



ONCE UPON A HOMECOMING

2025 Homecoming Royalty Packet

Sunday, November 9th - Saturday, November 15th

Updated: August 14, 2025

Commented [RS1]: Ah so cute!!!

Commented [RS2R1]: Also, I changed the colour of the entire document. I like it better this way (only if you don't view it dark mode). Let me know if you prefer white better and we can change it back

Commented [RM3R1]: I like it! I think it adds some spice

Commented [RM4]: @Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya I have booked all of the days you have listed. The only one I had to change was meeting #2 on Nov. 3rd will be in PSU 317A. You can double check all of the bookings I made through EMS. If you need help getting into the EMS account, let me know.

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Definitions & Contact Information

Applicant: Any Missouri State student who has applied for Homecoming Court.

Candidate: Applicants who have made it to the interview round.

Court (i.e., court members, members of court): Candidates who have been selected for Homecoming Court and are officially running for King or Queen.

Sanction: Point deduction or penalties given to court members for failure to meet the following procedures and guidelines.

Royalty Coordinator:

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Commented [GR6]: Since the regular packet has contact emails and name, I thought it would be smart to add it here as well.

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Section A: Filing Procedure

Eligibility Requirements

- All applicants for Homecoming King and Queen must adhere to all Homecoming guidelines, including the following requirements:
 - Enrolled as a full-time student during the 2025-2026 academic school year (Undergraduate: 12 credit hours; Graduate: 6 credit hours)
 - Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
 - Accumulated a minimum of 60 credit hours (Undergraduate Students) or 12 credit hours (Graduate Students) from Missouri State University
 - Cannot have been elected to a previous Homecoming Court
 - Have an expected graduation of/after May 2026
- All Royalty applicants must be sponsored by a registered student organization to run for Homecoming Court.

- Candidates can only choose to participate with one (1) sponsoring organization in events for the entire week of Homecoming.
- **Any applicant unable to meet these requirements will be ineligible to run for Homecoming Court.**
 - **Discretion is up to the Royalty Coordinator and Homecoming Leadership team.**

Required Deadlines

- All King and Queen applicants interested in applying are **required** to attend **ONE of the two** informational meetings.
 - Informational Meetings will take place on September 10 and September 11 from 6-8 p.m. in PSU 317.
 - All applicants and their campaign managers (if applicable) can attend. Failure to attend either of the meetings will result in disqualification, and the candidate will be ineligible to run for court.
- If potential applicants are unable to attend either of these meetings, they must inform the coordinator via HocoRoyalty@missouristate.edu and inquire setting an individual time before the 9th of September.
- Applications are due via BearLink by September 12, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.
 - Eligibility requirements will be verified by the Homecoming Committee Advisors and Royalty Coordinator.
 - There are no exceptions to the application deadline.
- King and Queen candidate interviews will be held on separate days.
 - King candidates will be interviewed on September 22, 2025, from 4-9 p.m. in PSU 310.
 - Queen candidates will be interviewed on September 23, 2025, from 4-9 p.m. in PSU 308C.

Required Attendance

- The ten selected court members must attend all meetings with the Homecoming Committee Advisors and Royalty Coordinator. Refer to Section I for the dates, times, and locations of these meetings.
- All court members will be **required to attend** the following events:

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Commented [RS10R8]: Perfecto!

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Commented [RS12]: Location and time might change in the near future. Date is September 10 & 11

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Commented [RS16]: Date is September 19, 2025. Location and Time is subjective to change.

Commented [GR17R16]: Make sure to book these through EMS. Also on all your booking make sure at least one person from Hoco Leadership can make it. I know Wednesdays are booked for both Adam and McKayala.

Commented [RS18R16]: Gotcha! I would like to change this date to September 22, Monday please.

Commented [RM19R16]: Done!

Commented [RS20]: Date is September 20, 2025. Location and Time is subjective to change.

Commented [RM21R20]: Are you wanting this to be on a Saturday?

Commented [RS22R20]: Oops! Thanks for catching that. I'm thinking of 22rd September, which is a Tue ... [1]

Commented [RM23R20]: I changed this to the 23rd as the 22nd is a Monday. Also, 310 is taken on the 23rd ... [2]

Commented [RM24]: Is this referring to the dates and times listed below?

