

HOMECOMING 2008

HOMECOMING COURT RULES

I. CANDIDATES

- A. All recognized campus organizations may enter candidates.
 - 1. Candidates must have completed at least one semester at UW-Whitewater unless they are a resident of a Year One hall. Minimum GPA of 2.0 is required. Candidates must be enrolled at full-time status. Only 1 male and 1 female student can represent an organization. Individuals representing any organization can only participate if they were not members of the Homecoming 2007 Court (regardless of whom they represented).
 - 2. To be eligible, candidates must be sponsored by at least one recognized campus organization.
 - a. Campus Organizations - A couple can be sponsored by either one organization or by two organizations.
 - b. Greek Organizations - One couple will represent the Greek organizations and shall consist of a male candidate sponsored by Interfraternity Council, and a female candidate sponsored by the Panhellenic Council and turned in as a slate by the deadline.
 - c. Residence Halls - A couple can be sponsored by one co-ed hall or by a complex.
- B. Candidates must have a campaign manager who will attend the candidate meetings. Attendance will be taken.
- C. There is a **MANDATORY** meeting of all candidates and their campaign managers on **Tuesday, October 7, in University Center 261 at 9:15 pm**. Please bring pencils, paper, and completed entry forms. Candidates will sign up for interviews and have their photos taken at this time.
- D. The Homecoming Court shall consist of five couples selected by vote and by interview points. Should any couple be disqualified for not meeting the requirements, the couple with the next highest number of points will move into the open position.

II. INTERVIEWS

- A. Interviews of all candidates will be held on Sunday October 12 in UC 261 from 12-4pm in 15 minute time slots. The couples with the top eight scores from the interview will appear on the ballot. The 2008 King & Queen will be determined by the **interviews (counting as 60%) and through the popular vote of the student body (counting as 40%)**. The interview committee shall consist of faculty, staff and HSC alums.
- B. Candidates may also be critiqued by a non-scoring interviewer to receive feedback on their interview, style and answer.

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III. ELECTIONS (Vote deduction per violations)

A. There will be one voting location:

1. The election will take place on Thursday, October 16, 2008. **The voting area will be located in the University Center.** Candidates will *not* be permitted to campaign inside the building where voting is occurring. This includes those running the voting areas. **(20 votes)**
2. All candidates on the ballot will be introduced on Monday, October 20, at the dance in the Hamilton Center, University Center. The five sets of candidates who will make up the 2008 Homecoming Court will also be announced at that time.
3. The 2008 Homecoming Court, as announced Monday night, will be introduced again on Wednesday, October 22 at the Variety Show. The couple with the most points will then be introduced as the 2008 Homecoming King & Queen. Attendance of the entire 2008 Homecoming Court is **required.** **Each member of the court must have a ticket to watch the variety show.**

IV. FORMAL CAMPAIGNING

- A. On **Monday, October 13 at 7:00 am**, all candidates will be permitted to campaign with their literature, buttons, handouts, etc. Candidates may campaign on the mall, at meetings and at various functions on campus. **No campaigning** (except by word of mouth) may be done prior to that time. **(20 votes)**
- B. Campaigning in Esker and Drumlin Halls will be limited to one poster (4' x 4' maximum, must be posted in designated areas), per couple in each dining hall. No other posters, flyers or table tents of any kind will be allowed in the dining halls. All postings are subject to approval. **(10 votes)**
- C. Campaigning in all other campus buildings other than your **own** residence hall is limited to posters **no larger** than 17" x 22" which may only be placed on bulletin boards in designated areas. Posters are subject to approval guidelines in all university buildings following campus posting policy. **(10 votes)**
- D. Beginning at 7:00 am Monday, October 13, campaigning in your own residence hall is unlimited, subject to the approval of the Hall Director. **(Discretion of Homecoming Steering Committee)**
- E. No outside banners will be allowed anywhere on or off campus with the exception of candidate's own residence hall, house, or chapter house. **(20 votes)**
- F. All posters and banners are required to be removed by 11:00 am, Friday, October 17, 2008. **(10 votes per infraction)**
- G. Personal appearance campaigning is only permitted on the mall (from the Library to the Bookstore) or at meetings as approved by the meeting sponsors. **(30 votes)**
- H. There may not be any door-to-door solicitation. **(20 votes)**

