

SCRAPPYPALOOZA

HOMECOMING 2024

TEAM COMPETITION AND EVENT INFORMATION PACKET



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REVISIONS

When applicable, all revisions to the Homecoming Team Competition and Event Information packet will be noted on this page and uploaded to homecoming.unt.edu. Team Captains will be notified when revisions beyond grammar or the like have been made.

HOMECOMING CREW PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello, Mean Green Family!

Homecoming Week is a cherished tradition at the University of North Texas, celebrating our vibrant community, school spirit, and the enduring connections that make our campus truly special. The University of North Texas is home to more than 46,000 students, making it one of the largest universities in Texas. With that comes 134 years of traditions since the university's inception in 1890. This year, we have an incredible lineup of events such as our Bonfire (which is the largest human-made pallet bonfire in the nation) our service events, Scrappy Games, and several others. The goal of the week is to be filled with fun, camaraderie, and pride.

Since March, me and seven other student leaders have been collaborating as members of Homecoming Crew to put on the most enjoyable experience for students. We have been working very hard to help uphold UNT traditions as well as incorporate new ones. We are dedicated to giving you a Homecoming experience to remember, and we encourage you to embody the spirit of UNT during your collegiate years and in the future.

This year's Homecoming theme is Scrappypalooza, a music festival inspired theme to celebrate UNT sound and spirit.

If your team has any questions, issues or concerns, please reach out through your Team Captain so we can help you out wherever necessary. The Homecoming Crew wishes you the best of luck in this year's festivities, and we hope everyone has a great experience during the week! Go Mean Green!

We look forward to seeing you October 20th through October 26th, and make sure to follow us on social media @UNTHomecoming to stay up to date on what's going on in the world of Homecoming!

Jazlyn Drake
Homecoming Crew President

2024 HOMECOMING CREW

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Contacting the Homecoming Crew:

All communication regarding Homecoming must be sent to UNThomecoming@unt.edu. For student teams competing in any events, correspondence must come from their Team Captain using their my.unt.edu email address.

2024 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
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| Monday September 16th | by 5:00pm | OrgSync Forms Open for: Royalty Application Team Competition Sign-Up Picnic Table Reservation | homecoming.unt.edu |
| Friday September 20th | 12:00pm | Team Competition Info Video | homecoming.unt.edu |
| Sunday September 29th | 11:59pm | Royalty Application Deadline | homecoming.unt.edu |
| Sunday October 6th | 11:59pm | OrgSync Form Deadline for: Team Competition Sign-Up Picnic Table Reservation | homecoming.unt.edu |
| Sunday October 13th | 11:59pm | Homecoming Tent Reservation Deadline | UNT@5StarRental.com |
| Sunday October 13th | 11:59pm | Yell Like Hell Music and Mic Request Deadline | Email to UNThomecoming@unt.edu |
| Wednesday October 16th | 8:00pm | Information Emailed to Team Captains: Team Category Designations (S/M/L) Scrappy Games Information Yell Like Hell Schedule | Email from UNThomecoming@unt.edu |
| Sunday October 20th | 4:00-5:30pm | Spirit Board Dropoff (Scrappy Cup Event) | South Lawn |
| Monday October 21st | 8:00am | Royalty Voting Opens | homecoming.unt.edu |
| Monday October 21st | 9:00am | Spirit Board Judging | No presence necessary |
| Monday October 21st | 11:00am- 1:00pm | Homecoming Picnic | Library Mall (Rain: Union 314) |
| Tuesday October 22nd | 6:00pm | Scrappy Games Sponsored by Rec Sports & Student Activities (Scrappy Cup Event) | Pohl Rec Center |
| Wednesday October 23rd | 11:00am- 1:00pm | Service Event | TBD |
| Wednesday October 23rd | 7:00pm | Yell Like Hell Sponsored by PBSO & Student Activities (Scrappy Cup Event) | Coliseum |
| Thursday October 24th | 7:00pm | Spirit March | Ends at DATCU |

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| Thursday October 24th | 8:00pm | Bonfire and Team Competition Awards | DATCU Stadium, North Parking Lot |
| Thursday October 24th | 11:00pm | Royalty Voting Closes | homecoming.unt.edu |
| Friday October 25th | by 12:00pm | Spirit Board Pick-Up | South Lawn |
| Friday October 25th | 8:00pm | Spirit Bash Sponsored by UPC | Library Mall (Rain: TBD) |
| Saturday October 26th | TBD | Mean Green Football vs. Tulane Royalty Announcement | DATCU Stadium |

NON-COMPETITION INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Homecoming Tailgate:

Any student organization interested in reserving a spot for tailgating may do so by submitting [HERE](#). Tailgating spots are free for student organizations; however, if you would like a tent, you can rent one through 5 Star Rental by contacting UNT@5StarRental.com. The deadline to reserve a tent and pay is Sunday, October 13th.

