be based upon ALL events. Keep in mind that even though some events do not count for points, attendance and participation at these events will be taken into account for this award.

## **PARTICIPATION**

**DATE:** All Homecoming Festivities

**LOCATION:** Homecoming Events and Organizational Meetings

**POINTS:** Maximum 2,800

**CONTACTS:** Dallas Short, Ruth El

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. At least one representative from each competing organization must attend weekly organizational meetings on Mondays at 8:00 PM in the University Center International Lounge. These dates for these organizational meetings will be September 21<sup>th</sup>, September 28<sup>nd</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, & October 26<sup>th</sup>.
2. Complete rosters, to include ALL members of the organization, must be submitted via the Homecoming email ([umhomecoming@gmail.com](mailto:umhomecoming@gmail.com)) NO LATER than Friday, September 25, 2009 at midnight. The roster can be downloaded at [www.miami.edu/homecoming](http://www.miami.edu/homecoming).
3. Umbrella organizations are required to include all executive board members of the umbrella organization plus at least one person from each of its affiliated organizations. This will become the umbrella organization's official Homecoming roster and will not be reduced by 25%.
4. If an individual is a member of multiple organizations that member must pick ONE organization to compete with in Homecoming. Any violators will be disqualified.
5. The Homecoming Executive Committee will determine your official Homecoming Roster by taking 75% of your full organizational roster.
6. Indicate the total number of Homecoming t-shirts, per size, that your organization would like to order on the submitted roster. This will be used in assessing points and cannot be changed after it is submitted. Payment for Homecoming t-shirt orders is due at the Homecoming organizational meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
7. Each organization must purchase Homecoming T-shirts for at least 40% of the members listed on its official Homecoming roster (75% of total roster) in order to receive t-shirt points. 100 bonus points will be awarded for purchasing t-shirts for the full 100% of your Homecoming roster.
8. The color team that purchases the largest percentage of t-shirts (i.e. number of t-shirts/number of team members) will receive a bonus of 50 points for each organization on that team.
9. All organizations must pick up their Homecoming t-shirt orders on the date announced by the chairs by 5pm in the Department of Student Activities and Student Organizations office.
10. Indicate how many members from your organization will be participating in Hurricanes Help the Hometown on your organizational roster.

**POINTS:**

- + 300 (Organizational Meeting Attendance – 6 Meetings)
- + 250 (Organizational Roster Submission)
- + 600 (T-shirt Purchase)
- + 100 (T-Shirt Purchase of Full 100% of Homecoming Roster)
- + 50 (Color Team that Purchases the Largest Percentage of T-Shirts)
- - 100 (Late Roster Deduction)

**HURRICANE “U” COMPETITION**

**“Rock Lobster”**

**DATES:** Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

**LOCATIONS:** Coral Gables Campus

**POINTS:** Maximum 250

**CONTACTS:** Billy Fuchsman, Mary Elizabeth Barron, Christina Farmer, Kristen Weaver

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The object is to “collect” as many Hurricane “U’s” as possible from Homecoming Executive Committee (HEC) members during Homecoming week.
2. HEC members will be wearing the “U’s” on various days throughout Homecoming week. Hurricane “U’s” will only be worn on campus and will not be worn during Homecoming events or organizational meetings.
3. Any member from a competing color team can “collect” a HEC member’s “U” anywhere on campus, except inside buildings or classrooms, the University Center Breezeway, Patio, or Food Court. UC Rock is allowed. Hurricane “U’s” also may not be collected when the HEC member is in his/her car, in class, or in a meeting.
4. Organizations must submit each “U” they collect to the HEC Advisor, Laura Stott, in UC 209. The organization, color team (Orange, Green, or White), and HEC member’s name must be written on the back of the “U” in order to receive points.
5. Organization members may not take the “U” from an HEC member that is also a member of the same organization.
6. Do not rip, grab, or pull a “U” off the neck of an HEC member. If any HEC member reports being harassed or any other inappropriate behavior is reported, the organization will be disqualified and will receive no bonus points.
7. There is no limit to the number of “U’s” that an organization or color team may “collect.”
8. Points will be awarded to each organization in the color team based on the total number of “U’s” submitted on behalf of each color team. In the event of a tie, points will be awarded at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.

**POINTS:**

- + 250 (Each Organization in the Color Team with the Most “U’s” Submitted)
- + 200 (Each Organization in the Color Team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Most “U’s” Submitted)
- + 150 (Each Organization in the Color Team with the Fewest “U’s” Submitted)

## **BANNER COMPETITION**

**DATE:** Monday, October 5

**TIME:** 8:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Organizational Meeting (I-Lounge)

**POINTS:** Maximum 500

**CONTACTS:** Kushal Desai, Joon Chung

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Each competing organization is required to make one banner.
2. The Banner must include the words:
  - a. Homecoming 2009
  - b. Homecoming Theme “Rock You like a Hurricane”
  - c. Organization Name
  - d. Assigned Event Information including: Event Name, Date, Time, and Location
  - e. Special Element to be revealed at the Monday, September 14th, 2009 Organizational Meeting
3. At the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee, any unsatisfactory banners or banners with inappropriate material will receive zero points.
4. Organizations will receive a blank banner at the Monday, September 14th, 2009 Organizational Meeting.
5. Banners are due at the Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting and the winner will be announced on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Organizational Meeting.
6. Banners cannot have any 3D elements or glitter, and must be completely dry when turned in to the Homecoming committee.
7. Organizations submitting banners after the deadline will receive a 50-point deduction.
8. Banners will be judged on creativity and artistic design. The winning banner will receive 100 Bonus Points.