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- **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**
 - Info Meeting #1 | 6 PM – 8 PM | PSU 317
- **Thursday, September 11**
 - Info Meeting #2 | 6 PM – 8 PM | PSU 317
 - *Only one of the two informational meetings are required.
- **Friday, September 26, 2025**
 - Royalty Finalist Meeting #1 | 5 PM – 8 PM | PSU 317A
- **Tuesday, November 3, 2025**
 - Royalty Finalist Meeting #2 | 5 PM – 8 PM | PSU 317A
- **Sunday, November 9, 2025**
 - Chalk N' Rock | 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM | PSU
 - Window Painting | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | PSU
 - Kickoff Festivities | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Bear Head Plaza
 - Royalty Blitz | 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM | North Mall
- **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**
 - Rockstar | 7:00 PM | Hammons Student Center
- **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**
 - Field Day | 4:00 PM | McDonald Arena
- **Thursday, November 13, 2025**
 - MO State Live | 7:30 PM | Hammons Student Center
- **Friday, November 14, 2025**
 - Coronation Practice | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Plaster Stadium Field
 - Headphone Disco | 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | PSU Grand Ballroom
- **Saturday, November 15, 2025**
 - Homecoming Parade | 9:00 AM | John Q. Hammons Parkway
 - Football Game & Coronation | 2:00 PM | Plaster Stadium Field

Any other functions held in conjunction with Homecoming: (TBD)

Section B: Royalty Application

- The Royalty Application must be submitted online via BearLink by 11:59 p.m. on September 12, 2025.

Commented [RM28]: Do you want to add in here that only one is required?

Commented [RS29R28]: sure!

Commented [RS30]: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Commented [RS31]: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Commented [GR32]: These times may change

Commented [GR33]: TBD if you want this to be required

Commented [RS34R33]: I think it would be nice to have them around for the non-competitive part. I would love your suggestion on this one!

Commented [RM35R33]: Kickoff has just decided to make this competitive as well! So I agree it is good to have them stay for this!

Commented [RS36]: Can we start Blitz at North Mall? Do we have any limitations as to where on campus they can chalk?

Commented [RM37R36]: Yes, we can start at the North Mall! They are allowed to go anywhere on campus, but there are certain areas that they cannot chalk on. I can try to find the form from last year that had this info and send it to you!

Commented [RS38R36]: Thank you, that would be helpful

Commented [RM39R36]: See comment in Royalty Blitz section!

Commented [RM40]: I feel like this is too close to MO State Live. With participation points for MO State Live, they will most likely be participating and need to be with their team at this time. I would move this up or move it to Friday.

Commented [RS41R40]: Thank you for catching that, you're a savior! I think Friday (November 14) 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM will work the best?

Commented [RM42R40]: I think that is good! Last year the practice took about 30 minutes. I would allot at least an hour, two might be longer than needed. I would also reach out to Danielle to see if this time works for her!

Commented [RM43]: Tentative

Commented [RM44]: I feel like this is too close to MO State Live. With participation points for MO State Live, they will most likely be participating and need to be with their team at this time. I would move this up or move it to Friday.

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- The application will be available on the Homecoming Committee BearLink page.
- The Royalty Application consists of the following sections:
 - General demographic information
 - One essay that does not exceed 1,000 words.
 - Personal Essay: Discuss education, background, aspirations, and hobbies, and share reasons for running for king or queen, as well as plans to give back to the University and its student body.
 - Essays should be uploaded as a PDF file.
 - The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools or software in writing these essays is strictly prohibited. Any candidate found to have used AI will be disqualified from the selection process.
 - One letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff member at Missouri State University
 - Recommendation should be uploaded as a PDF file.
 - Candidates must include the email address and/or phone number of their reference along with their recommendation, so the Royalty Coordinator can follow up if necessary.

Commented [RS46]: One will be a personal essay (Education, Background, Goals, hobbies). The other should be an essay on a chosen topic by the coordinator. No AI tools should be used when writing the essays.