Homecoming Picnic Table Reservation:

Each year, our Homecoming Week celebrations kick off with the Homecoming Picnic! Join us on Monday, October 21st, from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Library Mall (Union 314 if rain occurs) to begin a week of festivities with free food, friends, and fun. As part of the event, registered student organizations have the opportunity to host a table to publicize their organization. Hosting a table is free for registered student organizations and campus departments.

Details:

- Sunday, October 6th: Sign-Ups Due
- Monday, October 21st: Check-in from 10:15am-10:45am
- A 6-ft rectangular table will be provided
- No chairs or electricity will be provided
- You must have a representative present at your table from 11:00am-1:00pm
- Tables are limited and reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the form submission date

Service Event:

Homecoming will host one service event during the week of Homecoming. This event will be open to all UNT students and is not part of the Team Competition.

This year, we will be partnering with a local organization for a Service Event on Wednesday, October 23rd from 11:00am-1:00pm (location TBD).

HOMECOMING ROYALTY INFORMATION

About Homecoming Royalty:

Homecoming Royalty is awarded to a student who serves as a role model of and for the University's student body. The expectation is that they exhibit qualities such as leadership and upstanding character, as well as a commitment to academic and extracurricular success and contributing to or having a positive impact on campus. The student selected as the 2024 Homecoming Royalty should be a positive representation of the University of North Texas student body.

Court Qualifications:

- Be nominated by a registered student organization or University-Sponsored Student Group (e.g., North Texas Dancers, Intercollegiate Athletic Team, Eagle Ambassadors)
 - Organizations/groups may only nominate one candidate
 - The nominee must be a current member of the organization/group
- For Graduate Students:
 - Must have earned 18 UNT credit hours at the time of application
 - Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative UNT GPA
- For Undergraduate Students:
 - Must have earned 30 UNT credit hours at the time of application
 - Must be classified as a Junior or above
 - Must have at least a 2.75 cumulative UNT GPA
 - Must be a full-time student, unless graduating in December 2024
- Must be currently enrolled
- Must be in good conduct standing with the University
- Must not have been on the Homecoming Court in previous years
- Must not be on the 2024 Homecoming Crew

Royalty Application Information:

The Royalty Application is available on OrgSync and is due on Sunday, September 29th, at 11:59pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.

The application will ask you to enter your student organization/group President's (or equivalent) email address. If you are the President, the email address of the Vice President or next officer in succession must be entered. On September 30th, Homecoming Crew will email the President (or other officer, if applicable), asking them to confirm your nomination. It is strongly encouraged that you notify the President (or other officer, if applicable) of the need to reply and confirm the nomination via that email. If the President (or equivalent) does not receive the email by 3:00pm on September 30th, please contact UNThomecoming@unt.edu immediately. For your application to be considered, this officer must confirm the nomination. If confirmation is not completed by 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 2nd, your application will not be considered.

Applications include a section for a photo and 200-word maximum biography. You may include things such as your classification, major, campus involvement, hobbies, interests, etc. If you are selected to Court, this photo and biography will be placed on the Homecoming website. The photo and biography are considered final upon submission and not open for revision or swapping.

A panel of judges comprised of University faculty/staff, students, and/or alumni will review each application. Applications will be scored on the written essays and résumé. Applicants will be asked to answer the following essays, with each question's response being limited to 300 words:

1. What does Homecoming mean to you?
2. Based on your experience at UNT, what advice would you share with peers regarding how to be a successful student and leader?
3. Royalty will be given a chance to make an impact on campus via a one-time \$1,000 funding grant. Assuming you have no other funding resources, what would you do with that funding to make UNT a better place and why? *Must follow the guidelines laid out under the Court Campus Impact Project section.

In your application, you will also be asked to provide a copy of your class and work/internship schedule for the week of Homecoming.

Court Interview Information:

Candidates selected for an interview will be notified on Friday, October 4th. Interviews will be conducted by a different panel of judges, also comprised of University faculty/staff, students, and/or alumni. Interviews will be held from October 7th-10th between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Candidates will be judged on the following:

- University involvement in activities and organizations/groups
- Academic pursuits, interests, and achievements
- Demonstration of leadership skills and abilities
- Commitment to UNT values and demonstration of school spirit
- Personal presentation, including professionalism
- Enthusiasm and sincerity

Following interviews, the 10 candidates with the highest combined interview and application scores will be selected for the 2024 Homecoming Court.

Court Event Participation:

Court members are expected to participate in Homecoming events throughout the week and will receive points for every official (i.e., supervised by members of the Homecoming Crew) Homecoming event they assist with. If a member has class, an internship, or work, this will be counted as an excused absence and they will receive points for that event. Each member of Court will receive a schedule of events that lists every event that is required for full points. Court members will be expected to participate in each event for a

pre-determined amount of time. If a member does not stay for the expected amount of time, or finish the tasks needed, they will not receive any points for attending.

Royalty Scoring Criteria:

Royalty selection will be calculated as follows:

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| Résumé | 10% |
| Essays | 20% |
| Interview | 30% |
| Student Vote | 25% |
| Participation | 15% |
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| Total: | 100% |

The candidate with the highest combined score will be named Homecoming Royalty!

