



STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPIRIT COMPETITION

The Spirit Competition is designed to reward and encourage organizations to take part actively in the events of Homecoming. Organizations that participate will accumulate points;¹ the organization(s) with the most points at the end of the competition will be awarded a prize of: **\$350 for first place, \$250 for second place, and \$150 for third place.**² Before submitting this form, detach and review the Spirit Competition Rules for a detailed description of the competition and point system used in awarding the winners.

Contact Information:

Name of Organization: _____

Team Name: _____

(Your organization's name will be used if no team name is specified.)

Which type of organization are you registering?

- Registered Student Organization
 Fraternity/Sorority
 Residence Hall
 Departmental Student Organization
 Athletic/Intramural Team

How many total members does your organization have? _____

(For competition purposes, this number will be verified with the office of Student Governance & Organizations, or your department)

Team Leader/Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Contact e-mail address: _____

(E-mail will be the primary way in which your team receives updates.)

Organization Advisor (faculty/staff member): _____

Advisor's Department: _____ Advisor's e-mail: _____

Member Roster:

Prior to the beginning of the competition, each organization must submit a roster of the members it wishes to be considered for the spirit competition³. By submitting team member names, you are acknowledging that all members are current UTA students, active members of your organization, and in good standing with the University. **You must register at least 50% of your organization's total membership or ten people, whichever number is greater.**

Member Rosters must be submitted electronically to **studentaffairs@uta.edu** no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8**. Teams with late rosters may not be accepted into the competition. Rosters must be submitted in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet (see the Spirit Competition rules).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 8

Turn in to: John Hillas, Coordinator for Student Affairs
350 Davis Hall or Campus Activities - University Center, lower-level
Fax: 817.272.6084

¹ Points during the competition are distributed such that there are benefits for both large and small teams (see rules).

² If 5 or fewer teams register for the Spirit Competition, only one first place prize of \$350 will be awarded.

³ It is not necessary that each member listed on your roster participate in the spirit competition. Teams that register larger percentages of their organizations are eligible to win more points for attendance at events. See rules for more details.

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Homecoming 2008: Spirit Competition Rules

Eligibility to Participate

The Spirit Competition is open to any registered student organization (in good standing), departmental student organization, athletic/intramural team, or residence hall. All groups must submit an entry form and roster of their membership by the deadline. All team members must be current UTA students, in good standing.

Group Member Roster

Each group that signs up for the Spirit Competition will be required to submit a complete roster of the members of their organization that will take part in the competition. Only members listed on your roster will be eligible to earn attendance points (see determination of points below) for your team during the duration of the spirit competition. In order to compete, you must register at least 10 members or 50% of your organization's total membership (whichever number is greater). An exception to this rule is for residence halls that enter the spirit competition. They will not need to submit member rosters; their membership roster will be maintained and tracked by the Residence Life staff. As stated above, you do not have to register your organization's entire membership; however, registering a greater portion of your members will, in some instances, allow you to accrue more points (see determination of Attendance Points). Any falsifications of your group's membership may disqualify your group from winning the spirit competition.

Your member roster must be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. List the first and last name of each member in a separate cell. You will need to e-mail your roster separately from your application to the email address specified on the application. Hardcopies or rosters that do not follow the format below will not be accepted.

Roster Example:

	A	B
1	First	Last
2	John	Doe
3	Jane	Smith
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Participation in Events & Activities

As a group, you may participate in as many or as few of the items listed in the Spirit Competition Schedule as you wish. However, participating and attending more events will increase your opportunities to accumulate points and better your chances of winning.

Point System

Points are awarded to groups based on a variety of tabulated and judged criteria and are based on a group's attendance by percentage as well as the participation and performance of individual members. This ensures that both large and small groups will have relatively equal opportunities to earn points, such that the size of an organization will not necessarily impede nor enhance its opportunities to earn points throughout the entire competition.

Winning/Prizes

The winners of the spirit competition will be the teams that accrue the greatest number of points throughout the duration of the competition. Winners of the competition will be announced during halftime of the Homecoming basketball game on February 24. Up to three prizes will be given out for

first, second and third place. The team in first place will receive \$350, second place will receive \$250, and third place will receive \$150. (However, if less than five teams register for the spirit competition, then only one first place prize of \$350 will be awarded.) Prize money will be distributed into the student organization's University account or, in the case of organizations which are apart of a University department, to the appropriate departmental account. A winner among the residence hall groups will also be announced.

Determination of Points

There are four ways in which a group can earn points during the spirit competition. Each type of point is awarded for a different set of criteria and is specific to that event. The Spirit Competition Schedule of Events lists which type of points will be awarded at each event.

- **Attendance**

Points will be awarded for having registered group members in attendance at certain homecoming events. Attendance points will only be earned at events that are listed as such in the Spirit Competition Schedule of Events. There will be a Spirit Competition check-in station set-up at these events. Each of your individual members must check in to be counted as present for your group.

- One point will be awarded for every ten percent of a group's registered membership in attendance at each event. In order to earn these points, individuals must be on the team's competition roster and remain present for a substantial duration of the event (groups may lose credit for members who do not).
- Points awarded for attendance are based upon the percentage of each group's registered membership. The number of members you register must be at least 10 members or 50% of your organization's total membership based upon records kept in the Office of Student Governance & Organizations, University Housing, or by the department that oversees your organization.

