Homecoming 2017

Rules and Regulations

October 27th – November 4th, 2017
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Calendar of Events

Friday, October 27th – Saturday, November 4th

Monday-Wednesday, October 2nd, 3rd, 4th

- TXST’s Got Talent Auditions, LBJSC George’s, 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, October 20th

- Soap Box Inspection 1, Speck Street, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 27th

- Bobcat Business Spirit Display Competition (judging), 10:00 a.m.
- Campus Department Spirit Display Competition (judging), 10:00 a.m.
- Student Organizations Spirit Flags Competition (judging)

Saturday, October 28th

- Co-Ed 4v4 Volleyball, Campus Recreation Center, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30th

- Homecoming Carnival, LBJSC Mall, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Homecoming Spirit Rally, LBJSC Amphitheater, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (during Carnival)
- Soap Box Inspection 2, Speck Street, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Talent Show Tech Rehearsal, Evans Auditorium, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31st

- Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, Evans Auditorium, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1st

- Homecoming Talent Show, Evans Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 3rd

- Soap Box Derby, Read Street, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4th

- Homecoming 5K (presented by Pro Rec), 8:00 a.m.
- Homecoming Court Tailgate, 11:00 a.m.
- Football Game vs. New Mexico State, 2:00 p.m.
- Halftime Ceremony, 3:15 p.m. approximately
Sign-Up Dates

**Texas State**

**HOME COMING ★ 2017**

*SIGN-UP*
**FRIDAY, OCT. 27**
*MONDAY, OCT. 2 - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18*
**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18**

**SPIRIT FLAG COMPETITION**
ONLINE
5 PM

LAST DAY TO PICK UP FLAGS
SACA OFFICE 4-A-1
5 PM

**SATURDAY, OCT. 28**
*MONDAY, OCT. 2 - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18*

**CO-ED 4V4 VOLLEYBALL**
STUDENT REC CENTER
12 PM - 5 PM

**MONDAY, OCT. 30**

**CARNIVAL**
LBJSC MALL
11 AM - 2 PM

**SPIRIT RALLY**
LBJSC AMPHITHEATER
12 PM - 1 PM

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1**
*MONDAY, SEP. 18 - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4*
*MONDAY, OCT. 2 - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4*

**TALENT SHOW**
EVANS AUDITORIUM
7 PM - 9:30 PM

AUDITIONS
GEORGE'S
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**FRIDAY, NOV. 3**
*MONDAY, OCT. 2 - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18*

**SOAP BOX DERBY**
READ ST.
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**FRIDAY, OCT. 20**
ROUND 1 INSPECTION
SPECK STREET GARAGE
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**MONDAY, OCT. 30**
ROUND 2 INSPECTION
SPECK STREET GARAGE
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**SATURDAY, NOV. 4**
**FOOTBALL GAME vs. NEW MEXICO ST.**
BOBCAT STADIUM
2 PM

If you require accommodations due to a disability in order to participate, please contact SACA-SV-345-263 at least 72 hours in advance of the event.
Awards Overview

Homecoming awards can be given for the following:

**Spark Points**
- Best amongst Chartered Organizations
- Best amongst Greek Organizations
- Best amongst Registered Organizations
- Best amongst Residence Hall Organizations

**Homecoming Royalty**
- Queen and King
- Twelve (12) Gaillardians
- One (1) Duke and One (1) Duchess selected by each Residence Hall

**Co-Ed 4v4 Volleyball**
- Best amongst Chartered Organizations
- Best amongst Greek Organizations
- Best amongst Registered Organizations
- Best amongst Residence Hall Organizations
- Overall Champion

**Texas State Spirit Flags**
- Best amongst Chartered Organizations
- Best amongst Greek Organizations
- Best amongst Registered Organizations
- Best amongst Residence Hall Organizations

**Talent Show**
- Best Overall
- Solo Music (1 person)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Group Music (2 or more persons)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Movement (1-25 persons)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Variety Acts (1-25 persons)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- People’s Choice
  - Selected via Twitter poll

**Soap Box Derby**
- Best amongst Chartered Organizations
- Best amongst Greek Organizations
- Best amongst Registered Organizations
- Best amongst Residence Hall Organizations
- Overall Champion

**Spirit Displays**
- Campus Department Spirit Display
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Bobcat Business Spirit Display
  - 1st place
  - People’s Choice
Spark Points System

Participation information, Trophies and Spark Points

- **Categories**
  Students can compete in one (1) of four (4) categories for Spark Points. If participating as an organization, a roster of organization members must be provided by the given deadline to track attendance participation.