Section C: Interview Panel

- King and Queen candidates will be interviewed by two panels of faculty and staff representatives from Missouri State University and Springfield community members, chosen by the Royalty Coordinator. Each panel will select up to five (5) finalists for both King and Queen.
 - Two different panels will conduct King and Queen interviews.
- Candidate interviews will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Activities and University Involvement
 - Community Involvement and Service
 - Knowledge of Public Affairs Mission
 - Personal Presentation
 - Personality and Communication Skills

Commented [RM47]: @Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya Have you started outreach on this?

- Scholarship
- Candidates will be scored by each judge. Candidates with the top five scores from each King and Queen panel will be selected as members of the Homecoming Court.
 - In case of a tie for fifth place, the judges will discuss those two candidates and select the fifth member for court.

Section D: Campaign Procedure

Candidate Meetings

- The finalists for royalty will be posted on **September 25, 2025**, outside of the Office of Student Engagement (PSU 127), and online via Homecoming's social media (@MoStateHoco on Instagram).
- The Royalty Coordinator will hold two mandatory meetings with the finalists and their campaign managers—attendance at both meetings is required.
 - Meeting #1: **September 26, 2025**; 6-8 p.m. in PSU 317A
 - Finalists will draw for their partner *and* draw for the Homecoming events they will sponsor throughout the week.
 - **The details for their drawn events must be included on all posters, fliers, and banners the finalist distributes.**
 - Meeting #2: November 3, 2025; 6-8 p.m. in PSU 317A
 - Ensure all finalists are ready for all homecoming events the following week.
- Candidates may have a maximum of one (1) campaign manager.

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Commented [RM49R48]: Is the 24th okay? since the interviews will be the 22nd and 23rd

Commented [RS50R48]: Can we have a day's break in between and post the results on September 25? what do you think?

Commented [RM51R48]: Yes! I think that is good!

Commented [RS52]: September 26, 2025

Commented [GR53R52]: Make sure this is booked through EMS

Commented [RM54R52]: Since Meeting 2 was booked in PSU 317A I have reserved this meeting for PSU 317A and 315A. Therefore, you will have the option to have the meetings in the same room or different rooms.

Campaign Restrictions

- There will be a limit on campaign expenditure. **No candidate may exceed \$300 in campaign expenses.** This limit will include donations, gifts, services, etc. and must be evidenced with proof of receipts.
 - All campaign expenses will be funded by the individual candidate. The Homecoming Committee is not responsible for financing any campaign expenses.

- Candidates may have access to paint and other supplies through their organizations, and campus organizations may supply materials to be used, but they must be reported in the expense report with an estimated cost as part of the \$300 limit. It is the responsibility of the candidate to accurately price the donated items.
- An expense report must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on October 08, 2025, via BearLink. **If an expense report is not filed, filed incorrectly (including not documenting all expenditures), or exceeds the \$300 limit, the candidate will be sanctioned.**
 - The Royalty coordinator has final say in determining the value of donated items and reserves the right to override the estimated cost if it is not accurate.
- **No campaign publicity materials (candy, buttons, signs, posters, nametags, badges, etc.) may be distributed on the days of the elections on November 10, 2025, through November 14, 2025.** This includes campus mail and door-to-door solicitation within or around the university and residence halls.
- No candidates or campaign managers, or their names and likeness, may appear on television or radio unless under the authorization of the Homecoming Committee.
- “All calls” (announcements over the residence halls public address system) are not permitted.
- No tabling will be permitted to campaign.

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Commented [RS56]: I think we should highlight this haha

Commented [RM57R56]: Done!

Commented [RS58]: I know I asked for it to be highlighted but, could both the highlighted lines in this page be italicized or bolded instead? T-T Thank you!

Commented [RM59R58]: Yes!

Commented [RS60]: November 3 to November 7, 2025

Commented [GR61R60]: It should be Nov 10 & Nov 14 since that is Hoco Week

Commented [RS62R60]: Gotcha!

Commented [RS63]: Can we highlight his one too?

Commented [RM64R63]: Great Idea

Beginning of Campaign

- Candidates can begin campaigning on October 13, 2025. This includes:
 - Posting on social media accounts
 - Attending organizational meetings
 - Distribution of publicity
 - Hanging fliers in approved academic and residential buildings
- Candidates may NOT chalk on university property before Royalty Blitz.
- Candidates may choose *any* form of publicity they would like to use for campaigning. Publicity includes but is not limited to:

- Posters
- Banners
- Buttons
- Stickers
- T-shirts
- Publicity items must be included in the \$300 budget.
- Candidates should list their finalized campaign items in the Microsoft Form by 11:59 p.m. on October 08, 2025.