Court Campaigning:

Court members may campaign from Tuesday, October 15th at 8:00am until Thursday, October 24th at 11:00pm. Court members are limited to spending up to \$150 on their campaigning efforts. UNT faculty and staff may not be included in any promotional material or other efforts to earn votes—faculty and staff may only comment on the student’s actions, not promote students to vote for them.

Court is expected to abide by all university policies (including the [UNT Solicitation, Signs and Postings Policy](#) and the [Student Code of Conduct](#)). Vulgar, inappropriate materials and campaign smearing will not be tolerated. Again, Royalty should be role models for other UNT students. Any Court member believed to be in violation of university policy or the Student Code of Conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students office.

Any Court member who does not follow these rules may be disqualified.

Court Student Vote:

The student vote will take place on OrgSync from Monday, October 21st at 8:00am until Thursday, October 24th at 11:00pm.

Court Recognition:

In 2018, one of the goals of the Homecoming Crew was to increase the prestige of the position as well as recognition for the student deserving of the honor. As such, Student Activities has committed to recognizing Royalty in the following way:

- \$200 co-sponsorship for each Court member’s student organization
- \$1,000 one-time funding towards a campus-impact project or activity, approved by appropriate campus entities, that Royalty will help coordinate
- Brick with Royalty’s name installed at the Alumni Pavilion near DATCU Stadium
- Digital media campaign promoting Royalty
- Opportunity to represent the University at speaking engagements

Court Important Dates:

In addition to previously mentioned event participation, activities in bold are MANDATORY for the Homecoming Court.

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| Sept. 29 | Applications due on OrgSync by 11:59pm |
| Oct. 2 | Org/Group nomination confirmation due by 5:00pm |
| Oct. 4 | Top candidates invited to interviews |
| Oct. 7-10 | Candidate interviews for selection to Court |
| Oct. 11 | Homecoming Court notified by 5:00pm |
| Oct. 14 | Homecoming Court information meeting, time TBD |
| Oct. 14 | Announcement of Court |
| Oct. 15-24 | Campaigning |
| Oct. 20 | Halftime Walkthrough |
| Oct. 21-24 | Voting in OrgSync |
| Oct. 21 | Dinner with a Dozen |
| Oct. 26 | Royalty announced at football game |

Court Campus Impact Project:

As you think about what you would like your Campus Impact Project to be, you will want to follow the guidelines below to determine whether your project is feasible. These guidelines are not meant to discourage you from pursuing a project, but to ensure that your idea can be successfully executed if you win. The idea is for you to run for Homecoming Royalty with a campus impact project platform that you can actually deliver on. This project is yours and we want you to take ownership of it. You will be responsible for executing the project with guidance from Student Activities, so make sure it’s something you’re passionate about and that you’re excited to plan.

Questions to Consider:

Does it already exist?

Make sure your idea or something very similar to your idea doesn’t already exist somewhere else on campus. A quick search should tell you the answer, but if you’re unsure, ask.

Is it sustainable long term?

If you're wanting to implement a new program that would require student and/or staff oversight, like a mentorship program or a new composting system, think about what that would entail in the long term. Often, implementing a program is easy but maintaining it can be difficult and more costly. We don't want to transfer cost to another department to take on the project after you have left/the first time. Examples:

- A mentorship program would require a department to take on additional responsibilities like hiring student staff, training them, coming up with goals and execution plans, marketing for students to be mentored, etc.
- A composting system would require a department to move compost daily from the original location, maintain the composting site, appropriately market to students how/when to compost, etc.

Categories of Projects:

When you're thinking about your idea, it will likely fit into one of these 3 categories: Event, Beautification, or Donation. These categories are not all-encompassing and it is entirely possible that you could come up with an idea outside of these categories. Once you figure out which category your project may belong in, use the guidelines below to hone in on your idea.

Event

If you want to host an event, there are many items to take into consideration. Some examples of past event ideas include a seminar to assist first-generation college students, mental health training day, and disaster preparation seminar.

- What is the event?
 - Are you spreading awareness about a cause?
 - Do you want to provide an opportunity for learning?
- Who do you hope to impact most?
 - Keep in mind that your event may target a specific group of students, but cannot exclude others.
 - Is this event open to just students? Can staff/faculty attend?

Beautification

If you want to make some sort of physical improvement to campus, there are many aspects to take into consideration. Some examples of past beautification ideas include adding fairy lights to the outdoor space of the Union Starbucks, purchasing a freezer for the campus food pantry, and creating a community reflection space for students to plant flowers/plants and share their stories.

- What are you adding/improving?
 - Is there something on campus that doesn't function as best as it could or is there a need that isn't currently being filled?
- Where will it go? Is there space available for this project?
 - This will be the number one issue with any beautification project.
 - If you want to create a space for a group of people or a purpose, there either needs to be space on campus that isn't currently being utilized, or space that could have its purpose changed.