**POINTS:**

- + 400 (Banner Submission)
- +100 (Best Overall Banner)
- - 50 (Late Banner Submission)

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

### **“I Wanna Rock!”**

**DATE:** Friday, October 30th

**TIME:** 7:00pm

**LOCATION:** UC Rock

**POINTS:** Maximum 500

**CONTACTS:** Billy Fuchsman, Mary Elizabeth Barron, Christina Farmer, Kristen Weaver

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Every organization must have at least 55% of their roster at the Opening Ceremonies event for full points.
2. Every organization having 45% of their roster at the Opening Ceremonies event will be awarded 400 points.
3. Every organization having 35% of their roster at the Opening Ceremonies event will be awarded 300 points.
4. Every organization having 25% of their roster at the Opening Ceremonies event will be awarded 200 points.
5. Organizational attendance will be noted through check in which shall be 6:30 pm onwards.
6. There will be a check out; only those checked in & checked out will receive full credit for participation.

**POINTS:**

- + 500 (for checked in and checked out ONLY)

# HURRICANES HELP THE HOMETOWN

## “Stairway to Heaven”

**DATE:** Site Leader Applications Out: Org meeting on Monday, September 21

Site Leader Applications Due: Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm in the STIC

Site Leader Interviews: Week of October 5-9<sup>th</sup>

Site Leader Training: Wednesday, October 21 at 8pm and Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15pm

Event: Saturday, October 31st

**TIME:** 9 AM

**LOCATION:** University Center Patio

**POINTS:** Maximum 2,500

**CONTACTS:** Alexa Angotti, Yvette Figueroa, Kesem Omer, Michelle Wegerif

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Organizations must indicate on the Organizational Roster the number of participants they will be sending to Hurricanes Help the Hometown.
2. Every participant must be a current University of Miami student. ‘Cane Cards are required for all participants.
3. Organizations will be penalized 25 points for each participant who does not show up or leaves his/her site early.
4. All participants must sign-in upon arrival, complete a liability waiver form, have appropriate clothing, and check-out upon arriving back to UM in order to receive points.
5. No bonus points will be awarded for additional participants. However, we encourage additional participation.

### **Site Leaders:**

1. Site Leaders must be members of the competing organization they will represent. Each organization may receive points for up to two (2) Site Leaders. However, eligibility to be a site leader is not dependent on being a member of a participating organization.
2. Site Leaders must attend one of the Site Leader Training Sessions/Workdays that will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at 8:00 pm and Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 pm. Each session will last approximately one hour.
3. If a Site Leader cannot attend a session due to a medical emergency, proper written documentation must be submitted to avoid a loss of points. Documented medical emergencies are the only acceptable excuses for missing any portion of a session without losing points.
4. Site Leaders must report to the designated Site Leader check-in location no later than 8 AM on the day of the event.

5. Site Leaders that do not perform adequately during the event or leading up to the event will be assessed a 100 point-deduction.
6. Inadequacy includes, but is not limited to, permitting participants to leave the site early, failing to enforce the rules, failing to show up at the assigned time on the day of the event, failure to attend a Site Leader Training Session/Workday, tardiness to a Site Leader Training Session/Workday, and failure to check-in and check-out participants correctly. The Homecoming Executive Committee will determine any other inappropriate behavior and organizations will be penalized accordingly.

**Check-In/Check-Out:**

1. Check-in starts at 9 AM and closes at 9:30 AM in the Lower Lounge of the UC. Each participant must go straight to their designated area on the patio and be there by 9:30 AM. Organizations will be penalized 25 points for each participant that signs in late.
2. Buses will start leaving at 9:45 am and will return by 2:00pm.
3. Participants must report to the check-out table upon arrival back to campus in order to receive points.  
**Points will be awarded only for participants that fully complete the check-out process.**

**Liabilities:**

1. All participants are required to sign liability forms. NO ONE is permitted to participate in Hurricanes Help the Hometown without signing a liability form in advance.
2. Any special conditions (medical, physical, or religious) that may impede participation during Hurricanes Help the Hometown must be indicated on the Organizational Roster (i.e. wheelchairs, inhalers, etc.).
3. Complaints from an agency or Site Leader including but not limited to graffiti, belligerence to agency representatives, negativity towards the community and general misrepresentation of the University of Miami will result in a 50-point deduction for the organization, per participant.
4. All complaints must be filed by noon on Monday, October 13, 2008 in the STIC (UC 209). The Homecoming Executive Committee will review all the complaints, and decisions of the committee are final.