- **Eligibility**
  Chartered, Greek, Registered, and Residence Hall student organizations may choose to participate in Homecoming events as a group. We will be verifying that each organization has been registered as an organization with Student Involvement @ LBJSC for the current academic year.* One representative from each team must sign in at each event to receive the team participation points.

*IMPORTANT: ALL GROUPS PARTICIPATING MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH STUDENT INVOLVEMENT @ LBJSC. FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE ABOVE CATEGORIES AND TO SEE IF YOUR ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES, SEE THE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE GOVERNANCE AND REGISTRATION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, IN THE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS HANDBOOK.
## Spark Points System

Awards are given in four different team categories: Chartered, Greek, Registered, and Residence Hall Student Organizations.

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*Note: Spark Point winners will be announced through social media, post-Homecoming Game day. Trophies can be picked up the following week in the SACA Office – LBJSC 4-4.1*
Homecoming Royalty Selection Information

I. Homecoming Queen and King

A. Nomination Procedure & Information
   i. A nominee does not have to be a member of the nominating organization or residence hall. Homecoming Queen or King nominees may not be nominated for Gaillardian.
   ii. Top four (4) Queen and top four (4) King will be announced at Talent Show. The Queen and King will be announced at halftime of the Homecoming football game.
   iii. The nominee or nominator must submit the fully completed nomination form by the entry deadline. Online voting will be used for Homecoming Royalty elections. **No late entries will be accepted.** It is the responsibility of the nominee and/or nominators to comply with the established guidelines. **Failure to do so will invalidate the nomination.**
   iv. Eligible Texas State students may nominate themselves.

B. Nominee Eligibility Requirements
   i. Must have a cumulative Texas State GPA of 2.75 (transfer and institutional credits).
   ii. Must be a full-time Texas State undergraduate student (12 hours or more with the exception of a December graduate who lacks less than 12 hours to complete graduation requirements or a person who is student teaching in the fall). A nominee who drops below 12 hours between the time of nomination and Homecoming will be ineligible.
   iii. Must have completed a minimum of 60 hours of course work at Texas State (except for transfer students, who must complete 26 hours of course work at Texas State).
   iv. Must agree to attend the required events as a King or Queen Nominee.
   v. Nominees may be declared ineligible for reason of inappropriate behavior at any Homecoming event. This includes, but is not limited to, inebriation, failure to comply with the directives of a university official, or any other violation of Section 2.02 in *The Texas State Student Handbook*. Such behavior will be determined by the Associate Director of the LBJ Student Center in consultation of the Coordinator for Campus Activities, and Pride & Traditions coordinators.
   vi. If the nominee does not meet the above qualifications, he or she will not be considered. If the nominee does not meet the above requirements, Student Involvement @ LBJSC will notify the nominee and/or organization.

C. Duties
   i. All Queen and King nominees are required to attend:  
      a. Talent Show Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m.
      b. Talent Show – Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.
   ii. The top four (4) Queen and top four (4) King nominees will be required to attend:
a. Homecoming Tailgate Hospitality Tent  
b. Homecoming Game Halftime Show  

iii. All King and Queen nominees are asked to wear formal attire for the Talent Show, Tailgate Hospitality Tent, and Homecoming Game Halftime Show. Failure to meet these requirements is deemed eligible for removal from the court.

D. Announcements  
i. Top four (4) Queen and top four (4) King nominees will be announced at Talent Show.  
ii. Queen and King will be announced at halftime during the football game.