Donation

As far as staying within budget, donating the money is the easiest way to ensure you do that, although not likely to provide the specific impact you're looking for (compared to an event or beautification project of your choosing). Before you decide who to donate the money to, keep in mind that the point of the Campus Impact Project is to fund a project/donate the money somewhere that directly impacts campus and/or the

UNT student body. Therefore, you will be looking on campus for a recipient, which could be a department or even a specific program. After you have selected a department or other on-campus entity, reach out to them and see if they have any specific projects or needs coming up that they could use the funds for. Your campaign will be more effective if you have a specific purpose for the money rather than just saying you'll donate it.

Project Budget:

To help you get a better idea of the costs associated with the project, you will be required to submit a sample budget with your Homecoming Royalty Application. This budget at this point is a good-faith estimate and is intended to give you and Student Activities an idea of the cost of the project, to ensure it is realistic.

When creating your budget, you will want to keep in mind the following considerations based on the type of project you choose:

Event

- Anticipated attendance?
 - How many people do you think will attend? This will determine which spaces are available to house your event.
- Where will the event take place? There is a charge for use of many spaces on campus.
 - Do you want the event to take place inside or outside?
 - What will be taking place at the event?
 - Are there speakers and/or activities that would be better suited for one environment over the other?
 - Will your expected attendance fit in the space?
- What equipment will you need?
 - Depending on what is taking place at your event, you may need items like a stage, microphone, sound system, etc.
 - Assume everything you need has a cost associated with it.
- How will you market the event?
 - Boosting posts on social media, creating lawn signs, and promoting the event on the Union TVs all cost money.
 - You want your event to be well-attended so taking marketing costs into account is important.
- Event date/time
 - We will likely host the event in the spring semester to ensure the event can occur before you graduate.
 - Does the event coincide with a specific day, month, week?
 - If so, is it important to you that it takes place during this same time?
 - Hosting a single workshop/event is feasible; hosting a week's worth of events may not be.
- Will there be speakers?
 - Keep in mind if you need to pay someone to speak at the event or provide a service at the event.
 - Utilize on-campus departments and resources when possible as they typically would not charge.
- Will there be food, giveaways, etc.?

- Assuming you have money left in your budget, do you want to include some sort of catering or a giveaway for attendees?
- If being able to offer these items is important to you and your event, you may have to limit attendance in order to make up the cost.

Beautification

- What materials and/or labor costs will be involved?
 - a. Anything involving breaking ground will likely be over \$1,000.
 - b. If you want to build or tear something down, it's very likely that it will not be in the \$1,000 budget.
 - You may know someone who could build the project for less (think a DIY budget), but UNT has its own architects and construction teams that have to follow certain guidelines and codes.

When submitting your budget, please use the provided [template](#) (available on the website in the Royalty Information Packet) and follow these steps:

1. Enter a brief description of the cost next to the expense type under the description column
 - a. For example: if you want to hand out t-shirts at your event, you may put "50 t-shirts" in the description column next to "Giveaways"
2. Enter the estimated cost next to the expense type under the financial estimate column
 - a. For example: if you received an estimate for 50 t-shirts that comes out to \$350, you will enter that in the financial estimate column next to "Giveaways"
3. You will not necessarily fill out an estimate for each expense type
 - a. For example, if you want to plan an event for your project, you likely won't have an estimate for "Donation"

TEAM COMPETITION INFORMATION

Team Competition Overview

The Homecoming Team Competition includes a variety of activities and events throughout the week. Competition consists of three events. Teams may compete in as many or as few events as desired. Each event will award teams points towards the Scrappy Cup. The team in each category with the most overall points, combining all events, will win the Scrappy Cup. Teams interested in participating in any of the Team Competition events must complete the [Team Competition Sign-Up Form](#) on OrgSync by 11:59pm on Sunday, October 6th.

Team Competition Categories

There will be four categories for Team Competition events, and teams will only compete against the groups within their own category.

The categories include:

- Residence Hall Team
- Large Team*
- Medium Team*
- Small Team *

Teams are made up of a minimum of five currently enrolled UNT students. Non-Residence Hall teams can consist of one registered student organization (including those affiliated with the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life), multiple registered student organizations, or a group of friends. Friend groups allow students who are not involved in a registered student organization or residence hall to participate in Homecoming Team Competition events. Depending on the size of the friend group, they will be placed in either the Large, Medium, or Small Team category. Although friend groups are not registered student organizations, all rules/regulations and deadlines still apply.

*The difference between the Large, Medium, and Small Team categories will be determined after the Team Competition Sign-Up deadline. The goal is to split the categories to make the competition as fair as possible, and to allow for approximately the same number of teams to compete in all three categories. Team Captains will receive an email indicating their assigned team category by 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 16th.

Scrappy Cup

The Scrappy Cup is awarded to the overall Team Competition winner. It will be awarded to the 1st place team in each category, combining scores from competition events. Events include:

- Spirit Board
- Scrappy Games
- Yell Like Hell

Team Competition Policies and Procedures

Even if your team participates in only 1 of the 3 Team Competition events, all policies apply.