**Conduct:**

1. Consumption or presence of any alcohol or illegal substances during the event will result in disqualification and referral to the Dean of Students Office for possible disciplinary action.
2. In order to compete in Hurricanes Help the Hometown, each organization must meet all of the guidelines established by the Homecoming Executive Committee.
3. No organization will receive overall negative points from Hurricanes Help the Hometown.

**POINTS**

- + 500 (1%-15% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)
- + 750 (16%-30% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)
- + 1000 (31%-45% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)
- + 1400 (46%-60% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)
- + 1800 (61%-100% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)
- + 250 (Site Leader – Maximum of 2)

- +200 (Org with highest % participation)
- +100 (Org with 2<sup>nd</sup> highest % participation)
- +50 (Org with 3<sup>rd</sup> highest % participation)
- – 25 (Participant Leaves Early or Fails to Attend)
- – 10 (Late Participant Check-In)
- – 250 (Missing Site Leader training session)
- – 100 (Site Leader inadequate Performance)
- – 50 (Inappropriate Participant Behavior)

# BLOOD DRIVE

## “How to Save a Life”

**DATES:** Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**LOCATION:** University Center Ballrooms

**POINTS:** Maximum 2,600

**CONTACTS:** Sarah Bertrand, Sammiejo Fat, TJ Weaver

### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Only University of Miami students, faculty, staff, administrators, and other employees may donate for points. Each donor must present a valid 'Cane Card and must specify which organization they are donating for when signing in and out. Points will be counted for only one organization. Donors must present a valid 'Cane Card and sign in and sign out to receive points!

2. Blood donation points will be awarded as follows, with full points earned by having 85% of your official Homecoming roster donate blood.

#### **% of Roster Donating Points**

85-100% 2000

75-84% 1500

50-74% 1000

25-49% 750

1-24% 500

3. Bonus points will be awarded to the top three organizations in both size categories as follows based on the highest percentage of outside (non-organization members) donors.

#### **Large Organizations: Small Organizations:**

(1) 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Points (1) 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 200 Points

(2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place -125 Points (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place -125 Points

(3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 50 Points (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 50 Points

4. A maximum of 200 points may be earned by each organization for platelet donations. Each platelet donor will earn 50 points for his/her organization. Points will be awarded for a maximum of 4 total platelet donors. Any additional donors will not be awarded points for platelets. However, after the total of 4 platelet donors is reached, a member may elect to donate platelets instead of blood and still receive credit for donating blood. All platelet donors will also be credited for donating blood.

5. Appointments for platelet donation will be at 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, and 7 PM. A 50-point penalty will be assessed for a missed appointment. If the donor is more than 20 minutes late for the appointment without a valid and approved excuse, the appointment is considered missed, unless rescheduled 24 hours in advance. Platelet donors must wait 48 hours before donating blood. Appointments for platelet donation are not required but are strongly encouraged.

6. ALYX donations count for the **same amount** as points as whole blood donations. ALYX donors cannot also donate platelets or whole blood.

7. Efficiency days will be as follows:

**Color Team Efficiency Day**

Orange Monday, November 2nd

Green Tuesday, November 3rd

White Wednesday, November 4th

8. Efficiency points will be awarded as follows:

**% of Roster Donating**

**On Specified Efficiency Day Points**

75-100% 200

65-74% 150

50-64% 100

25-49% 50

9. There will be NO soliciting of potential donors within the University Center (including breezeway, pool, patio, etc.). Each infraction will result in a 250-point penalty.

10. Mass publicity is not allowed. This includes banners, flyers, palm cards, Facebook messages, StudOrgs emails, and any other publicity targeted at non-members (at the discretion of the Blood Drive Co-Chairs). Each infraction will result in a 500-point penalty and may result in disqualification.

11. Faculty and University staff have priority over students when donating blood.
12. Platelet donors have priority over whole blood donors.
13. To receive full credit a needle must prick the arm. Potential donors who prove they fail the iron level tests on two different days who wish receive credit for donating will be required to fill out 10 addresses for Up 'til Dawn's letter writing campaign.
14. No excuses will be accepted including, but not limited to, athletes, individuals under the weight limit, or individuals unable to give for any reason.
15. Only the Homecoming representative(s) for each organization may check their own roster. This is limited to two times per day.
16. If penalties for infractions should result in more points than are earned, the organization will receive 0 points for Blood Drive.