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End of Campaign

- All candidates are responsible for cleaning up their campaign materials around campus by November 14, 2025, by 11:59 p.m.
- **Failure to do so may result in immediate disqualification of the candidate.**
- All campaigning must be completed by November 7th, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

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Section E: Marketing

Posters

- Candidates are allowed to hang posters in academic and residential halls. Posters should be no larger than 11” x 17” and may not be displayed any sooner than October 13, 2025.
- No more than 204 total posters may be printed. A maximum of 104 posters can be distributed to Residence Life (Hammons House 101), for posting within residence halls. No more than 104 posters can be posted on designated campus bulletin boards outside of residence halls.
 - Candidates are fully responsible for delivering their posters to Hammons 101 for distribution.
 - Fliers must be sorted and bundled for each residence hall. The number of fliers per residence hall can be found [here](#).
 - All postings must follow the Solicitation and Advertising Policies of the University, which can be found [here](#).
- A copy of the poster intended for distribution in academic and residence halls must be submitted to the Royalty Coordinator no later than 11:59 p.m.

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Commented [RM69]: I need to change once I get the updates flyer form

Commented [RS70]: Can we also add that it is the responsibility of the candidate to drop off the posters @Hammons 101 for distribution

on October 08, 2025, via BearLink for approval. Once the poster is approved, copies may be made and distributed.

- All posters must display the candidate's sponsored event and the organization sponsoring the candidate.
- Posters may be displayed on departmental bulletin boards with written permission from each department head.
- Posters may not be displayed on any glass, marble, trees, sidewalks, painted walls, or painted poles at any time during the campaign. Posters and signs are not allowed to be staked into the ground.
- Permission granted by faculty or administrators to supersede these guidelines will not be recognized or allowed by the Homecoming Committee.
- Any posters that become disfigured, torn, or stolen may be replaced with approval via email from the Royalty Coordinator.

Banners

- Banners must be designed on a regular sized twin flat sheet (66" x 96") or smaller.
 - All banners must display the candidate's sponsored event information and sponsoring organization on them.
- Candidates can display no more than seven (7) banners.
 - No more than three (3) of these banners may be hung off-campus.
 - Candidates must receive permission from the administrator of any building they intend to hang a banner on.
- Each banner must have at least 2 wind-slits down its full length to prevent wind-stress and ripping.
- Off-campus banner locations must be approved by the Homecoming Committee Advisors with proof of permission from the location by October 08, 2025, via BearLink.
- Additional banner details will be discussed at the informational meetings.

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Royalty Blitz

- Royalty Blitz allows candidates and their supporters to promote their individual campaigns across campus. Supporters will be given one hour to cover campus with several types of publicity, including banners and sidewalk chalk.
- The Royalty Blitz will begin at 9 p.m. on November 09, 2025. All Royalty candidates are required to check in at the North Mall by 8:30 p.m. with approved banners and any additional materials (chalk, zip ties, scissors, etc.). All candidates must return to the North Mall to check out with the Royalty Coordinator by 10 p.m.
- Candidate supporters must meet at the North Mall by 8:30 p.m. prior to the distribution of materials.
 - Candidates are limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) supporters to help them advertise. Every supporter will be given an identifier.
 - Candidates and supporters will display banners and chalk around campus based on a first come, first served basis.
 - Sidewalk chalk is permitted as a form of advertising. No chalking on vertical surfaces or underneath overhangs. Only washable sidewalk chalk is allowed on campus (see Missouri State University's Advertising on Campus Policy, Op5.12-1).
- Any form of publicity may be removed if deemed in bad taste by the Homecoming Committee and its advisors. The Committee reserves the right to remove any banners, chalking, or other promotional materials that violate these guidelines. Candidates may be asked by the Royalty Coordinator to clean up or remove such materials. Violations may result in sanctions as determined by the Royalty Coordinator.

