

# CSU Fraternity and Sorority Life

## Homecoming 2023



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## 2023 OFFICIAL COMPETITION

The Programming Board is working hard to make Homecoming 2023 an enthralling experience for everyone! With your enthusiastic participation, it will be an exciting and enjoyable time. The purpose of the F/S Homecoming Competition is to engage the community in building meaningful connections. This year, the following events/activities will be presented as an opportunity to gain points: social media posts/stories, Ram Rhythm, Banner Competition, and Festival on the Oval.

In reviewing the concerns and feedback from previous homecoming participation, **chapters will have the opportunity to review the homecoming packet and opt-in before forming teams.**

Please submit the [Homecoming Intent to Participate Form](#) by **5pm on Friday, September 8, 2023**. Teams will be announced Monday, **September 11th, 2023**.

If you have any questions or need clarification on any part of the competition, please contact a member of the F/S Programming Board. Please include your chapter's name and team name when applicable.

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# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Please read this Homecoming Packet and have each chapter's Homecoming Chair(s)/ Representative(s) and participants, and chapter president be familiar with the content of this document.

In choosing to participate in Homecoming festivities, you and your chapter are responsible for engaging the members of your team in at least one event and encouraging community development. Should your chapter no longer wish to participate in Homecoming, please be sure that your representative notifies the team and the Programming Board immediately.

By participating in the Homecoming festivities, you also understand that any chapter whose members are deemed to be acting in an unprofessional manner, including but not limited to, disorderly conduct, intoxication, vandalism, theft, unauthorized entry in events, verbal or physical threats will cause their chapter and/or team to be disqualified from all 2023 Homecoming competitions and events. Should you have any questions about this expectation, please contact the Programming Board.

Any changes made to the 2023 Homecoming competition rules and/or this document will be made by the Programming Board and will be announced to all delegates at the Homecoming Roundtable Meetings.

**Contracts will be signed at the first roundtable on Tuesday, September 12, 2023!**

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## HOMECOMING COMPETITION CONTRACT

By signing this contract \_\_\_\_\_ hereby recognizes

(chapter name)

They have read and understand the homecoming packet as it was presented by the FSL Programming Board. My signature certifies that I agree with the information with this packet and will meet all deadlines outlined in this packet.

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(Signature)

## ROUNDTABLES

Each chapter participating is required to have at least one representative at the following meetings. Should a chapter's primary Homecoming contact not be able to attend, an assistant or chapter president must attend in their place. Roundtables will be held on the following dates:

Roundtable # 1: **Tuesday, September 12, 2023** - 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in **Clark A102**

Roundtable # 2: **Tuesday, September 19, 2023** - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM in **Clark A102**

Roundtable #3: **Tuesday, October 3, 2023** - 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in **Clark A102**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Wednesday, October 11, 2023:**

Banners for the competition are due to the **OFSL (LSC 142)** by 4 p.m.

Ram Rhythm - **LSC Theatre - 5:30p.m** (Sponsored by F/S Programming Board)

### **Thursday, October 12, 2023:**

National Hazing Prevention Week screening "Hazing" documentary - **Clark A101 - 7-9pm**  
(Sponsored by F/S Programming Board)

### **Friday, October 13, 2022:**

Festival on the Oval - **Oval - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. (Sponsored by CSU)

Friday Night Lights - West of the Lagoon - 6:00pm-8:30pm (Sponsored by CSU)

### **Saturday, October 14th, 2023:**

Homecoming & Family Weekend Football Game - **Canvas Stadium** - Kickoff TBD

## GENERAL RULES

**ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL:** This includes bringing, consuming, or attending an event under the influence of alcohol. The same applies for any illegal substance. This applies to all Homecoming events and activities including practices, rehearsals, and preparations and any other related activities. Any member violating this rule during Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) events and activities will cause your entire group to be disqualified from ALL Homecoming competitions, as well as the member/group may face disciplinary action from Colorado State University and the Joint Judicial Board. **All teams must adhere to the state laws, the community wide risk policy, and their inter/national risk management policy.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO VANDALISM OR STEALING:** This includes but is not limited to vandalism of banners, performance props, floats, and anything else related to events and competitions. Any member of your team violating this rule during the events and activities will cause your ENTIRE TEAM to be disqualified from ALL Homecoming competitions, and the member/chapter may face disciplinary action from Colorado State University and the Joint Judicial Board.

**SCORING:** In all competitions, the decisions of the judges are FINAL. The Programming Board reserves the right to deduct points from a team's score for any reason it deems necessary. Reasons for point deductions include, but are not limited to, failure to follow rules, failure to follow the guidelines outlined in this packet, and failure to turn in required documents by the deadline.

**DISQUALIFICATION:** Please note- if a team is disqualified for any reason, each chapter will receive formal documentation from the F/S Programming Board detailing terms of disqualification. Teams have not been disqualified in the past, nor is disqualification in the future anticipated.