**POINTS:**

- + 2,000 (85-100% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating)
- + 1,500 (75-84% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating)
- + 1,000 (50-74% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating)
- + 750 (25-49% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating)
- + 500 (1-24% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating)
- + 200 (Highest Percentage Outside Donors)
- + 125 (2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Percentage Outside Donors)
- + 75 (3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Percentage Donors)
- + 50 (Each Platelet Donor – Maximum of 4)
- + 200 (75-100% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating on Specified Efficiency Day)
- + 150 (65-74% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating on Specified Efficiency Day)
- + 100 (50-64% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating on Specified Efficiency Day)
- + 50 (25-49% of Official Homecoming Roster Donating on Specified Efficiency Day)
- – 250 (Solicitation Violation)
- – 500 (Mass Solicitation Violation)

# HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

## “Rock n’ Roll Royalty”

**DATES:** Applications: Due Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Organizational Meeting

Preliminaries: Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Notifications: Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Required Practices: Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30 p.m., Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8-9:30p.m., Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30 p.m., Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30p.m., Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-10:30 p.m.

Finals: Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-10:00 p.m.

**TIMES:** Preliminaries: 7:00-9:00 PM

Finals: 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** UC Patio

**RAIN LOCATION:** Hillel

**POINTS:** Maximum 1,250

**CONTACTS:** Rae Williams and Jennifer Hernandez

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Each organization can send up to four (4) total members to the preliminary competition. Each preliminary contestant will receive 50 points for his/her organization.
2. Preliminary rounds will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM in TBD Location.
3. Preliminary Competition sign-ups will be at the Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting. Each participant must turn in an application in order to sign-up for Preliminaries.
4. Each contestant will have two (2) minutes to perform their talent and will be asked an interview question in a 5 minute slot. The talent needs to be in the categories of: dance (all forms), theater, vocal or instrumental performance. If you think your talent does not fall into one of these categories, please contact the chairs for approval.
5. Sixteen (16) Contestants (8 male and 8 female) will be selected to compete at the final competition on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is no guarantee that every organization will have a competitor in the final competition. Each contestant advancing to the final competition will receive 25 additional points for his/her organization.
6. Each participant selected to compete in the final competition must attend all five practice sessions to be held on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30 p.m., Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8-9:30p.m.,

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30 p.m., Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30p.m., Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-10:30 p.m. Every organizational member attending the Homecoming King & Queen competition must sign-in at the check-in table between 6:00 and 6:45 PM in order to receive credit for attending the event. Each organization must have one-third (33%) of its official Homecoming roster present in order to earn points for attendance. No points will be awarded to organizations that do not have 33% attendance at the event.

7. The competition will consist of an Introduction/Spirit Round, Talent Round and Poise Round.
8. All sixteen (16) contestants will compete in all of the rounds preceding the Final Round. In the Spirit Round, each male contestant must team up with a female contestant. Partners must be decided by the first practice session.
9. All sixteen (16) contestants will compete in the Talent Round. In this round, the contestant may have one (1) person accompany them on stage. Each contestant will have two (2) minutes to perform his/her talent and will be judged on originality, creativity, and stage presence.
10. The top eight (8) contestants (4 male and 4 female) will be selected to compete in the Poise Round. Contestants will be asked an interview question, which will be judged on personality, eloquence, and originality of response. Foul language and derogatory or offensive remarks will not be permitted and may result in disqualification.
11. The two (2) winners (1 male and 1 female ) will be crowned Homecoming King and Queen and will earn 50 points for his/her organization, and the two (2) first runners up (1 male and 1 female) will be crowned Prince and Princess and earn 25 points for his/her organization.
12. The Homecoming Court (King, Queen, Prince, and Princess) will be asked to attend at all remaining Homecoming events, ride in the Parade, and make an appearance on the field at the Homecoming game. However, no additional points will be awarded for attendance at these events.

**POINTS:**

- + 800 (33% Attendance)
- + 50 (Each Preliminary Contestant – Maximum of 4)
- + 50 (Each Finals Contestant)
- + 50 (King)
- + 50 (Queen)
- + 25 (Prince)
- + 25 (Princess)

# ORGANIZED CHEER

## “The Sound of Music”

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** University Center Patio

**RAIN LOCATION:** Wellness Center

**POINTS:** Maximum 1,600

**CONTACTS:** Molly Piccione and Amy Levine

### REQUIREMENTS:

1. A maximum of twenty (20) individuals per organization are allowed on the stage. Any organization that exceeds the twenty (20) person limit will have 100 points deducted per extra person from their final score.
2. Each organization must include the following in their cheer (failure to include any of the listed elements will result 25 point deduction per element omitted):
  - a. Overall Homecoming Theme (“Rock You Like a Hurricane”)
  - b. Organized Cheer Theme (“The Sound of Music”)
  - c. 3 Major Homecoming Sponsors
  - d. One UM fight song of your choice from the list below:
    1. Hail to the Spirit
    2. Let’s Go ‘Canes
    3. Miami U
    4. Blow, Blow, Hurricanes, Blow
  - e. You must perform the song assigned to your chosen musical at one of the organizational meetings.
  - f. The Names of the Organized Cheer Chairs (Molly and Amy)
  - g. The Names of the Homecoming Chairs (Billy, Kristen, Christina, and Mary Elizabeth)
  - h. Name of the musical assigned at the organizational meeting.
3. A maximum of six (6) songs may be used by each organization as listed above.
4. Organizations MUST be present and in line at least 10 minutes before the 5:00 PM check-in.
5. A maximum of three additional 10-second sound clips may be used for the purpose of mixing songs. Such clips do not count as one of the entitled six songs.
6. The script and song list will be due at the fourth organizational meeting on Monday, October 12, 2009.
7. The final performance CD will be due October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5pm in the Department of Student Activities and Student Organizations. No song clips may be submitted or changed after that time. All

final CD's will be reviewed and approved by the Homecoming Executive Committee and will be played as is; there are absolutely no modifications that can be made once the CD's are turned in.