Commented [RS72]: November 10, 2025

Commented [GR73R72]: Just for clarification, do you want Blitz to be on Sunday of Kickoff, so then there will be chalking before polls open, or would you rather just do it Monday night? I hope that made sense

Commented [RS74]: Quick Question! What kind of Identifier are we talking? is it something like a tag that they wear on their shirts with the names of the candidates they're supporting?

Commented [RM75R74]: I think they have done wristbands in the past, but we can do whatever you would like!

Commented [RM76]: This is the royalty blitz information that I was thinking of earlier!

Presentations

- Candidates may meet with up to twenty (20) student organizations officially recognized by the Office of Student Engagement to gain support.
 - A list of organizations should be given to the Royalty Coordinator and Advisors by 11:59 p.m. on October 08, 2025, via BearLink.
 - Candidates can begin meeting with organizations on October 13, 2025.

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- At each meeting, candidates may distribute campaign publicity and candy items as approved by the Homecoming Committee Advisors.
- Campaign materials **MUST** advertise both the Homecoming event the candidate is sponsoring and their sponsoring organization.
- Candidates cannot make any announcements to any group of students gathered for academic reasons. This includes meetings and practices for university athletic teams and musical groups, including Pride Band.

Social Media

- Candidates may produce multiple official campaign videos. The campaign videos must be 2 minutes or shorter, and must mention Missouri State University Homecoming, the candidate’s sponsoring events, and the candidate’s sponsoring organization.
 - Failure to include all required elements in the campaign video will result in a sanction.
- Candidates may only have one official campaign account per social media platform. **Candidates cannot use preexisting or personal social media accounts; new accounts must be created.** Candidates can start posting on social media platforms on October 13, 2025. Candidates may also publish a campaign website.
- All handles or links for official campaign accounts must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on October 08, 2025, via BearLink.
- **Video Guidelines**
 - Videos must represent Missouri State University in a positive manner and exclude the use of profanity, drug/alcohol use, or any other inappropriate content.
 - Official campaign videos may only be posted on official campaign social media accounts of the candidate. Supporters can like, share, favorite, retweet, etc. the video, but cannot upload it onto their personal accounts.
 - All videos must be posted to the social media platform, i.e., “grid posts.”
 - Videos uploaded to “stories,” including lives, are prohibited.
 - **Candidates are not allowed to appear in any other candidates’ videos.** Candidates can only appear in their own campaign videos.
 - Candidates are not allowed to feature Missouri State faculty or staff in their campaign videos.
 - Videos can be altered to fit the dimensions and/or posting guidelines of the desired social media platform.
 - Prop materials used for video purposes only do not need to be listed on the submitted expense report.

Commented [GR79]: Do you want to add a bullet stating if a candidate's video does not include all of these requirements, then they will be sanctioned.

Commented [RS80R79]: yes, sounds good to me!

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- If props are used outside of the video for any other purpose, their cost must be reported.
- The Homecoming Chair and Royalty Coordinator reserve the right to deny any video deemed inappropriate.
- If any video uploaded to an official campaign account breaks these guidelines, the candidate will be instructed to remove the video **within 24 hours**.
 - Failure to do so will result in a sanction or removal of court as decided by the Homecoming Chair and Royalty Coordinator.

Commented [RM82]: Should it be a sanction for breaking the guidelines and removal of court if not taken down in 24 hours? or is that too harsh haha

Commented [RS83R82]: It makes sense, it's not harsh hehe

Section F: Election Procedure

- The election will be held during Homecoming Week – November 10, 2025 – November 14, 2025.
 - Online election polls will open at 12 a.m. on November 10, 2025, and close at 11:59 on November 14, 2025.
- The election will follow the online election procedures based on the Election Bylaws of the Student Government Association (see SGA's Election Code for more information). Any current Missouri State student can vote.
 - Each voter is allowed to vote for one (1) queen candidate and one (1) king candidate.