- **Participation**

Points are awarded to a group if one of their members participates in certain Homecoming events. Participation is defined as having an active role (non-spectator/facilitator) in an event.

- Unless otherwise specified, groups will earn 3 points if at least one group member is a participant in an event. If a group has more than one participant in a single event, they shall receive 1 point for each additional 5 members who participate up to a maximum of 10 points.

- **Spirit**

These points are awarded at specified events for overall school spirit, enthusiasm, creativity, and organizational pride demonstrated by a group at a particular event. Examples are: cheering, banners/signs, face painting, dress/costume, or letters. Groups can earn up to 10 points for school spirit as determined by a panel of judges appointed by the homecoming committee chair.

- **Placement**

Placement points are awarded if your group places as an overall top-performer in certain events or activities.

- The number of points and who receives them vary and are specific to individual events. See the Spirit Competition Schedule for more details.

Spirit Competition Schedule of Events

The following list of Homecoming events will make up the competition. The points that can be earned at each event are listed below. A Group's Team Leader or other delegate must check in their group at the beginning of each event in order to receive points for attendance, participation, placement, or spirit.

- **Paint Your Ride with Maverick Pride**

Monday, February 11 • 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Parking Lot 29 (south of Greek Row) & Arlington Hall circle

- **Attendance Points**

This event, coordinated each year by Freshmen Leaders on Campus, is an opportunity for you to have your car decorated with temporary car chalk – for free! Your team earns attendance points at this event for having members' cars decorated at one of the two locations. The locations will be Parking Lot 29 (located off of W. Fourth St., south of Greek Row Dr.) and in the turnaround in front of Arlington Hall (off of Pecan St.). Members that participate can sign in with in order to get attendance point credit. For more information on Paint Your Ride contact Student Governance & Organizations at 817.272.2293.

- **Maverick Step-show**

Tuesday, February 12 • 7:00 p.m. • Texas Hall

- **Attendance Points**

- **Participation Points**

- **Placement Points:** 15 points first place, 10 points second place, 5 points third place

Does your group have a step routine? If so, sign up in the Maverick Step-Show. You will receive points for having members perform in the show. If your group's team happens to win in one of the award categories you will receive Placement Points. Up to \$800 in prizes will be given out at this event! Download the entry form online at <http://www.uta.edu/homecoming>.

- **Pep Rally & Blue & White Fashion Show**

Wednesday, February 13 • 12:00 p.m. • University Center, Palo Duro Lounge

- **Participation Points**

- **Spirit Points**

- **Attendance Points**

The Blue & White Fashion show sponsored by EXCEL Campus Activities is a Homecoming tradition. At one time this was an actual runway show featuring clothing design; however, today this tradition is about showing school spirit, not the latest trends in fashion! You're encouraged to dress up in your organization's most spirited and fun attire – be creative about it. The most festive and unique groups to walk down the runway will receive the most Spirit Points from the judges. Download the entry form: <http://www.uta.edu/homecoming>. The show this year will also take place along side a pep rally, your members will be able to sign in for attendance points.

- **Golf Cart Parade**

Friday, February 15 • 12:00 p.m. • UC Mall & Library Mall

- **Participation Points**

- **Spirit Points**

The golf cart parade will be a new addition to this year's Homecoming festivities. Not only is this a chance to show some Homecoming spirit, it's a great way to get some exposure for your organization on-campus. If your group submits an entry in the parade, you'll receive 5 points for participation; first, second, and third place will earn 5, 2 or 1 additional point(s) respectively. Judges will also award spirit points based upon the design and theme of your float and the overall enthusiasm shown by your members on the float. Contact Campus Activities & Community Programs for details on how to enter: 817.272.2963, University Center – lower level.

- **Blue & White Bash**

Friday, February 15 • 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. • University Center

- **Attendance Points**

Close out the week with a bash at this popular event that takes place in the University Center and is 100% free. There will be an assortment of: inflatable games, food, casino, live music, give-a-ways and other entertainment. Make sure to have your group members check in at the Spirit Competition sign in table before 11:15 p.m.

- **Tail-Gate and Chili Cook-off**

Saturday, February 16 • 2:00 p.m. • Parking lot near Texas Hall (West)

- **Attendance Points**

- **Spirit Points**

- **Participation Points:** 5 points for entering in Chili Cook-off

- **Placement Points:** 10 points for best overall and 5 points for all other places in the Chili Cook-off

Come out and get ready for the game at the Homecoming Tail-Gate & Chili-Cook-off. Download the Chili Cook-off entry form from <http://www.uta.edu/homecoming>, and bring your friends out to try some chili. Hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, chili and beer will be available for purchase. Your group members must check in for attendance points no later than 2:45 p.m.

- **Basketball Game and Coronation Ceremony**

- *Spirit Competition Winner(s) Announced***

Saturday, February 16 • 4:00 p.m. • Texas Hall

- **Attendance Points**

- **Spirit Points**

Bring your group out to Texas Hall as the Mavericks play against Cowboys of McNeese State. Wear your organization/spirit gear. Make sure that your group is visible and that the Spirit Judges can tell which group your folks are representing. During halftime the Homecoming king and queen will be announced and crowned. Again, don't forget to have your group members each check in for attendance at the spirit competition table no later than 4:30 p.m.