E. The Court  
i. One (1) King  
ii. One (1) Queen  
iii. Three (3) King Runners-up  
iv. Three (3) Queen Runners-up
II. Gaillardian

A. Nomination Procedure & Information
   i. The nominee(s) do not have to be members of the nominating organization or residence hall. Gaillardian nominees may not be nominated for Homecoming Queen or King.
   ii. The nominee or nominator must submit the fully completed nomination form by the entry deadline. Online voting will be used for Homecoming Royalty elections. **No late entries will be accepted.** It is the responsibility of the nominee and/or nominators to comply with the established guidelines. **Failure to do so will invalidate the nomination.**
   iii. Eligible Texas State students may nominate themselves.

B. Nominee Eligibility Requirements
   i. Must have a cumulative Texas State GPA of 2.5 (transfer and institutional credits).
   ii. Must be a full-time Texas State undergraduate student (12 hours or more with the exception of a December graduate who lacks less than 12 hours to complete graduation requirements or a person who is student teaching in the fall). A nominee who drops below 12 hours between the time of nomination and Homecoming will be ineligible.
   iii. Must have completed a minimum of 30 hours of course work at Texas State (except for transfer students, who must complete 26 hours of course work at Texas State).
   iv. Must agree to attend the required events as a Gaillardian nominee.
   v. Must not have been one of the twelve (12) official Gaillardians in any prior year.
   vi. Nominees may be declared ineligible for reason of inappropriate behavior at any Homecoming event. This includes, but is not limited to, inebriation, failure to comply with the directives of a university official, or any other violation of Section 2.02 in *The Texas State Student Handbook*. Such behavior will be determined by the Associate Director of the LBJ Student Center in consultation of the event coordinators.
   vii. If the nominee does not meet the above qualifications, he or she will not be considered. If the nominee does not meet the above requirements, Student Involvement @ LBJSC will notify the nominee and/or organization.

C. Duties
   i. All Gaillardian nominees are required to attend:
      a. Talent Show Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m.
      b. Talent Show – Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.
   ii. The top 12 Gaillardian winners will be required to attend:
      a. Homecoming Tailgate Hospitality Tent
      b. Homecoming Game Halftime show
   iii. All Gaillardian nominees are asked to wear formal attire for the Talent Show, Tailgate Hospitality Tent, and Homecoming Game Halftime Show. Failure to meet these requirements is deemed eligible for removal from the court.

D. Announcements
   i. Twelve (12) Gaillardians will be announced at Talent Show.
III. Dukes and Duchesses of the Residence Halls

A. Nomination Procedure & Information
   
i. Each hall council president may submit two names as their representative to the homecoming royalty court.
   
   ii. It is up to each hall council to create and coordinate a selection process for their representative(s).
   
   iii. The hall council president must submit the fully completed nomination form by the entry deadline. **No late entries will be accepted.** It is the responsibility of the nominee and/or nominators to comply with the established guidelines. **Failure to do so will invalidate the nomination.**

B. Nominee Eligibility Requirements
   
i. The student must reside in the hall which they represent.
   
   ii. The student must be in good standing with the University and the Department of Housing and Residential Life.
   
   iii. Must be a full-time Texas State student (12 hours or more).

C. Duties
   
i. Dukes and Duchesses are required to attend:
      
a. Talent Show Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m.
      
b. Talent Show – Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.
   
   ii. Nominees are asked to wear formal attire for the Talent Show.
Spirit Display Competitions

Competition Information

I. Campus Department Display Competition

A. Competition Details
   i. Any campus department throughout Texas State University are eligible to participate.
   ii. Participating departments can choose what area in their department (front office, communal space, door, hallway etc.) they would like to decorate for this competition.
   iii. All registration must be completed online at our website by Monday, October 23rd by 11:59 p.m. to be eligible to win.
   iv. Designate a person from your department to be the point of contact and to register your area to be considered for judging.
   v. All departments must abide by the Fire and Life Safety Codes set forth by Texas State University.
   vi. Displays must be completed and displayed by Friday, October 27, 2017 to receive participation points.* Display judging will be Friday, October 27, 2017 between 10 am – 2 pm.**

      *If your display is not completed by Friday, October 27, 2017 you will not be judged but we still encourage you to finish your display to promote school spirit and pride during Homecoming Week.