Commented [RS84]: November 14, 2025

Section G: Sanction Guidelines

- Sanctions may be assigned to any court member at any time for violating any of the guidelines listed in the Royalty packet. All sanctions are subject to the discretion of the Royalty Coordinator and the Homecoming Committee.
- All sanctions will result in a **minimum** deduction of 10 points.
- Any infraction must be witnessed by a Homecoming Committee representative to initiate a sanction.
- All candidates must check in with the Royalty Coordinator (or assigned Homecoming committee member) at the beginning of each event. Specific check-in times will be sent to the Court once determined by the Royalty Coordinator and Advisors.

Commented [MR85]: Reminding myself to read through this again

- Tardiness by a candidate to any required Homecoming event will result in a 10-point deduction.
 - Tardiness is defined as coming to an event ten (10) or more minutes after its specified start time.
- Candidates are expected to attend class if it conflicts with an event.
 - Skipping class to attend a Homecoming event will result in a deduction of all attendance points and participation points (if applicable) for that event.
 - Class schedules for each candidate will be submitted as part of the Royalty Application.
- Sanctions may be imposed by the Homecoming Committee if any of the following actions are taken during a King or Queen's candidacy. These actions consist of, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Spending over \$300 on campaigning
 - Inappropriate publicity
 - Illegally placed publicity
 - Too many posters
 - Inappropriately sized publicity
 - Lying on an application or interview
 - Inappropriate behavior at sanctioned Homecoming events (i.e., intoxicated at the Homecoming parade)
 - Failure to turn in requested items on time (i.e., poster list, proposed budget of expenses)
 - Appearance in unauthorized TV/radio spots publicizing candidacy
 - Early or late campaigning with student organizations
 - Campaigning within or immediately outside of Residence Halls
 - Tabling to campaign

Section H: Point System

- Candidates will be scored by a combination of voting, interviews, and participation in events.
- **Total Score Breakdown:**

Student vote	40% of your total score
Participation in weeks events	40% of your total score
Interview	20% of your total score
Total	100%

Commented [RM86]: Think about changing?

- Points may be awarded based on both attendance and participation in the events.
- **Points Breakdown:**

Participation in weeks events	Points Possible for Category
Chalk-N-Rock	50 (Attendance) 50 (Participation)
Window Painting	50 (Attendance) 50 (Participation)
Kickoff Festivities	50 (Attendance) 50 (Participation)
Royalty Blitz	50 (Attendance) 50 (Participation)
Rockstar	100 (Attendance) 100 (Participation)
Mo State Live	100 (Attendance) 100 (Participation)
Field Day	100 (Attendance) 100 (Participation)

Commented [GR87]: Do we want to add attendance points for attending the non-competitive part of Kickoff over at Bear Head Plaza?

Also do we need to add points for Royalty Blitz?

Commented [RM88]: Do you think these should be separated into different rows? Last year 50 points were given for window painting and 50 for chalking. If you do want them to all be separate, do you want the Kickoff Festivities to be 50 points as well? Hopefully that makes sense

Commented [RS89R88]: Yes! I think having it separate would make more sense

Commented [RS90]: Do we add points for Banner too?

Commented [RM91R90]: Banner has not been for points in the past. I think this is because we have no way of knowing they actually participated in the banner making since it is done by teams on their own time!

Commented [RM92]: Added royalty blitz since its a required event

Headphone Disco	50 (Attendance)
Mandatory Informational Meeting	50 (Attendance)
Royalty Finalist Meetings (2)	100 (50 for Each Meeting)
Other Events determined by the Homecoming Committee (including additional Royalty or Homecoming Meetings)	Points will be determined and given at informational meetings
Overall Points Total Possible	1,200 Points

- Participation Points
 - Candidates will be awarded full points based on participation, **NOT** the success of the organization the candidate is sponsored by.
 - To participate in an event, the candidate **MUST** attend the event's audition, if applicable (Rockstar and MO State Live).
- Attendance Points
 - Candidates need to check **IN and OUT** with the Royalty Coordinator to ensure they receive full points.
 - Previously approved class conflicts will result in the points for the missed event to be dropped from the candidate's total score.

Section I: Important Dates and Deadlines

Royalty Packet Released	August 18, 2025		BearLink; 12:00 PM
Royalty Applications Released	August 25, 2025		BearLink ; Open at 12:00 PM
Mandatory Informational Meeting	September 10, 2025		PSU317; 6:00-8:00 PM
Mandatory Informational Meeting	September 11, 2025		PSU317; 6:00-8:00 PM
Homecoming Court Applications Close	September 12, 2025		BearLink ; Closes at 11:59 PM

Commented [RS94]: All dates will be changed once finalized. Locations may/may not change. I am entering dates for the below events according to what I think will be the best fit. But once again, dates might change after school reopens.