1. You must bring a second identical copy of the CD the night of the performance. The CD that we have is only for reviewing purposes and will not be brought the night of O-Cheer.
8. Voiceovers will not be allowed at all. Standing microphones and either clip on or head microphones will be provided. On the October 28th meeting all organizations must bring a list of microphone preferences. HEC will do the best they can to accommodate your request and you will be notified before homecoming begins of exactly how many microphones you will be provided.
9. Each organization is allowed seven (7) minutes to complete their cheer. This time begins when the first person enters the stage and ends when the last person exits the stage. Five (5) points per second will be deducted for every second an organization exceeds the allotted time.
10. Each organization's participants are required to enter from the left of the stage (when facing the stage), and exit using the stairs on the right. Fifty (50) points will be deducted for each participant that jumps off the stage.
11. Each organization must have one member responsible for assisting the sound system operator during the cheer. This person does not count towards the 20 performer total and must bring their own CD for the organization's performance. Homecoming Executive Committee will not be responsible for providing a copy of the CD.
  1. This representative will not be operating the sound system but will be instructing the sound technician about stops/starts of the CD.
12. Additional lighting (i.e. strobe lights, blacks lights, etc.) are permitted. However, set-up and break-down of the equipment must take place within the allotted seven (7) minutes. Individuals setting up or taking down equipment do not count as part of the twenty (20) person limit.
13. No stunts, cartwheels, summersaults, pyramids, jumps, etc. are permitted. The use of folding chairs is permitted, but standing on them is considered a violation. Any violation will result in a 100-point deduction per stunt.
14. No thongs, bikini bottoms, or bikini tops are allowed. Each violation will result in a 100-point deduction.
15. Use of profane language will not be permitted. Each violation will result in a 100-point deduction.
16. All parts of the cheer must be performed in good taste. Any organization that uses suggestive, sexual, demeaning, derogatory or otherwise negative motions or words directed at other organizations or in general will result in a 500-point deduction and/or disqualification at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.
17. Smoking or the consumption of alcohol or drugs on stage is not permitted and will result in automatic disqualification, as well as referral to the Dean of Students Office.
18. Throwing objects off or onto the stage before, during, or after the cheer will not be permitted. Any objects used during the cheer must leave the stage with the performers. Any objects left on stage will result in a 50-point deduction.
19. Each organization is allowed a maximum budget of \$300, including all props, equipment, costumes, and miscellaneous expenses related to Organized Cheer. Expenditure lists and receipts must be turned into Organized Cheer Co-Chairs no later than Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
20. A 100 bonus points will be awarded to organizations that create a 12x18 poster board in the format of a Playbill for the assigned musical. It must include the name of the musical, the name of the organization, and "Homecoming 2009".
21. The Homecoming and Organized Cheer Chairs are available for clarification or pre-approval of any questionable parts of an organization's performance.
22. All point deductions are solely at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.

23. There will be a bonus awarded to the organizations placing in the O-Cheer competition (1st Place: 100 points, 2nd Place: 50 points, 3rd Place 25 points).

**POINTS:**

- + 200 (Participation)
- + 600 (Use of Required Homecoming Information outlined in Rule #2)
- + 75 (“Rock You Like A Hurricane”)
- + 75 (“The Sound of Music”)
- + 75 (3 Major Homecoming Sponsors)
- + 75 (UM Fight Song)
- + 75 (Assigned Song)
- + 75 (O-Cheer Co-Chairs )
- + 75 (Homecoming Chairs)
- + 75 (Name of Assigned Musical)
- + 100 (Banner)
- + 100 (Playbill Poster)
- + 100 (Creativity/Originality)
- + 100 (Spirit)
- + 100 (Showmanship: Technique, Organization, Overall Stage Presence)
- + 100 (Well constructed plot)
- + 100 (Songs' Relevancy to Story)
- + 100 (First place bonus)
- + 50 (Second place bonus)
- + 25 (Third place bonus)
- – 5 (Going Over Allotted Time – Per Second)
- – 50 (Jumping Off Stage – Per Participant)
- – 50 (Throwing Objects Onto or Off Of Stage)
- – 50 (For every 15 seconds of Voiceover)
- – 100 (Too Many People on Stage – Per Participant Over 20 People)
- – 100 (Stunts – Per Stunt)
- – 100 (Inappropriate Clothing)
- – 100 (Use of Profane Language)
- – 500 (Inappropriate or Derogatory Words or Actions Directed at Another Organization)