      **Judging time is subject to change, if change occurs point of contact will be notified with a week's notice.

   vii. Campus departments are responsible for funding their own decorations.
   viii. Participation submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
         a. Creativity/Originality
         b. School spirit
         c. Presentation/Neatness
         d. Alignment to Homecoming theme
         e. Completeness

B. Winners
   i. 1st place and 2nd place winners will be awarded plaques.
   ii. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming Spirit Rally on Monday, October 30th from 12-1 p.m., the Talent Show on Wednesday, November 1st at 7 p.m., and at Soap Box Derby on Friday, November 3rd at 3 p.m.
II. Bobcat Business Spirit Display Competition

A. Competition Details
   i. Businesses/Community Organizations throughout the whole San Marcos Community are eligible to participate in the Homecoming pumpkin decorating contest.
   ii. Pumpkins* must be completed and displayed by Friday October 27, 2017 by 10:00 a.m. to receive participation points.
   iii. Decorations must be visible from the outside/window in the event that your office is closed.
   iv. Participant submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria on a scale of 0-5 for each item:
      o Creativity/Originality
      o Presentation
      o Alignment to Homecoming theme
      o Completeness

B. Awards
   i. 1st place will be awarded a plaque deeming them “most spirited”.
   ii. People’s Choice award.

*Pumpkins will be delivered to the point of contact by the Pride & Traditions Coordinators. Pumpkins will be given free of charge if registration is received by Oct. 16th. Entries can still be submitted after this date; however, free pumpkins will not be guaranteed. Pumpkins are first come, first serve.
Spirit Flags Competition

I. Chartered, Greek, Registered Organizations and Residence Hall Spirit Flags

A. Competition Details
   i. Any organization may decorate one flag. When an organization registers, they must pick up their 3’ x 5’ flag.
   ii. Flag can be picked up from the SACA Office (LBJSC 4-4.1) after you register and by Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
   iii. Flags are available on a first come, first serve basis.
   iv. All organizations are responsible for providing their own paint and/or any additional materials they need to decorate their flag
   v. Flags must be completed and brought to the SACA Office on the 4th floor (4-4.1) by Friday, October 27th, 2017 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in order to be displayed in the LBJ Student Center.
   vi. Chartered, Greek, and Registered Organizations flags will be displayed in the LBJ Student Center.
   vii. Residence hall flags will be returned after judging to be displayed in their residence halls.

*NOTE: The Homecoming Board has the right to deem any flag inappropriate and disqualify the organization.

B. Spirit Flag Competition Rubric
   i. Participant submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria on a scale of 0-5 for each item:
      o Creativity/Originality
      o Presentation
      o Alignment to Homecoming theme
      o Tribute to organization
      o Completeness
Co-Ed 4v4 Volleyball

I. Event Information
   A. Event: Saturday, October 28 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center.
   B. Last day to Sign-up as a team: Wednesday, October 18 by 11:59 pm.

