2012 SFA Homecoming Court Rules and Regulations

Section I – 2012 SFA Homecoming Candidate Filing Procedures
To run for Homecoming Court, you must:

- Be in good academic standing and have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Turn in a completed application (including $25 application fee) to the SFA Involvement Center by 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 10.
- All candidates must attend a mandatory homecoming court meeting unless they have made arrangements with the Assistant Director for Student Affairs Programs for Student Activities BEFORE the last meeting:
  - Oct. 11 @ 5p.m. – BPSC Student Affairs Commons located on 3rd Floor
  - Oct. 12 @ 4p.m. – BPSC Student Affairs Commons located on 3rd Floor

Failure to attend one of these meetings MAY result in removal from the 2012 SFA Homecoming Ballot.

*Because candidates run as individuals, no student organization money can be used to aid in candidate campaigns.

**Classification is determined by credit hours recorded by the Registrar.

Section II – 2012 SFA Homecoming Election Procedures

- The SFA Homecoming online election through SFA’s Axes system will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, October 15 and continue through 5 p.m. the same day.
- Students can vote at Homecoming Headquarters located on campus from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17. Homecoming Headquarters tables will also be set up at major Homecoming events for additional voting opportunities.
  - The first ballot voting opportunity will be at the Homecoming Kick-Off event on Monday, October 15.
- Campaigning for Homecoming court can be done only online and in the designated *campaigning area.
  - The designated campaigning area unless otherwise indicated by Traditions Council will be in the BPSC Outdoor Plaza.
- Any registered student may vote, but can only vote for the candidates of their own classification (determined by credit hours through the registrar’s office) and for Senior Queen and King.
- Participation Points will be awarded to candidates who participate in the following Homecoming festivities up to 100 points:
  *Candidates are responsible for checking in at the Homecoming Headquarters table to receive credit for participation.

**Sunday, October 15:**
Opening Ceremony
Kick-Off Game Night Event

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Opening Ceremony 20 points awarded for attendance
Kick-Off Game Night Event 20 points awarded for attendance

**Tuesday, October 16:**
Blood Drive 20 points awarded for donation
Amazing Traditions Race 20 points awarded for participation on a team

Wednesday, October 17:
ODK Trivia Bowl 20 points awarded for participation on a team
Battle of the Midway 20 points awarded for participation on a team

Bonus Point Opportunities:
Canned Food Drive 1 point per can up to 25 points
Live United Chain Sale 1 point per 5 chain links up to 25 points
Daily Campaigning 10 points per day (October 16 & 17)

Section III – 2012 SFA Homecoming Campaign Procedures

- The final candidates will be announced on Thursday, October 18 at the Candidate Reveal event at 5 p.m.
- Court positions will be awarded to those who have the highest final totals based on the following formula.
  - Election Totals + Participation Points = Homecoming Court
- Senior Candidates: The three highest vote earners will be determined after ballot totals on Wednesday, October 17. These finalists for both King and Queen will be interviewed by a panel of faculty and staff on Thursday, October 18.
  - King and Queen Court competition: Election votes will account for 75% and interview process will account for 25% of overall total.
- *Campaigning (either physical or online) will officially begin after Homecoming Opening Ceremonies on Monday, October 15th.
- All campus *publicity must comply with the SFA campus posting policies, and publicity around the city of Nacogdoches is regulated by the city.
- Candidates can only campaign within the designated campaigning area. No campaigning is allowed inside the perimeter of designated voting areas.
- ABSOLUTELY NO CAMPAIGNING IN ANY UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.
- Newspaper advertisements are permitted.
- Candidates are responsible for the cleanup of publicity, including posters, handbills or flyers, on campus. Failure to do so will result in consequences determined by University staff.
- SIDEWALK CHALK IS NOT ALLOWED- ANYWHERE.
- Parade cars, flowers and signage will be provided for the 2012 SFA Homecoming Court. All other applicants are responsible for their own car, flowers and signage for the parade if they wish to participate.

  * Publicity is defined as printed or online promotional materials on behalf of the candidate.
  * Campaigning is defined as the physical act of promotion on behalf of the candidate.

Section IV – 2012 SFA Homecoming Policies Enforcement

- SFA Homecoming elections will abide by the guidelines of the SFA Way.
• Violations will be determined by Traditions Council and the University and may result in a loss of popular vote or disqualification.
• Appeals may be made to Traditions Council in writing no more than 24 hours after violations are assessed.

For more information on the 2012 SFA Homecoming Court Rules and Regulations Contact:
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