# ALMA MATER SINGING COMPETITION

## “Sweet Home Alma Mater”

**DATES:** Preliminaries: Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Finals: Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

**TIMES:** Preliminaries: 7:30 pm

Finals: 11:00 am

**LOCATIONS:** Preliminaries: Rathskeller

Finals: University Center Rock

**POINTS:** Maximum 1300

**CONTACT:** Erin Gameson, Tia Hendricks

### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each organization may only have one (1) competing team with a minimum of four (4) and maximum of eight (8) performers.
2. The University of Miami Alma Mater will be sung twice by each organization. The first time will be performed in the traditional manner and the second time a creative manner. The creative performance of the Alma Mater **must not exceed 4 minutes**.
3. The preliminary round will be held on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Rathskeller. Preliminary sign-ups will be held at the organizational meeting TBD. A list of members competing and two (2) alternates is to be submitted at this time.
4. Check-in for the preliminary competition will be from 6:45-7:30 pm. **15%** of each organization's official Homecoming Roster must sign-in and remain in attendance throughout the event.
5. There will be a check-out at which the **same 15%** of the organization's official Homecoming Roster must be present in order to receive full points.
6. In the event that an organization signs up for the preliminary round but does not show up there will be a deduction of 200 points. If at any time your organization is called to perform and they are not present there will be a 200 point deduction and they will no longer be allowed to perform. Any non-performing group that does not show up for attendance will be subject to a deduction of 200 points.
7. There will be no recorded background music during performances.
8. The top three ranked organizations will compete at the Alma Mater finals located at the Rock for a chance to sing at the Homecoming Game on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Landshark Stadium. The winning organization will receive 100 points.
9. The committee will choose two (2) additional performances by organizations not in the Alma Mater finals competition. These organizations will give their rendition of their creative version of the Alma Mater during the intermission of the Alma Mater finals. This will be known as HEC's Choice, and these groups will each receive 100 bonus points.

10. Check-in for the Alma Mater Finals will begin at the start of the competition at 11:00 am. **15%** of the organization's official Homecoming Roster must be in attendance to receive points.
11. Performance routines at finals must be the same presentations that were performed during the preliminary rounds.

**POINTS:**

- + 200 (15% of Official Homecoming Roster Present at Preliminaries)
- +150 (10-14% of Official Homecoming Roster Present at Preliminaries)
- +100 (5-9% of Official Homecoming Roster Present at Preliminaries)
- +/- 0 (<10% of Official Homecoming Roster Present at Preliminaries)
- + 400 (15% of Official Homecoming Roster Present at Alma Mater Finals competition)
- + 400 (Participation in Preliminaries)
- + 200 (Organizations Competing in Alma Mater Finals)
- + 100 (Organizations chosen as HEC's Choice to perform in Finals intermission)
- + 100 (Organization that sings at the LANDSHARK STADIUM)
- – 200 (Non-performing organizations that do not attend preliminaries)
- – 200 (No-Show for performing organizations at Preliminaries)

## **SPIRIT TREE**

### **“Rockin’ Around the Spirit Tree”**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** Immediately Following the Alma Mater Finals Competition

**LOCATION:** Spirit Tree

**POINTS:** Maximum 600

**CONTACT:** Erin Gameson, Tia Hendricks

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Each organization will have the opportunity to hang one (1) ornament on the Spirit Tree.
2. Each organization must have a minimum of five (5) representatives (if a small organization) or ten (10) representatives (if a large organization) present to their ornament. Organizations with fewer than five (5) or ten (10) representatives present will receive no points.
3. Ornaments may be no larger than 6”x 6”x 8”.
4. At the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee, 100 bonus points will be awarded to the winner of the “Most Outstanding Spirit Award” for the organization that displays the most school spirit.
5. At the discretion of the designated Spirit Tree Judges, 100 bonus points will be awarded to the winner for the “Most Outstanding Spirit Tree Ornament.”

#### **POINTS:**

- o + 300 (Presentation of an Ornament)
- o + 100 (Most School Spirit)
- o + 100 (Best Ornament)
- o + 100 (Having 5 or 10 representatives, depending on size of organization, present)

