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What is the Greek Challenge?

In an attempt to strengthen the ideals and unity of the Texas State Greek community, the Greek Affairs Programming Board has created the Greek Challenge as a series of diverse events which will span the entire academic year. These events include designated Greek Governing Council events, service opportunities, leadership programs, campus events and activities such as the Campus Recreation Intramural Sports program, and competitions that the Programming Board hosts for the entire Greek community. Fraternities and sororities earn points for a variety of accomplishments that the chapter performs throughout the academic year and chapters also receive a list of events and dates where chapters can earn points towards the Greek Challenge that particular semester through participation with the entire community.

In order to maintain the great celebratory tradition of Greek Life, each semester we will host “Greek Weekends” where chapters have the opportunity to compete in events such as the “Greek Olympics” or “Greeks Got Talent” as well as serve alongside each other in different volunteer opportunities. The Greek Challenge is hosted across an entire academic year so chapters and members can participate when it is most convenient for them and doesn’t cause over programming to occur within just one week or one month of the year. The point system is designed to be “buffet style,” meaning chapters are not punished for not participating in an event. We understand fraternity and sorority chapters have busy schedules and the duties of a college student do not always allow for ample time to attend events. Therefore, we want to encourage chapters and individual members to participate in the Greek Challenge as often as they can, but know that participation is not mandatory.

During the last week of March, the points will be added-up to determine the winners of the Greek Challenge. Each Greek Council will have one chapter that will be announced as the Greek Challenge Champion during the end of the year Greek Affairs Awards Reception in April!

Greek Challenge Registration Form

If your chapter has undergone a change in Greek Challenge Representative, please complete this form and turn it in ASAP. ***This form must be turned into the Greek Affairs Office in LBJ Student Center 4-14.1.*** Applications not submitted in person will be considered as incomplete.

THIS FORM IS DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd by 5:00PM

Name of Organization: _____

Greek Challenge Representative: _____

Greek Challenge Representative's e-mail: _____

Greek Challenge Representative's Phone Number: _____

For more information, please e-mail one of the following people:

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Chapter Conduct Code

I _____, as President of _____ chapter, agree to be held responsible for the behavior of my entire Chapter. The Chapter understands the rules regarding all Greek Challenge sponsored events and games. We understand appropriate behavior is expected from all members whether they are a participating member of the event or not. Additionally, we agree to treat all committee members, university staff, judges, and other Greek Challenge participants in a manner we would expect and prefer to be treated. Furthermore, the Chapter understands any violation of this code by any member can result in disqualification of the entire team or Chapter. Chapters that violate the rules established by the Dean of Students - Greek Affairs Office and the Greek Affairs Programming Board are correspondingly subject to University conduct codes and their respective judicial disciplinary actions.

In accordance with federal, state, and local laws and policies set forth by Texas State University, IFC, MGC, NPHC, and Panhellenic Judicial Boards: all Greek Challenge events will be alcohol free events (dry). Any violation of this policy will be handled as follows:

1. Any individual who is found to be in possession of alcohol and is approached by a member of the Greek Challenge Committee, Greek Affairs staff, or officiating Greek Challenge personnel will be asked to dump out any opened alcohol containers, and to forfeit any closed alcohol containers. The name and chapter affiliation of that person will be noted.
2. If the individual refuses to dump out and or/forfeit their alcohol, they will be escorted from the event by Texas State University security personnel or University Police.
3. Anyone escorted from an event will not be allowed to participate in any further Greek Challenge competitions.
4. A second violation of this policy by an individual or chapter will result in a complete disqualification from all Greek Challenge events for the annual Greek Challenge.
5. Violations will be forwarded to appropriate entities based on violation: Greek Council judicial board, Student Involvement Office, Dean of Students Office, etc.

This policy shall be in place at any Greek Challenge event.

(Chapter President Signature)

(Date)

(Chapter Advisor Signature)

(Date)

(PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHAPTER'S REGISTRATION FORM)

2016-2017 Rules and Regulations

Event Disqualifying Offenses:

- Missing the published deadline to turn in any required materials for the Greek Challenge will result in disqualification of any competing organization in the event for which the deadline was missed.
- Cheating, attempting to cheat, lying (through direct statement or omission of information), deceiving or attempting to deceive officials or other competitors in any event will be grounds for disqualification of that individual from that event.
- Fighting, whether verbal or physical, between or within chapters, will be grounds for immediate disqualification from any event.
- Any chapter whose member or members are found to be consuming, in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances will be immediately disqualified from any event. See Code of Conduct in packet.
- If anyone not on the official roster is found to be participating in any event, the organization will lose points for that person's participation.
- At the discretion of the Greek Affairs Programming Board of Directors, any chapter found to be guilty of committing a Disqualifying Offense might lose points for that same offense.