Commented [GR95R94]: I'll have to check, but I am not sure if Royalty packet dropped the same day as regular packet. Is this something that you want to do?

Just for my sake, what is the difference between Application Released & Application Open?

Commented [MR96R94]: I agree with Bekah. I know this was on the packet last year, but I do not understand the difference between releasing the application and opening it.

Commented [RS97R94]: Gotcha! I think it only makes sense to have the packet released on August 18. Can we edit that to 'Royalty Applications released' please?

Commented [RM98R94]: Is what I changed correct?

Commented [RS99R94]: Yes!

Commented [RS100]: August 25, 2025

Commented [GR101]: What time do you want these open?

Commented [RS102R101]: 12:00 PM please

Commented [RS103]: September 10, 2025

Commented [GR104R103]: Have you booked these rooms in EMS to make sure they are available at these times?

Commented [RS105]: September 11, 2025

Commented [RS106]: September 12, 2025

Homecoming Court Interview Notifications	September 17, 2025	
King Interviews	September 22, 2025	PSU310; 4:00-9:00 PM
Queen Interviews	September 23, 2025	PSU308C; 4:00-9:00 PM
Homecoming Court Announced	September 25, 2025	12:00 PM
Royalty Finalist Meeting #1	September 26, 2025	PSU315A; 6:00-8:00 PM
List of Organizations Due	October 08, 2025	BearLink
Social Media Handles Due		
Banner Locations Due		
Poster Designs Due		
List of Planned Campaign Items Due		
Official Campaign Videos Due		
Campaigning Begins	October 13, 2025	12:00 AM
Royalty Finalist Meeting #2	November 03, 2025	PSU317A; 6:00-8:00 PM
Campaigning and Visting Organizations End	November 07, 2025	11:59 PM
Band of Bears Homecoming Parade	November 15, 2025	John Q. Hammons Parkway; 9:00 AM
Coronation and Football Game	November 15, 2025	Plaster Stadium; 2:00 PM

Commented [RM107]: Is this date correct?

Commented [RM108R107]: September 15th?

Commented [RS109R107]: Since it's a weekend after the applications close, i'm thinking we could take monday and tuesday to go through the applications making sure the applicants meet all the requirements before sending them through the interview process, let's send them the interview notifications on September 17 (wednesday)? I would love to know what you think?

Commented [RM110R107]: I think that's a great timeline!

Commented [RS111]: September 19, 2025

Commented [RS112]: September 20, 2025

Commented [RM113]: 24th?

Commented [RS114R113]: I think a day's buffer will be great after the interviews. So Can we announce the ... [4]

Commented [RS115R113]: @ 12:00 PM

Commented [RM116R113]: Sounds good!

Commented [RS117]: September 23, 2025

Commented [RS118]: September 26, 2025

Commented [RS119]: The schedules overlap for t ... [5]

Commented [RS120]: Can this also include officia ... [6]

Commented [RM121R120]: Done!

Commented [RS122]: October 3, 2025

Commented [RS123]: Do you think this is a lot to ... [7]

Commented [RM124R123]: Yes, I think extending ... [8]

Commented [RS125R123]: Great! Can we extend ... [9]

Commented [RS126R123]: I'm sorry, I just had t ... [10]

Commented [RM127R123]: I think this is a good ... [11]

Commented [RS128]: Also I would like to know if ... [12]

Commented [RM129R128]: They do, but I'm not ... [13]

Commented [RS130]: October 6, 2025

Commented [RS131]: November 3, 2025

Commented [RS135]: November 15, 2025

Commented [RS132]: I have a question sorry. W ... [14]

Commented [RM133R132]: No need to be sorry ... [15]

Commented [RS134R132]: Yes! That makes sen ... [16]

Commented [RS136]: November 15, 2025

Page 5: [1] Commented [RS22R20] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/21/2025 10:09:00 PM

Oops! Thanks for catching that. I'm thinking of 22rd September, which is a Tuesday. The king Interview can be the day before. I do need to consider the availability of the judges too.