# PARADE

## “Electric Avenue”

**DATE:** Friday, November 6th

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Stanford Drive

**POINTS:** Maximum 2,000

**CONTACTS:** Michael Philippe-Auguste, Samantha Lang, Valentina Lamas, Adam Guercio

### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each organization must send a representative to a MANDATORY MEETING/FLOAT WORKSHOP that will be held after the organizational meeting on October 12, 2009 in the University Center I-Lounge. Failure to attend this meeting will result in a 50 point deduction.
2. Float Sign-Up: Float beds will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seven (7) float beds are available. Float bed sign-ups will be held at the organizational meeting on October 12, 2009. All organizations working together on the float must be listed on the sign-up sheet. If organizations are choosing the Car/Truck Option [see #8 below], they must still sign up on October 12<sup>th</sup> and indicate that option.
3. Homecoming Street Team: Organizations can submit two (2) active members participate in the Homecoming Street Team (HST). The HST will be responsible for helping organizations disassemble their floats at the Bank United Center Hurricane 100 parking lot, aiding with the staging of the parade (see #13, below), and helping the Homecoming Executive Committee (HEC) with tasks on the day of the Parade. Each member of participating organizations in the HST will be awarded 50 points (100 points total). At the organizational meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, Organizations will be expected to sign up their 2 volunteers for a shift.
4. Electric Dancers: Organizations have the option of submitting up to two (2) active members to participate in the Homecoming Electric Dancers. The Electric Dancers will be responsible for a short, previously choreographed dance routine to be performed at the beginning of the Homecoming Parade. Each member of participating organizations in the Electric Dancers will be awarded 50 bonus points (100 points total). At the organizational meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, organizations

7. To be eligible for judging, each float bed must be used by **at least** three (3) but **no more** than four (4) organizations and must include **at least** one (1) small and one large organization. Organizations are expected to work together in the building of the float and during the Parade. Floats whose competing organizations are all from the same color team (e.g. Orange, Green, or White) will receive 100 bonus points. Floats on which at least two (2) competing organizations are from the same color team will receive 75 bonus points.

6. Budget Agreement: The organizations working together on a float bed must submit a budget agreement to the Parade Committee for approval. This agreement must explain how the cost and labor of the float will be divided amongst the organizations working together. This agreement must be signed by each organization's homecoming liaison.

Failure to submit this agreement by October 19th, 2009 will result in a 50 point deduction.

7. Any organization that does not receive a float bed must provide their own if they wish to have a float.

8. Car/Truck Option: Please note that it is not mandatory for all competing organizations to have a float. If not participating with a float, cars or trucks may be decorated according to the theme and will be eligible to drive in the parade. Only one (1) organization per car/truck is allowed. Organizations can earn up to 200 points if they choose this option. Organizations that choose this option must also follow ALL rules stated for floats and are subject to the same penalties. Organizations employing this option do not have to submit a budget agreement.

9. Float Drop Off: Float beds will be available for drop off on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the designated building sites. The contact listed on the Float Contact Sheet will be contacted in order to coordinate drop off.

10. Float building/decorating cannot take place **outdoors** after 12:00 AM (midnight). The Homecoming Executive Committee will make random checks and any complaints from the community will be investigated. Penalties will be assessed as necessary as determined by the Homecoming Executive Committee.

11. Float design is limited to one float bed and must be decorated in accordance with the Parade theme "Electric Avenue".

12. Size: Length and width of the float design may be no larger than the dimensions of the flatbed. Height of the float is limited to twelve (12) feet measured from the ground to the highest point of the structure. Violations of float size will result in a 150 point deduction.

13. Staging: All parade participants will stage in the grassy field on Ponce de Leon Boulevard between Carillo and Granada, across from Westlab Elementary School, beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Each organization will be given an assigned staging time. A 200 point deduction will be given to organizations whose participants arrive more than 15 minutes after their scheduled staging time. Competing organizations arriving after 6:30 PM will not be allowed to participate in the parade and will immediately be disqualified.

14. Music: The playing of music (amplified sound) will not be permitted in the staging area. A violation of this a 100-point deduction.

15. Riders: No more than eight (8) persons may ride on the float bed. Riders in the trucks pulling the float, as well as those competing with the Car/Truck Option must not exceed six (6) passengers, or four (4) passengers if using a convertible. Any violation of this rule will result in a twenty-five (25) point deduction per extra person.

16. The organizations that have Orange, Green, and White decorations visible on the truck/cars that pull their float beds will be awarded 25 bonus points.

17. Time Limit: Parade participants have a maximum of sixty (60) seconds to pause in front of the judges' stand in order to be scored. A violation of this will result in a 100 point deduction.

18. Organizations may not hand or throw anything to the judges. A violation of this policy will result in a 100-point deduction.

19. De-Staging: All parade participants will de-stage in the Hurricane 100 parking lot

(adjacent to the Bank United Center). Dumpsters will be available. Failure to disassemble a float will result in a \$150 fine. Additionally, organizations will be charged for any damages to the float bed. If, for any reason, the float bed is not returned at that time, an alternative drop-off time and place must be coordinated with the Parade Committee and cannot occur any later than November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

20. Deposits should be picked up within two weeks after Homecoming is finished.

21. Floats will be scored based upon school spirit, creativity, and application of theme.

**POINTS:**

- +600 (School Spirit)
- +700 (Creativity)
- +500 (Theme)
- +50 per volunteer (Homecoming Street Team)
- + 50 per volunteer (Electric Dancers)
- + 100 (All float teams from the Same Color Team – Per Organization)
- + 65 (At least 2 Organizations in the Same Color Team – Per Organization)
- + 200 (Employing Car/Truck Option)
- - 25 (Per Person Exceeding Passenger Limit)
- - 50 (Failure to Attend Mandatory Meeting/Float Workshop)
- - 50 (Failure to Submit Acceptable Budget Agreement)
- - 150 (Float Size Violation)
- - 200 (Arriving After Scheduled Time to Staging Area)
- - 100 (Playing Amplified Sound in the Staging Area)
- - 100 (Pausing Longer Than Allotted Time in Front of Judges)
- - 100 (Handing or Throwing Anything to Judges)