Negative Points:

- Negative points will be given for violations of the Greek Challenge rules as outlined in this document, but is not limited to the items listed below.
- Points can be deducted for actions jeopardizing the safety and well-being of participants or for actions showing poor character that do not coincide with the values of Texas State University. The Greek Affairs Programming Board of Directors will decide which actions call for a loss of points.
- No negative points will be given for "double-jeopardy" offenses—only the greater of the two offenses will be given.
 - Example: If an organization is disqualified from an event for fighting the offending chapter will not lose 10 points for fighting and 3 points for disqualification, only 10 points for fighting

- Negative points will be given as follows:

Offense	Penalty
Fighting	-10 points
Possession, Consumption, or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances	-5 points
Cheating/Attempting to cheat	-3 points
Verbal Abuse	-2 points
Improper use of social media	-2 points
Disqualification from any event	-3 points

Miscellaneous:

- Elbow, Shin, Kneepads, Etc. may be worn
- No metal cleats, such as baseball cleats, may be used for any event
- Close-toed shoes must be worn for all athletic events.
- Ankle, knee, wrist, or other braces are permitted for those players with medical conditions that require these devices.

Greek Challenge Point System

Points for the Greek Challenge will be awarded in a multitude of ways over the course of the academic year and final point totals will be figured on **Monday, March 27, 2017**. The points will also be tallied up **Monday, November 28, 2016** so each chapter can see where they stand before starting the spring semester. There will be three types of points awarded based upon the type of event.

#1- Points can be received for participation in the Greek league for Campus Recreation's Intramural Sports Program across six sports brackets throughout the year.

#2 – Winning and/or placing in a competitive event hosted by the Greek Affairs Programming Board.

#3 - Chapter accomplishment points such as community service hours provided per member, philanthropy dollars raised by the chapter, leadership roles held by chapter members in organizations outside of the chapter, and overall chapter academic achievements.

Competitive Points

Points will be awarded to chapters that place in any type of competitive event hosted by the Greek Affairs Programming Board, such as "Greeks Got Talent" and "Greek Olympics" events. If multiple chapters' work as a team to place in a particular event, all chapters on that team will receive the points.

1st Place = 10 points

2nd Place = 7 points

3rd Place = 5 points

Chapter Academic Points

Chapter will be rewarded for outstanding performance in the classroom. Chapter GPA's will be evaluated at the end of every semester and if standards are met, the chapter will receive points for the GPA level they achieve going toward that year's Greek Challenge. Both of the Overall Chapter GPA's for Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 will go toward the 2016-2017 Greek Challenge.

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 2.70 = 5

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 3.00 = 10

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 3.25 = 15

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 3.50 = 20

Chapter Philanthropy Points

Every chapter will be rewarded for outstanding philanthropy fundraising efforts. All philanthropy dollars reported to the Greek Affairs Programming Board by **Monday, March 27, 2017** will be accounted for annually and points awarded. Every dollar reported must be supported by proof of donation (*ex. receipt and/or letter from philanthropic organization*). Points will not be awarded without documentation.

\$500 = 5 points

\$5,000 = 20 points

\$750 = 8 points

\$6,000 = 22 points

\$1,000 = 10 points

\$7,000 = 24 points

\$1,500 = 12 points

\$8,000 = 26 points

\$2,000 = 14 points

\$9,000 = 28 points

\$3,000 = 16 points

\$10,000+ = 30 points

\$4,000 = 18 points

Please submit philanthropic efforts throughout the year via the Civic

Engagement Form found here:

http://greekaffairs.dos.txstate.edu/resources_forms/caap.html

“Greeks Got Talent”

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Philanthropy

This year’s philanthropy event will be our annual “Greeks Got Talent” performance. We will create teams based on representatives from each council for the group category, but you can also perform as a single act to showcase your talent for your chapter small group/individual category. All proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Proceeds will be collected through ticket sales and the donations for the people’s choice awards.

- “Greeks Got Talent” Lip Sync ticket sales:
 - \$5 per ticket at the door.
 - Greek chapters can have the chance to purchase tickets in advanced at \$4 per ticket through a chapter order form.
 - Dollar amount will be credited to their chapter’s philanthropy Greek challenge points if purchased in advance with a chapter ticket order form.

- The Peoples’ Choice Award:
 - The audience members will have the chance to vote for their favorite performance.
 - Containers will be set up on a table for each act.
 - Audience members cast their vote by donating money in the containers.
 - Amount will be counted and the act with the most money donated wins “The Peoples’ Choice” Award.