In this packet, you will find information regarding Homecoming Team Competition events, including forms, deadlines, rules, and the point system. Please read the information carefully, as some details are different than in previous years.

It is impossible to predict all situations that may occur during the Team Competition events. Therefore, in the absence of established rules or guidelines, decisions of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew will be made in the spirit of fairness and school unity, and when reasonable, consistency. As per “Revisions,” edits made to this packet after initial publication will be sent to the Team Captains and placed online at homecoming.unt.edu.

Sportsmanship and Conduct:

Derogatory conduct directed towards others, or conduct not in the best interest of building school spirit and unity, will not be tolerated. Foul language, gestures, or destruction of another individual’s or group’s property, as well as violation of any law (e.g., public intoxication), UNT policy, or Homecoming Rules can result in immediate disqualification from all events for the team(s) in question and will be referred to the Dean of Students office. All decisions about disqualification are at the discretion of Student Activities and the Homecoming Crew.

Accommodations and Accessibility Requests:

All students are invited to participate in Homecoming activities and Team Competition events. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation (e.g., ramp to the stage at Yell Like Hell) or have questions about the access provided, please email UNThomecoming@unt.edu at least 72 business hours prior to the event in question. Student Activities will make all reasonable attempts to provide accommodations.

Team Captains:

All Teams competing in any number of Team Competition events must select and list one (and only one) Team Captain on the Team Competition Sign-Up Form. In an effort to decrease opportunities for miscommunication, the Team Captain will be the only student from their team who may communicate (e.g., ask questions, air concerns) in an official capacity with the designated Student Activities/Homecoming Crew Representative. The Team Captain will also be the only person on the team who receives communication from the Student Activities/Homecoming Crew Representative.

Information Video:

Student Activities/Homecoming Crew will provide an information video to provide a more detailed explanation of the Homecoming Team Competition and additional events. The information video will be available on the Homecoming webpage by 12:00pm on September 20th. It is strongly encouraged that the Team Captain watch the video and follow up via email with any questions.

Participation Eligibility:

All student organizations (including those affiliated with the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life) must be currently registered (2024-2025) with Student Activities at the time of entry and through Homecoming Week to participate in Homecoming events. Multiple student organizations can combine to form one Homecoming team to participate in Team Competition events. If you choose to combine for any one event, you must also combine with the same student organization for all other events in which you participate. When more than one student organization combines to form a team, all student organizations within the team must be registered; otherwise, the entire team will be ineligible to compete. If unsure about your registration status for 2024-2025, you may contact Student Activities.

Participants in all Team Competition events must be currently enrolled UNT students, and an individual student may only compete on one Homecoming team within a category. For example, an RLA who is also a member of a student organization may participate on their Residence Hall team and their Large Team, since they are in separate competition categories. However, a member of two organizations that are both competing in the Large Team category may only participate on behalf of one of those organizations.

Homecoming Awards Ceremony:

Team Competition event winners will be announced at an award ceremony at the Homecoming Bonfire on Thursday, October 24th. Teams are invited to join in celebrating the accomplishments of students throughout the week, in the awarding of the Scrappy Cup in each team category.

Questions and Concerns:

All questions regarding Homecoming activities and Team Competition events should be directed to UNThomecoming@unt.edu and must come from the Team Captain's my.unt.edu email address. Any UNT student may submit a complaint or concern (including a report of a team's potential rule violation) from their my.unt.edu email address within 24 hours of the completion of the Homecoming Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 24th, and may be able to remain anonymous upon request. When that is not possible, the Homecoming Advisor will notify the student and allow them to decide if they would like to retract the complaint. In some situations, the Homecoming Advisor may require that the complaint be submitted through the Team Captain.

Decision Appeals:

The Homecoming Grievance Committee will hear appeals of decisions made by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew or on behalf of Homecoming (e.g., judges' decisions). Other complaints or concerns may be submitted per "Questions and Concerns" above. Additionally, the Committee will hear referrals by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew related to Team Competition events.

The Grievance Committee will consist of UNT students and faculty/staff. There will be a total of five people on the committee, at least two of which will be students. The committee will be chaired by the Director of Student Activities, who will have no voting rights and will serve only to facilitate the meetings.

Any committee member who is a member or advisor of a team competing in the team category involved in an appeal or referral shall recuse themselves from voting.

Submitting an Appeal:

Appeals to the decisions of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew must be submitted in writing via the [Grievance Form](#) on OrgSync within 24 hours of the decision or incident in question. This means that if the Grievance Committee finds merit in a Grievance Form submitted after winners are announced at the Awards Ceremony (within the 24-hour deadline), points, and thus announced winners, could change.