Page 5: [2] Commented [RM23R20] Ragle, McKayla L 7/24/2025 1:41:00 PM

I changed this to the 23rd as the 22nd is a Monday. Also, 310 is taken on the 23rd so they will be in different rooms.

Page 5: [3] Commented [RS25R24] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/21/2025 10:17:00 PM

It should be 'Section A' which contains eligibility requirements, procedures, important dates and attendance (Pages 3 to 5). The Page numbers on the title page are a little messed up, that has to be fixed. @Gunter, Rebekah A

Page 19: [4] Commented [RS114R113] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/28/2025 7:55:00 PM

I think a day's buffer will be great after the interviews. So Can we announce the results on September 26? @Ragle, McKayla L @Gunter, Rebekah A

Page 19: [5] Commented [RS119] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/30/2025 11:27:00 PM

The schedules overlap for the court announcement and the finalist meeting #1. Do we want to move the Finalist meeting to September 29, Monday after our Hoco weekly meeting probably from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm? or do we want to move it move the announcement a day ahead (25th September) and have the finalist meeting as scheduled on the next day (26th september)?

Page 19: [6] Commented [RS120] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/28/2025 8:46:00 PM

Can this also include official campaign videos too please?

Page 19: [7] Commented [RS123] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/28/2025 8:41:00 PM

Do you think this is a lot to submit in a short span of time? Do we want to extend the date for this one? @Ragle, McKayla L

Page 19: [8] Commented [RM124R123] Ragle, McKayla L 7/28/2025 10:28:00 AM

Yes, I think extending the date for this would be good. Especially since we have more time before homecoming week this year.

Page 19: [9] Commented [RS125R123] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/28/2025 11:26:00 PM

Great! Can we extend the submission deadline to October 10 (Friday) 11:59 PM which includes the campaign videos too. We will have to change the date to start campaigning to 15th of october. I have considered a two day break in between (October 13 and 14) to go through the submission and see if they comply with all the requirements we've mentioned and then I could send them an email on or before October 15 that they're good to go and can start campaigning from that day onwards. I don't know if that makes sense or if made it more complicated lol

Page 19: [10] Commented [RS126R123] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/29/2025 12:26:00 AM

I'm sorry, I just had this thought pop in my head right now. They definitely need time to print out posters/buttons/shoot videos after we send them an email that we've approved the ideas they've submitted.

Page 19: [11] Commented [RM127R123] Ragle, McKayla L 7/28/2025 2:52:00 PM

I think this is a good timeline! I think this will just be on the candidates to turn in their campaign info ASAP. Last year there was a 5 day difference between the list of organizations, etc. due and being able to promote. During the informational meetings it would be good to mention that these are deadlines but we encourage everyone to complete them ASAP. I do think that the candidates buttons came in about half way through the campaign time... This would just mean that you would have to look over and approve/deny the posters/buttons/etc as they are turned in. We can talk about this more when we are back in person too!

Page 19: [12] Commented [RS128] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/28/2025 11:26:00 PM

Also I would like to know if BearLink supports video submissions (cuz they're usually a larger file)

Page 19: [13] Commented [RM129R128] Ragle, McKayla L 7/28/2025 2:53:00 PM

They do, but I'm not sure how well it does with big videos. If BearLink doesn't work, they can send it to you and me via email or group me, etc

Page 19: [14] Commented [RS132] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/28/2025 8:50:00 PM

I have a question sorry. Would there be points for the parade (attendance & participation)?

Page 19: [15] Commented [RM133R132] Ragle, McKayla L 7/28/2025 10:30:00 AM

No need to be sorry! I don't think so, I think it is best to have all points conclude Friday night so there is ample time for adding them up. Each member is required to ride in the parade. We can add that if they do not ride in the parade they will be DQ or points taken off, if you want.

Page 19: [16] Commented [RS134R132] Ramakrishnan, Sindhiya 7/29/2025 12:29:00 AM

Yes! That makes sense. Like you said, we can add that participating in the parade will not count for points but it is a requirement to attend and that they will be sanctioned if they fail to participate in the parade.