Community Service Points

Chapters will receive points for community service efforts. The total number of service hours provided by the chapter will be divided by the total number of members in the chapter, resulting in an average hour per member. Points will be awarded based off of that formula. A letter or supporting documentation from the organization or entity served, stating total number of service hours provided must support the hours reported by the fraternity/sorority. All community service hours reported to the Greek Affairs Programming Board by **Monday, March 27, 2017** will be accounted for annually and points awarded. Chapters will earn points cumulatively for the year (*both the fall and spring semesters added together*).

10 hours per member = 10 points

35 hours per member = 35 points

15 hours per member = 15 points

40 hours per member = 40 points

20 hours per member = 20 points

45 hours per member = 45 points

25 hours per member = 25 points

50 hours per member = 50 points

30 hours per member = 30 points

Please submit community service efforts throughout the year via the

Civic Engagement Form found here:

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Campus Leadership Points

Fraternity and Sorority Chapters will earn ten (10) points for each Executive Officer position/leadership role in any Texas State student organization outside of their fraternity/sorority chapter held by one of their chapter members. Each reported Executive Officer role must be supported by documentation from the faculty/staff advisor of that organization indicating their position and term of office. All leadership roles must be reported to the Greek Affairs Programming Board by **Monday, March 27, 2017**, which will be accounted for annually and points awarded. Chapters will earn points cumulatively for the year (*both the fall and spring semesters added together*).

Please submit chapter member campus leadership roles via the Campus Leadership Form supplied by the Greek Affairs Office.

GREEK INTRAMURAL SPORTS POINT SYSTEM

DIVISIONS:

The point system will consist of three divisions – Fraternity / Sorority / Greek Co-Rec. Each organization will compete to win any of the three divisions to hold claim to the overall title.

The point system will be based on:

- Participation points for every game played in league play, league playoffs, and all-university playoffs.
- Bonus points according to final standings of regular season of League games.
- Bonus points for being Champion or runner-up in Team Sport playoffs (League Playoffs / All-campus playoffs).
- Points subtracted for any forfeits for Team sports.
- Points subtracted for any organization's conduct graded below a "C".

POINT SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Each organization shall compete for points in all of the sports listed in the Point System.

Team Sports:

1. Every team that enters a sport will receive entry points unless they default and drop out of the sport before forfeiting or playing a game.
2. Any team that forfeits its first game and then drops out of the league will receive entry points. However, teams will lose points for the forfeit and will not receive participation points.
3. Teams will receive participation points for every game played in league play, league playoffs, and all-university playoffs. In addition, teams will be penalized with forfeit points for any game forfeited at any time.
4. In case of league divisions not filling due to lack of teams, teams will be contacted and asked to move to another league. If they choose to withdraw, they will still receive entry points.
5. Teams will receive participation points if their opponents default or forfeit. In addition, teams will receive participation points if they receive a bye in the playoffs as long as they don't forfeit their first playoff game.
6. Teams will receive bonus points according to final standings of regular season of League games.

7. Teams will receive bonus points if champion or runner-up in League playoffs as well as All-University playoffs.

Organization Affiliation:

Any team using players that are not on the organization roster listed with Greek Affairs must play in the independent division. The Greek Affairs Office will supply the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation overseeing Intramural Sports the updated rosters from each fraternity/sorority at the beginning of each semester and when new members are added to the chapter's roster throughout the semester.

All students participating for the Greek Intramural Point System must be on the official organization roster with Greek Affairs, once a student is removed from the official organization roster, he/she is no longer eligible to play for or earn points for his/her former organization.

Greek Challenge Fall Semester Calendar of Events

Note for community service events:

The community service opportunities listed are set up by the Greek Affairs Programming Board of Directors but chapters are strongly encouraged to arrange their own service events. Any member of the Greek community is encouraged to participate, however **spots are limited**. Participants must sign up in advance and do so in the Greek Affairs Office. The hours earned volunteering at these events are eligible to include toward your chapters overall Greek Challenge effort. Points for some events will be awarded differently. If this is the case, it is stated under the event date. Questions are to be directed to Mario Carranza- Mec180@txstate.edu; Tori Green- ttg6@txstate.edu; or Todd Podbielski- tgp24@txstate.edu

September:

- *Saturday the 17th: All Community Service Project at Iris Garden*

October:

- *Friday the 7th: Greek Olympics*
- *Saturday the 15th: All Community Service Project (TBD)*
- *Wednesday the 26th & Thursday the 27th: Halloween Blood Drive*

November:

- *Saturday the 5th-Sunday the 6th: Fraternal Values Society & ELA Retreat*
- *The week of the 14th-18th: IFC Canned Food Drive*
- *Saturday the 19th: All Community Service Project with the Habitat Conservation Plan*

December:

- *Thursday the 8th: Greek Gala*