

HOMECOMING ELECTION RULES

(Revised 2005)

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The Homecoming Election will be administered by the Homecoming Election Committee (HEC) of the University Homecoming Committee (UHC). It is the responsibility and the duty of the HEC to determine and establish all election rules and regulations. The committee will also:

- A. Set and publicize election dates and times.
- B. Set candidate registration dates and times.
- C. Set and publish election rules and regulations.
- D. Serve as a hearing board for any written complaints dealing with infractions of the rules and regulations established by the HEC.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Each candidate must complete an application which will be kept on record by the HEC in the Student Center Office. This form must be completed by the designated date/time. If the application is not turned in by the designated date/time, it will not be accepted.
2. There will be a **mandatory** meeting with all candidates or their designated representatives with the HEC before official campaigning begins, so that election rules can be discussed and questions can be answered concerning the campaign, election and coronation. **Candidates who are not present or do not have their representative present will be automatically disqualified, unless otherwise excused.**
3. There can be no more than **two** organizations sponsoring the same candidates.
4. A single sponsoring organization can sponsor both a King and Queen who must be members of that organization.
5. There will be no substitution of candidates after the designated date for completing the application form.
6. Female candidates shall vie for the position of Homecoming Queen. The winner shall receive all rights and privileges of that position. Male candidates shall vie for the position of Homecoming King. The winner shall receive all rights and privileges of that position.

7. No SGA money can be spent on the Homecoming Election.
8. All candidates must be Concord University students in good academic standing and not be on academic or social probation/restrictions.
9. All sponsoring Organizations must be recognized by Concord University. They must be in good standing and not be on academic or social probation/restrictions.
10. Candidates and their sponsoring organizations must participate in the following Homecoming events:
Bonfire Coronation (includes practice)
Parade Lip Sync
Participation is **mandatory**, unless otherwise excused, by all candidates and their sponsoring organizations. **Failure to participate will result in automatic disqualification.**
11. There will be a **mandatory** Coronation practice. All candidates, their escort and designated representatives must participate. **Failure to participate, unless otherwise excused, will result in automatic disqualification.**
12. Each, candidate, their sponsoring organization and members are expected to represent themselves and Concord University with a professional attitude and good conduct during Homecoming. Infractions may result in a candidate being disqualified or other disciplinary action by HEC.
13. All Homecoming events under the jurisdiction of the HEC, will be alcohol and drug free.
14. Disqualified candidates may appeal to the UHC, then to the Vice-President for Student Affairs and finally to the President.

Campaign Regulations:

1. Campaigning will not begin until the Monday preceding the election date at 12:01 a.m.
2. Posters, signs or banners for candidates, in the Student Center, will only be permitted along the stairwell, near the Library side. All candidates have permission to hang their campaign material in the location. No signs on the bulletin board.
3. **Posters, signs or banners for candidates will not be allowed on or in any Residence Hall without the signed approval of each Residence Hall Director.** Each candidate is responsible for keeping a list where each building director has signed, giving their approval to place the candidate material in their building. This list must be produced at the request of the HEC within 24 hours after being requested.

4. Each campaign ticket shall be allowed a **MAXIMUM OF 100 8' x 11'** campaign flyers. There will be **no** campaign material allowed in the following areas:

Administrative/Science Building Fine Arts Building
Centennial Hall

Library

Organizations must obtain the permission of each Residence Hall Director before posting any material in a Residence Hall. Paper flyers will no longer be allowed outside.

Each candidates ticket can place six 4' x 8' billboards in the following areas:

- A. The "Valley".
- B. The front lawn of the University, between the Student Center and the Library.
- C. Along the sidewalks between North Towers and Wilson Hall.
- D. Along the sidewalks between Centennial Hall and Fine Arts.
- E. The lawn in front of Wooddell Hall.

NOTE: Instead of pounding posts into the ground (digging large holes) groups should use free standing supports or supports attached to the billboards.

5. Candidates may hang 5 paper banners and this paper is available from the Sign Room. Any poster bearing a candidate's, name of sponsoring organization or picture will be considered one of her/his posters regardless of the other names appearing on the material. Candidates may use handbills, buttons and similar material.

6. All candidates should follow the over all Homecoming theme.

7. No campaign material is allowed to inhibit or interfere with pedestrian and/or vehicular travel.

8. The school will not be held responsible for any injuries incurred while putting up/taking down campaign material.

9. Campaign booths may be set up at a date and time determined by the HEC. Each booth should be set up so that it does not interfere with the use of the sidewalks. The booth will not exceed 8' x 10'.

10. Any defacing or destruction of property of any sort is strictly prohibited. The individuals and/or groups involved will be held responsible and may be charged with violation of University regulations.

11. Vermillion Street is a State highway and permission must be granted by the State Road Commission to place any signs or banners over or across the street. Written permission from the Commission must be shown to the HEC **before any** campaign material is hung across Vermillion Street.
12. Harassment will not be tolerated. Written complaints given to the HEC will also be sent to the University Steering Committee when appropriate.
13. There will be no campaigning or campaign material within 50' of any polling places.
14. Areas for booths will be next to the sign boards between the Center and the Library.
15. **ALL campaign material must be taken down and removed by 6:30 p.m. on the day of the election and all debris is cleaned up. This includes tape, string, rope, balloons, signs, sidewalk chalk, etc.**

NOTE: Please throw all material in the large trash dumpsters. Do not leave trash piled around thrash cans at building entrances/exits.

Counting the Ballots:

1. The Prime Justice, with the advisor to the HEC will be in charge of counting the ballots.
2. All vote counters will be sworn to complete secrecy as to the results of the election.
3. The election result tabulation sheet and all ballots shall be locked up in a secure place until the election results have been officially announced. The election results will not be made available for public inspection without the approval of the HEC. Approval must be given by a **two-thirds** affirmative vote of the HEC.
4. To contest an election or call for a recount, a satisfactory reason for such an action must be submitted, in writing, to the HEC, no later than one week following the election.
5. If the HEC, by a majority vote, finds that an election was held unlawfully or that gross negligence on the part of the election officials resulted in an improper election, the HEC will exercise its power to declare the election invalid.
6. Decisions of the HEC concerning the validity or legality of an election may be appealed to the UHC by the person who petitioned for the invalidation of the election. Appeals to the HEC decision can be made to the Vice-President for Student Affairs and then to the President.

**These rules will take effect immediately and shall supersede all other election rules and regulations.
This is by order of the 2005 Homecoming Election Committee.
(Revised from the 1997,1998 and 2005 regulations)**