The Grievance Committee will make all reasonable attempts to meet within one business day of receiving the [Grievance Form](#). The Chair will notify all parties involved of the time and place of the meeting. All involved parties or their representatives shall have the opportunity to present their cases. The presentation may include a statement of their concern, presentation of testimony in person or in writing, arguments, and a summary that includes desired considerations and actions by the committee. Each involved party shall have no longer than five minutes to present, unless the time is extended by the committee.

The Committee can overturn a decision of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew by a two-thirds vote. The Committee can render a decision referred to it by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew with a majority vote.

The Grievance Committee chair will notify, as soon as reasonably possible, all involved parties of the committee’s decision. This will be sent via email to the Team Captain, Homecoming Crew Student Director, and Homecoming Advisor.

The decision of the Grievance Committee is final.

Team Competition Scoring

All teams will receive points for events in which they participate. The first-place team within each category will receive the maximum number of points, determined by the number of teams participating in that event within that category. Since we can’t predict how many teams will compete until all Team Competition Sign-Up Forms are submitted, we’ve determined the number of points that the last place team will get in each event and created a point differential between the subsequent placements.

| EVENT | LAST PLACE POINTS | POINT DIFFERENTIAL PER PLACEMENT |
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| Scrappy Games | 20 | +20 |
| Spirit Board | 30 | +30 |
| Yell Like Hell | 40 | +40 |

For example: in the Yell Like Hell competition, if there are 8 teams in the Large Team category, the 8th place team will receive 40 points, 7th place team will receive 80 points, and so on. The 1st place team will receive the maximum, 320 points (40 points x 8 teams).

In the event of a tie: those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement. Using the previous example, if there is a tie among two teams for 2nd place, both teams will receive 280 points. The next placement would be 4th (there would be no 3rd place), which will receive 200 points.

| EXAMPLE: POINT BREAKDOWN FOR CATEGORY WITH 4 TEAMS | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Scrappy Games | Spirit Board | Yell Like Hell |
| 4th Place | 20 | 30 | 40 |
| 3rd Place | 40 | 60 | 80 |
| 2nd Place | 60 | 90 | 120 |
| 1st Place | 80 | 120 | 160 |

Note: If a team is disqualified from competing in an event, the team will receive no points for that event.

All teams' event points will count towards their cumulative Team Competition scores.

Scoring Amendment:

The Progressive Black Student Organization (PBSO) partners with Student Activities/Homecoming Crew to plan Yell Like Hell. For this reason, they are unable to participate in the event and thus cannot earn points for it. In the spirit of fairness, a separate scoring process will exist only for the team category in which PBSO falls, to be determined after the Team Competition Sign-Up Deadline.

In the event that PBSO competes in any event, scoring in their team category will be slightly different than the others. Once each team's placement points (as described in "Team Competition Scoring") for all events are added, that point total will be divided by the number of events the team had the opportunity to compete in. For PBSO, it will be two (i.e., Spirit Board and Scrappy Games). For all other teams, it will be three. This will create an average score for each team in that category. The highest average will win the Scrappy Cup in that team category.

TEAM COMPETITION EVENT INFORMATION

Team Competition events are specifically designed to give students the opportunity to showcase their UNT spirit! This year's events include:

- Spirit Board
- Scrappy Games
- Yell Like Hell

Teams can register for as many events as they desire. Teams can only win points in the events for which they compete and will accumulate points for them. While all individual event winners will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony, the team in each category that has the most combined points from these events will win the Scrappy Cup.

Spirit Board (Event 1)

Spirit Boards are pieces of plywood painted and decorated to depict a team's interpretation of the Homecoming theme integrated with Mean Green spirit. The boards will be placed on the South Lawn on Sunday, October 20th and remain standing throughout the week to be admired by passersby.

Spirit Board Materials Needed:

Teams must supply all of their own materials, which include:

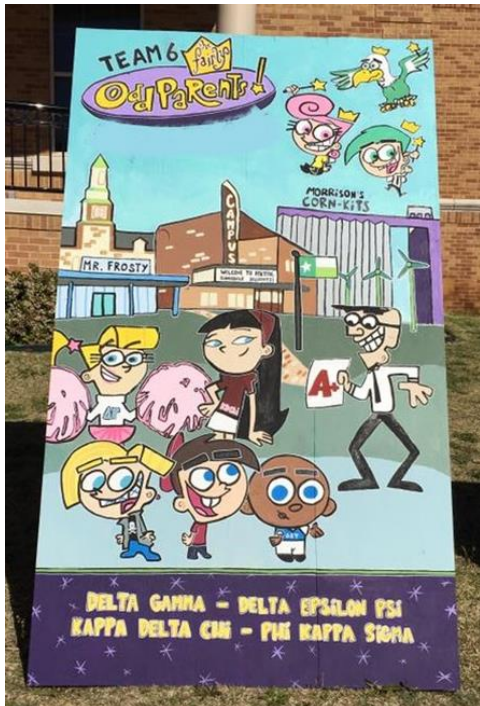
- Piece of plywood, approximately ¾" thick, sanded
 - Teams can purchase pre-sanded plywood at Home Depot or Lowe's
- Items to make the board free-standing
 - We suggest wood beams to prop it up—for example, two 2x4's and two 3¼" radius gate hinges
- Screws and screwdrivers to assemble boards, if necessary. Note: there will not be tools available onsite; teams must supply their own
- Paint, markers, or any other creative materials for decorating the board
 - Boards will be displayed and judged outside, so teams should ensure that any decorating media and materials used can withstand inclement weather
- A large car or truck to transport the board to and from the South Lawn
 - The board itself will not likely fit in a sedan-style vehicle