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- I. Flyers may be posted only on bulletin boards where allowable in campus buildings. **(10 votes)**
- J. Animals may not be used in campaigning other than in photographs. **(10 votes)**
- K. Publicity expenditure will be limited to \$200 per couple on the ballot. A complete budget must be kept and all receipts kept for proof of purchases. Any over-spending or mishandling of books will result in immediate disqualification. The budget and receipts must be turned in to Career & Leadership Development, UC Room 146, by 4:00 pm on **Friday, October 17**. This shall include organizational funds, donations (private or corporate/business) and corporate/business sponsorship. Corporate/business donations or sponsorship must follow the University Policy on corporate/business sponsorship. **(Disqualification)**
- L. There will be **NO** campaigning through **ANY** campus media source (Cable 6, WSUW, Royal Purple, E-mail, Electronic Message Board, Signboards, etc.). **(Disqualification)**
- M. Chalking with washable chalk will only be permitted on cement sidewalks (i.e., **NO** chalking on buildings, benches, campus signs, classroom chalkboards, or on any vertical surface). The chalk must be in an area where rainfall will remove it. No spray chalk.
(20 votes)
- N. Defacement or removal of campaigning material of any candidate is prohibited. **(30 votes)**

V. RULE VIOLATIONS

- A. Any UW-Whitewater student, faculty or staff may submit a complaint about a rule violation.
- B. All complaints in regard to rule violations must be presented **in writing** to the Homecoming Court Coordinator, Career & Leadership Development, UC146, describing in detail the incident in question. This must be done within 24 hours of the infraction. The complaint must also include the reporting individual(s)' name(s) and phone number(s).
- C. The Homecoming Steering Committee Review Board will rule on the complaint. Decisions made by the Homecoming Steering Committee Review Board are **FINAL**.

VI. VOTING

- A. **The top 8 candidates will be placed on the ballot. Names will be drawn at random to determine the order of names on the ballot.**
- B. Voting for the election will be held Thursday, October 16, 2008, from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm (all day). Voting will take place in the University Center. Students must present their University ID in order to vote.
- C. Students will be permitted to vote for up to three couples.
- D. A member of HSC will be present at the voting booth to oversee voting operations.

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VII. OBLIGATIONS

- A. The Homecoming Court will be announced at the Homecoming Dance, October 20. Top 8 court candidates attendance is required at the Homecoming Dance.
- B. Top 5 court candidates attendance is **required** at the Variety Show, October 22.
- C. The Homecoming Court is invited to participate in the Parade on Saturday, October 25. Cars will be provided for the couples. Court candidates (with the exception of the King and Queen) must supply their own car signs.
- D. **The King and Queen are required** to participate in the Homecoming Parade. Their car and sign will be provided by the Homecoming Steering Committee.
- E. **The Homecoming Court will be required** to be at the halftime and postgame activities of the Homecoming Football Game on Saturday, October 25.
- F. **Court couples are required to be on time for each of the events. If a couple is late for an event, points will be deducted from that candidate's organization point total.**
- G. Court participants are prohibited from using alcohol or other drugs during Homecoming events. **(Disqualification)**

Any questions concerning the Homecoming Court should be directed to Aubri and Emily, Career & Leadership Development, UC146, 472-1471.

Please Note: Spirit points may be awarded to a couple's sponsoring organization(s) to reward positive attitude and behavior by court candidates.

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HOMECOMING COURT CANDIDATE
Personal Information Questionnaire
CANDIDATE

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Local Address _____ I.D. Number _____

Grade Point Average _____ Semesters at UW-Whitewater _____

Major Area of Study _____ Minor _____

Sponsor(s) _____

I authorize the release of my records for purposes of the selection committee review:

(Signature)

Campaign Manager: 1. _____ 2. _____

Phone # _____ Phone# _____

E-Mail _____ E-Mail _____

Please attach your response to the following questions. No response should be longer than 250 words.

1. List the campus activities in which you have participated while in college.

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2. List any honors or recognitions you have received while in college (awards, scholarships, published articles, etc.).

3. List community activities you have been involved in while in college.

4. List any additional responsibilities or accomplishments which should be considered by the selection committee.

5. In less than 200 words state why you would be a good representative of UW-Whitewater.

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