II. The Game, Players, and Equipment
   A. The Game - A game is won when a team scores 25 points and has at least a two-point advantage over the opponents. No game shall exceed 30 points. If the teams are tied at 29-29, the first team to score the 30th point shall be the winner. If a third game is needed winners are determined as the first to 15, win by 2, cap at 17.
   B. Players - A team consists of 4 players. You may bring up to 8 substitutes.
      i. Teams shall consist of two male and two females. Players must alternate male and female in the serving order.
      ii. Substitution: Players are listed on the scorecard in the order in which they will appear on the floor. A team is allowed a maximum of 8 team substitutions per game. A player shall not enter the game a fourth time. Starting the game does not count as an entry. Players starting the game may be replaced by a substitute and may subsequently re-enter the game twice. Each substitute may enter the game three times.
         a. A male must be substituted for a male and a female must substitute for a female.
      iii. NO ID NO PLAY: All players must present their student ID before every game in order to be eligible to participate. We will accept a driver’s license, along with a payment statement for tuition as an alternative. NO ID NO PLAY!
   C. Shoes and Headwear - Shoes must be worn. Shoes must be non-marking court shoes. Shoes such as turf shoes, cleats, running shoes, sandals and hard sole shoes will not be allowed. Players may wear a one-piece elastic headband made of soft, pliable material. No baseball style caps or bandanas will be allowed.
   D. Supports, Braces, and Bandages - No casts/splints will be allowed under any circumstances. Players who wear a knee brace with exposed metal hinges or metal are required to cover it. Any player wearing illegal or dangerous equipment shall not be allowed to play. All equipment shall be subject to approval of the IM staff and their decisions shall be final.
   E. Jewelry - NO JEWELRY of any type may be worn. UNLESS it is a religious piece. Therefore the jewelry needs to be taped down. NO EXCEPTIONS!
   F. Net - The height of the net shall be 7’8” for co-rec.
   G. Time-Outs: Teams may call two (2) 1-minute time-outs per game. Teams may call consecutive time-outs. If a team requests a third time out by mistake, the referee will warn the team and disregard the request. If, in the judgment of the referee, the team requests a third time-out to gain an advantage, a red card will be issued and a point or side-out will be awarded.
   H. Service: The service area is the area behind the end line as deep as the court allows. The referee sounds the whistle and signals for service before each serve. Service may be overhand or underhand. Players are required to serve in the order they are listed on the scorecard. The winner of a coin toss has the choice of service or side of court.

III. General Rules of Play
   A. Any ball, including the serve (let serve), which touches the net and goes over, is still in play.
   B. A legal hit is contact with the ball by any part of a player’s body except the foot, including the head, which does not allow the ball to come to rest even momentarily. The ball must be clearly hit: throwing, lifting, or shoving the ball are illegal.
C. If the ball is played more than once on a side, it must be hit at least once by a female.

D. Blocking does not count as a hit. Males are not required to hit the ball.

E. A ball touching any part of the line is considered in bounds.

F. A team has three hits to return the ball over the net. One player may not hit the ball twice in succession. **Exception:** A player may have successive contact (except in setting motion) when making the first play on a serve or a hard driven spike.

G. **Blocking:** Allowed by any or all the players on the front line. Back line players shall not be allowed to block. A player participating in a block may play the ball again. A block is not counted as one of the team's three hits. Passing the hands over the net on a block is legal; however, passing the hands over and touching the ball before the opponent initiates contact is a foul. No back line player may contact the ball when any part of the ball is above the net when they are in front of the 10-foot line. **Exception:** If the opponent has no opportunity to play the ball, the block will then be legal. Back line players cannot participate in a block.

H. **Simultaneous Contact:**
   i. Simultaneous contact by two or more non-blocking players on the same team is considered one play, and any player is eligible to play the ball again.
   ii. If two opponents simultaneously contact the ball over the net, the ball remains in play, and the team receiving the ball is entitled to another three hits. If the ball lands out of bounds, it is the fault of the team opposite the net from where the ball lands.

I. **Spiking:**
   i. Passing hands over the net (without touching the net) after a spike is legal.
   ii. A back line player may not take off in front of the 10-foot line to spike. He/she may land in front of this line.

J. Blocking or attacking a serve is prohibited. Receiving a serve with an underhand pass is strongly recommended for all players; however the serve can be set.