Spirit Board Rules:

- Boards must be 4'x6' or 4'x7', designed vertically
 - Board sizes may differ based on where a team purchases their board, but must be one of the above sizes
- Spirit Boards must be completed and turned in to the team's designated location on the South Lawn between 4:00-5:30pm on Sunday, October 20th
- Spirit Boards must be picked up by 12:00pm on Friday, October 25th

- Teams that fail to pick up their board by this time will forfeit the ability to participate in other campus-wide events hosted by Student Activities in 2024-2025 and will be submitted to the Dean of Students office, where they may face disciplinary and/or administrative action for violating the [UNT Solicitation, Signs, and Postings Policy](#)
- Boards must be free-standing (i.e., able to stand freely on their own) at approximately an 80-degree angle to the ground so that they are visible to those walking by
- If using paint, your board must be dry when you bring it to the South Lawn; painting on the South Lawn will not be allowed
- Paint and other background decorating media must be waterproof; any mess or damage caused by a team's board (e.g., paint running off the board and onto the ground) will be the responsibility of the team
- The team's name must be on the back of the board for identification purposes
 - The team's name may also be listed on the front of the board if desired
- Teams will not be allowed to speak with judges
- Board designs must not convey any vulgar or inappropriate material; designs must be respectful towards all other teams and schools
- Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the "Questions and Concerns" section
- Student Activities/Homecoming Crew reserves the right not to display a board and to disqualify it if they feel it is not in the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming

Spirit Board Example:



Spirit Board Judging Criteria:

Judging of the Spirit Boards will occur at 9:00am on Monday, October 21st. Teams do not need to be present for judging, as teams are not allowed to speak with judges. Below is the judging rubric:

| CRITERIA | POINTS |
|---|---------------|
| Adherence to rules – refer to packet for detailed list of rules | /10 |
| Creativity/Uniqueness/Originality | /15 |
| Incorporation of Homecoming Theme | /25 |
| Demonstration of Mean Green Spirit – inclusion of logos, mascot, colors, and/or local monuments | /25 |
| Overall design | /25 |
| Total | /100 |

Spirit Board Point Distribution:

As described in “Team Competition Scoring,” the last place team in the category will receive 30 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 30 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 30 points, 2nd place will receive 60 points, and 1st place will receive 90 points. In the event of a tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement.

Spirit Board Sign-Up:

To participate, submit the Team Competition Sign-Up form on OrgSync by October 6th at 11:59pm.

Scrappy Games (Event 2)

Dodge Fest (Scrappy Games) will be a dodgeball tournament. There will be a watch party with activities for the audience and participants, in addition to the dodgeball tournament. Be sure to bring your best supporters!

Scrappy Games Details:

Dodge Fest (Scrappy Games) will happen on October 22nd at 6:00pm at the Pohl Recreation Center, 1900 Chestnut Street, Denton, TX 76201. Matches will be officiated by Rec Sports intramural referees. As event details are still being finalized, additional information (e.g., tournament format, check-in times, etc.) will be emailed to Team Captains by 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 16th.

Scrappy Games Rules:

While the games start at 6:00pm, participating team members must check in at the time designated in the additional information email. Beyond the rules listed below, additional ones may be included in the additional information email.

1. Each game will be played with, at most, 5 team members.
2. Number of games played, as well as game time limit, will be determined after Team Competition sign-ups close.

3. On the initial rush at the start of the game, players are not allowed to eliminate opponents until they retreat behind their volleyball attack line. Any person hit during the initial rush will not be considered “out.” The following ways are how you get “OUT”

- a. A live ball hits you anywhere on the body, excluding the head
- b. A live ball is caught by an opponent before it hits the ground or side walls of the Indoor Soccer gym
- c. If you lose control of a ball you were holding during an attempt to deflect an incoming throw
- d. Stepping completely over the middle boundary

5. Once you are out, you must come straight to the sideline and be touching the side wall so that you don’t interfere with the rest of the game.

- a. If someone on your team catches a live ball, one eliminated person may reenter the game. The player allowed to reenter will be the first eliminated person.

6. Players will be discouraged from “stalling” to accumulate most of the dodgeballs. If necessary, the intramural staff will redistribute dodgeballs to the opposing team.

7. The official/supervisor will have final say on all boundary infractions.

8. If a team is short players, any late player may enter the game upon arrival.

Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the “Questions and Concerns” section.