## **HURRICANE HOWL**

**“Final Countdown”** – Pep Rally, Boat Burning, Fireworks, and Concert

**DATE:** Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** Immediately following Parade

**LOCATION:** UC Patio/Lake Osceola/Library Green

**POINTS:** Maximum 1250

**CONTACTS:** Christina Farmer, Christina Echagarruga, Akua Amaning, Francis Bethell, Liliana Maritza

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Come out and enjoy the Homecoming Finale!!!
2. The Homecoming Pep Rally will commence at the Showmobile immediately following the parade.
3. The Boat Burning Ceremony and Fireworks Display will commence on Lake Osceola immediately following the Pep Rally.
4. Staff/Volunteers:
  - a. Every volunteer must be a current University of Miami student. Please no Seniors. 'Cane Cards are required for all students.
  - b. All volunteers must attend one (1) of the two training sessions in order to be eligible to participate.
  - c. All volunteers must sign-in upon arrival and check-out at the end of the shift in order to receive points for their organization.
  - d. No points will be rewarded for volunteers who fail to show up at the event and/or the training session.
  - e. Organizations will be penalized 250 points for each volunteer who leaves their shift early or shows up late to their shift for Hurricane Howl. If penalties for infractions should result in more points than earned, the organization will receive 0 points overall for the event.
5. Check-In/Check-Out
  - a. Kidsville: Must arrive by 4:00 PM to help with set-up. Meet at the University Center Lower Lounge to sign-in and bring 'Cane Card.
  - b. All other events: Must arrive at least 30 minutes in the University Center Lower Lounge prior to beginning of shift.
6. Conduct
  - a. Consumption or presence of any alcohol or illegal substances during the event will result in disqualification and referral to the Dean of Students Office for possible disciplinary action.
  - b. In order to compete in Hurricane Howl, each organization must meet all the guidelines established by the Homecoming Executive Committee.
  - c. Organizations will be penalized 250 points if volunteers act inappropriately at any way. This is at the discretion of the Homecoming Executive Committee.

**POINTS:**

- o + 1250 (More than 5% of Official Homecoming Roster Volunteering)
- o + 1000 (5% of Official Homecoming Roster Volunteering)
- o + 500 (Less than 5% of Official Homecoming Roster Volunteering)
- o -300 (Volunteer does not show up after signing up for a Time Slot)
- o - 250 (Volunteer Arrives Late for Event)
- o - 250 (Volunteer Leaves Event Early)
- o - 250 (Volunteer Acts Inappropriately)

## **HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME**

**DATE:** November 7<sup>th</sup>

**LOCATION:** Land Shark Stadium

**TIME:** TBD

1. Come out to Land Shark Stadium to cheer on the Miami Hurricanes Football Team as they take on the Virginia Cavaliers!!!
2. Points announcement and Homecoming Awards will be presented at Halftime.

## **YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

**DATE:** October 13<sup>th</sup> – October 24<sup>th</sup> (weekdays only)

**TIME:** 9 am- 6 pm

**LOCATION:** University Center Lower Lounge

**POINTS:** Maximum 500

**CONTACTS:** Billy Fuchsman, Mary Elizabeth Barron, Christina Farmer, Kristen Weaver

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Organizations have the opportunity to earn 500 Bonus Points by having members from their Homecoming roster take their Ibis Yearbook pictures during the specified two-week period.

2. Organization members from roster must sign their name and organization on the sign-in sheet as proof, only after they have taken their yearbook photo.

**POINTS:**

- + 500 (Over 75% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)
- + 250 (Over 40% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)
- + 50 (Over 20% of Official Homecoming Roster Participating)

## **HOMEcomings PICTURES**

**DATE:** Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 5pm

**LOCATION:** UC 209 – Department of Student Activities and Student Organizations

**POINTS:** Maximum 100

**CONTACTS:** Billy Fuchsman, Mary Elizabeth Barron, Christina Farmer, Kristen Weaver

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Organizations have the opportunity to earn 100 Bonus Points by turning in digital pictures on a CD with the Organization's name and Homecoming Liaison information.
2. Digital photos should show organization participation in Homecoming events. Some examples are pictures of Organized Cheer practice, float building for Parade, Opening Ceremonies participation, etc.
3. In addition to digital pictures, the CD must also contain a document with information about each picture, such as the names of individuals in that picture and any additional information that can be provided.
4. CD of digital pictures must be turned into University Center, Room 209 (Student Activities) by 5pm deadline on November 6<sup>th</sup> to receive points.

**POINTS:**

- + 100 (At least 15 digital pictures on CD)