K. **Net/Line Net:** Any part of the body or feet that touch the net or the line under the net the official will call a net violation. The point and ball will be awarded to the opposing team.
**Talent Show**

I. TXST’s Got Talent Auditions

A. You must audition prior to the Homecoming Talent Show in order to be eligible to perform.

B. Auditions will be held Monday, October 2\(^{nd}\), Tuesday, October 3\(^{rd}\), and Wednesday, October 4\(^{th}\) at George’s in the LBJ Student Center from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

C. Audition act must be the same performance given on Talent Show day.

D. Top 14 audition acts will proceed to the Talent Show.
   a. Professionals in the arts and Texas State University community will select the acts that will advance to the final show.
II. Talent Show Information

A. Eligibility and Requirements
   i. All participants must be in good academic and conduct standing with the university.
   ii. Acts must audition with the song/act they will perform during the show. **In addition, all members of the act must be present and participate in the audition.**
   iii. Participants wishing to secure a spot must sign up for a time slot by the deadline. Walk-ins are welcome if time allows.
   iv. If the auditioning act is a group, one member of the group must submit the Participants List to SACA. **Each member must be present at auditions, tech rehearsal, dress rehearsal, and talent show in order to perform.**

B. Disqualifications
   i. False Student ID
   ii. In possession of or under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance during the rehearsals or performance. Smoking backstage or on stage.
   iii. Acts deemed as inappropriate or offensive.
   iv. Failure to attend regular rehearsals, Technical and Dress Rehearsal.
   v. Failure to submit completed Liability Waiver Forms (one for each participant).
   vi. Acts using recorded music with audible lead vocal tracks for vocal performances.
   vii. No open flames of any kind on stage.

C. Categories
   i. **Solo Music (1 persons):** This category will include musical acts ranging in size from one to four persons (including instrumentalists). Solo/Small Group Music acts may include either vocal or instrumental performances or a combination of each.
   ii. **Group Music (2+ persons):** This category will include musical acts ranging in size from five to twenty-five persons (including instrumentalists). Large Group Music acts may include either vocal or instrumental performances or a combination of each.
   iii. **Movement (1-25 persons):** This category will include any form of dance or other artistic movement. Acts in this category may include live or recorded musical accompaniment, **but no singing.**
   iv. **Variety Acts (1-25 persons):** This category will include original performances that do not fit into any other category. For example: stand-up comedy or sketch comedy, performance art, dramatic or comic monologues, juggling, etc. However, any acts that include singing will be placed in the Solo or Group Music categories.

*NOTE: Final show categories and participants in each category will be determined by talent show judges after auditions. Category variations may occur.*

D. Participants List
   i. All persons performing with a group or acting as a stagehand or director must be listed on the Participants List. This list must be typed and include the full names and PLID numbers of each participant.
ii. Student ID’s should be available upon request at auditions and all rehearsals. Students who cannot verify current enrollment with their Student ID will not be allowed on stage. Additional names may not be added to the Participants List. Substitutions are possible if submitted in writing and approved by the Director of the Homecoming Talent Show.

E. Costumes Description and Props List
i. A brief description of all costumes and props used must be submitted.
ii. At the final dress and tech rehearsals members must be dressed in costumes described and all props must be used. The only props used at the show will be the ones used at tech and dress rehearsals. Each act is required to provide all props.

F. Lighting Script
i. During the Technical rehearsal each group will run through the details of all lighting, spotlighting, blackouts etc. Each act must be able to explain all lighting needs, ideas and requirements to the Director. (All lighting needs will be subject to the equipment available at Evans auditorium.) Participants must bring a complete lighting script to tech rehearsal.

G. Timing
i. Each act is limited to a five minute performance. Set up and take down will be allowed an additional five minute allotment.

H. Judges
i. Professionals in the arts and Texas State University - San Marcos community will select the winning performances during the Talent Show, minus the People’s Choice award.

The judges will base their selections on a 1 to 10 scale on the following criteria:

a. Performance:
   o Musicality
   o Vocal quality
   o Comic timing
   o Movement ability
b. Creativity
c. Visual effects (costuming, props, lighting)
d. Quality of Routine

I. Backstage
i. There is a mandatory minimum of two, and a maximum of six backstage hands for acts that use props and scenery.
ii. All participating groups will be held responsible for any damages they incur during the auditions, rehearsals or performances.
iii. All participants must sign the waiver provided by Student Involvement @ LBJSC, which states we are not responsible for any personal injuries or losses, including theft, during the auditions, rehearsals, or performance.
iv. No items may be left in Evans Auditorium. If they are left, there is a possibility of them being thrown away.
J. Awards
- Best Overall
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Solo Music (1 person)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Group Music (2 or more persons)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Movement (1-25 persons)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- Variety Acts (1-25 persons)
  - 1st and 2nd place
- People’s Choice
  - Selected via Twitter poll