Student Activities/Homecoming Crew reserves the right to disqualify a team for egregious violations of the rules/regulations or if they feel it is in the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming.

Scrappy Games Point Distribution:

As described in “Team Competition Scoring,” the last place team in the category will receive 20 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 20 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 20 points, 2nd place will receive 40 points, and 1st place will receive 60 points. In the event of a tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement.

Scrappy Games Sign-Up:

To participate, submit the Team Competition Sign-Up form on OrgSync by October 6th at 11:59pm.

Yell Like Hell (Event 3)

The Progressive Black Student Organization (PBSO) and Student Activities invite you to compete in the Yell Like Hell competition on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00pm at the UNT Coliseum.

Yell Like Hell Details:

- Yell Like Hell is a competition in which teams develop a performance routine that showcases their skills, creativity, and school spirit. It is an opportunity for teams to showcase their talents, whether that be via dancing, skits, monologues, singing, stepping, strolling, or chants and cheers

- All teams must submit their music and microphone requests by emailing UNThomecoming@unt.edu by 11:59pm on Sunday, October 13th. Failure to submit music will result in your team's inability to perform and disqualification
- Music must be submitted in an mp3 format
- An event schedule, listing the arrival time, assigned seating area, order of performances, and projected performance times, will be emailed to Team Captains by 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 16th
- Stage Dimensions are 40'x30' and the stage is approximately 39" off the ground
- Teams will not be able to practice on the Coliseum stage before the performance
- If your team becomes unable to participate, your Team Captain is required to notify PBSO by emailing at untpbso@gmail.com and cc'ing UNThomecoming@unt.edu at least 72 hours before the event

Yell Like Hell Rules:

- Performances are limited to 2 minutes in length
- The maximum number of student performers is 25 during the course of a team's 2-minute performance
- Teams may only utilize the talents of current student members to choreograph/plan their team's performance routine. No team may utilize or pay an outside source to choreograph or plan their team's routine
- Teams must check-in to receive wristbands. Check-in will be at Gate H of the Coliseum. Please arrive during the following check-in times:
 - 5:30pm: Large Team Check-In
 - 5:40pm: Medium Team Check-In
 - 5:50pm: Residence Hall Check-In
 - 6:00pm: Small Team Check-In
- All teams must be checked in and in your team's assigned seating area by 6:45pm
- Failure to check in at both of the above times (i.e., category check in and seating area) will result in your team's inability to perform and disqualification
- Teams will be assigned an area in which to sit and must sit in their assigned area after checking in and remain there until called to perform
 - Only the members who are part of the team's Yell Like Hell performance (maximum 25 students) may be in the assigned seating area
 - Once a team has performed, they will return to their assigned seating area until the event is over
- Teams will be called to the "on deck" section from their assigned seating areas; any team who misses their on deck call will forfeit their right to perform and be disqualified
- This is a family show, so no vulgar, explicit, or suggestive/inappropriate language (spoken or in your performance music), gestures, or actions will be tolerated

- Lifting is allowed; however, there shall be no basket tosses or throwing into the air, even if the people doing the stunts are trained to do so. The criterion by which it will be determined if this has occurred is that the lifting and lifted students lose contact (i.e., there is air between them). The lifting and lifted students must maintain contact at all times to limit the potential for injuries
- Cartwheels, back handsprings, back tucks, and other gymnastic skills are not permitted
- Any material that would leave a residue that requires clean up on the stage, floor, or property of the Coliseum will not be allowed
 - This includes, but is not limited to, powders, glitter, confetti, and liquids
 - This includes event props and costumes. For example, costumes containing glitter that could be shaken loose and fall onto the stage are not permitted
- Performance props must be removed from the Coliseum immediately following the conclusion of the event; failure to do this will result in a deduction of five points, per piece, from the judges' combined final scores and could result in a change of placement for the event
- Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the "Questions and Concerns" section
- Student Activities/Homecoming Crew in conjunction with PBSO, at their own discretion, reserve the right to disqualify a team for egregious violations of the rules/regulations or if they feel it is in the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming

Yell Like Hell Judging Criteria:

The judging rubric for Yell Like Hell is as follows:

| CRITERIA | POINTS |
|---|---------------|
| Adherence to Rules: Are all of the rules followed? | /10 |
| Showmanship: Entertainment value, including stage presence, facial expressions, and confidence of skill | /25 |
| Spirit: Enthusiasm, pride, and passion for the University of North Texas and Homecoming | /25 |
| Creativity: Unique and imaginative ideas in the creation and delivery of the performance | /20 |
| Incorporation of Theme: Implementation of "Scrappypalooza" theme | /20 |
| Total | /100 |

Yell Like Hell Point Distribution:

As described in "Team Competition Scoring" the last place team in the category will receive 40 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 40 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 40 points, 2nd place will receive 80 points, and 1st place will receive 120 points. In the event of a tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement.

Yell Like Hell Sign-Up:

To participate, submit the Team Competition Sign-Up form on OrgSync by October 6th at 11:59pm.