K. General
i. All required forms must be typed or written neatly, stapled and submitted on the required date. Forms will not be accepted after 5pm.
ii. At the discretion of the Talent Show Director, subject matter viewed as rude or offensive must be removed from the act.
iii. No objects may be cast offstage (e.g. confetti, candy)
iv. No open flames of any kind on stage.
v. No elements may be used that will cause safety issues on the stage floor (such as sand, water, powder, etc.)
vi. All acts must enter from backstage and remain on stage, or the immediate backstage holding area, during the entire Talent Show.
vii. Singing over vocal tracks will not be allowed. Background vocals are allowed by the discretion of the Talent Show Director.
viii. Each act is responsible for providing any music needed. If recorded music is used, each group is responsible for complying with ASCAP regulations and copyright laws.
ix. At least one member of an act must be present during the awards ceremony at the end of the show in order to win.
x. No money may change hands between the student organization sponsoring an act in the Talent Show and an outside professional (i.e. costume, designer, choreographer, director, etc.)
xii. Gaillardian winners will be announced during the intermission of the Talent Show.
x. Groups attending the Talent Show to cheer on acts will be expected to act in an appropriate manner. Inappropriate behavior and interrupting an act or the emcee will not be permitted and will result in up to 5 penalty points and/or disqualification from the show. The Talent Show Advisor and Director will make this decision.
xii. Student Involvement @ LBJSC, SACA, and the Homecoming Committee reserve the right to adjust these rules and regulations at their discretion in order to uphold the integrity of the events.
Soap Box Derby

*NOTE: Organizations/individuals must check-in at each event in order to be eligible to be counted for spark points.

I. Event Description: The purpose of the event is to promote school spirit and unity among the many organized groups that comprise the Texas State University campus. The teams participating in this event build soap box derby cars and compete for the best overall trophy. The following rules and regulations are designed to provide uniformity of cars for a safe and exciting race.

II. Width- Overall width of the car cannot exceed 40 inches (102 cm), wheel to wheel.

III. Length- Overall length cannot exceed 84 inches (213 cm).

IV. Wheels and Axle -
   A. The wheels may not be less than 7 inches (18 cm) in diameter (top to bottom).
   B. The wheels must not exceed 12 inches (30 cm) in diameter.
   C. The car must run on four wheels. Two front and two rear, as an automobile.
   D. The brakes on the car must be in working order. It is suggested that the nose of the car be built to withstand the impact of several hay bales that will be at the bottom of the hill. SACA will have the right to disqualify any car whose brakes are not adequate to stop the car.
   E. The steering on the car must be functional.
   F. An approved motorcycle helmet is required for the driver(s).

V. Building a Soap Box Car
   A. Here is a Soap Box car kit that you can purchase online. This does not come with wheels!
      i. Note: This is a kit; the Soap Box car will still need to be put together. Learn how to put a Soap Box car together here.
   B. Here are wheels and a wheel part bag that you can purchase online.

*NOTE: A full effort will be made to remove buses and cars along the soapbox route. Texas State University, its agents/agencies, or SACA, who acts as sponsors of the Soap Box Derby, shall not be held liable for accidents or injuries resulting from participation in the Soap Box Derby. All drivers must be 18 years or older and must sign the event participation form. A driver who does not sign the participation form will not be eligible for competition. ID’s will be checked before the race. Each organization will be required to sign a liability waiver to this effect.

VI. Judging- There will be four divisions in the Soap Box Derby:
   A. Best amongst Chartered Student Organization
   B. Best amongst Greek Organizations
   C. Best amongst Registered Student Organizations
   D. Best amongst Residence Hall Organizations
   E. Top 2 winners will compete for Overall Champion.

VII. All participants must check in two hours prior to start of derby to assess that car meets all designated specs and requirements.