**RAM RHYTHM PRACTICES:** It is highly recommended that each team hold practices for Ram Rhythm in a public space that can be reserved through Colorado State University, rather than chapter facilities. Potential spaces for practices include the Lory Student Center, Campus Recreation Center and classrooms reservable through the registrar.

- Lory Student Center Room Reservation: <https://lsc.colostate.edu/services/event-planning-services/room-reservations/>
- Campus Recreation Room Reservation: <https://csurec.colostate.edu/facility/facility-rentals/>
- Classroom Reservations: <https://www.fm.colostate.edu/eventRequest/>

Record videos of your dances and post them on a team group chat, that way members who cannot attend every practice, can learn and participate in the dance. Be inclusive and considerate of everyone's schedules.

Utilize clothing, props, and equipment you already have. Purchasing more items is not necessary and not encouraged.

Ensure that all chapters on the team have input in determining content, music, choreography, props, and costumes.

**INCLUSIVITY:** The purpose of Homecoming is to build a community amongst all chapters within the Fraternity and Sorority Community. Failure to provide an inclusive, positive, collaborative, and fun experience and environment for all chapters on a team will not be tolerated.

It is highly recommended that each chapter on your team has a representative participate in each Homecoming event and activity.

Each chapter represented on a team must have the opportunity to contribute to the Ram Rhythm, music, choreography, props, and costumes.

A chapter's failure to create an inclusive environment for every chapter on their team, future participation in Programming Board events and activities will not be permitted.

**OTHER:** It is highly recommended that a variety of representatives from each class (i.e. line, pledge class, etc.) of your chapter participates in each Homecoming event. It is not permitted to require or force any member of your chapter or team to participate in Homecoming Events.

## POINTS BREAKDOWN

The events listed below will be used to determine the overall Homecoming winner for 2022. All judges score on the criteria denoted in this packet. Points will be awarded as follows for participation and achievement in the following activities:

### **Social Media Competition:**

Posts/Stories on a chapter's **OFFICIAL INSTAGRAM** will be counted as 15 points each. Please note that each post/story will count as 15 points. If a post/story has multiple photos or videos, it will only be counted as one post/story. Posts/stories on any personal accounts or social media platforms will not be accepted (unless the chapter's **OFFICIAL INSTAGRAM** reposts it to their story). Each chapter from each team may post/add a story in order to receive points for your team but it **MUST NOT** be the same content or picture. Each day will have a theme/objective, we encourage teams to adhere to the corresponding theme/objective of each day. Posts will be accepted from **Monday, October 9, 2023, at 8 a.m.** until **Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 11:30 p.m.** Each day submissions are accepted from **8am-11:30pm.** **For posts to be counted towards teams overall points, each submission must tag @csufslprogrammingboard on Instagram.**

**National Hazing Prevention Week “Hazing” Documentary Screening:**

Teams will gain **full points (50)** for having 40 team members attend the screening for attendance. 5 extra points will be gained if members from each chapter within a team are present.

<b>Points Received:</b>	<b>Team Members in attendance:</b>
50 points	40 members
35 points	30 members
25 points	20 members
10 points	<20 members

**Ram Rhythm:**

1st = 75 points

4th = 45 points

2nd = 65 points

5th = 35 points

3rd = 55 points

**Banner:**

**Points:**

1st = 75 points

4th = 45 points

2nd = 65 points

5th = 35 points

3rd = 55 points

**Festival on the Oval:**

**Best Decoration Points:**

1st = 75 points

4th = 45 points

2nd = 65 points

5th = 35 points

3rd = 55 points

**Best Activity Points:**

1st = 75 points

4th = 45 points

2nd = 65 points

5th = 35 points

3rd = 55 points

## **NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK DOCUMENTARY AND WORKSHOP**

**Content Warning: For viewers watching this documentary, viewer discretion is advised due to the usage of real life footage of hazing, alcohol misuse, graphic photos of a crime scene, and the topic of death.** Programming Board is pleased to announce that this year's National Hazing Prevention Week will engage CSU F/S members in the screening of the 2017 "HAZE" documentary. The Gordie Center's documentary film *HAZE* tells Gordie's story and connects the dots between alcohol on campus and hazing. An updated version of the film was released on Gordie's birthday in 2018. The film shares the story of Gordie Bailey's 2004 death at the University of Colorado in Boulder from alcohol overdose caused by fraternity hazing. The updated film is 38 minutes long, and is intended to be used for interactive programs: a screening followed by a facilitated discussion. We will be facilitating a small workshop and interactive session after the documentary to reflect and discuss the film and the message behind it. We will send out the facilitator guide questions on the week of homecoming so teams are aware of the questions we will go over and discuss, and be prepared for them. Teams are expected to **stay the whole time** of the documentary **AND** workshop in order to receive full points. For more information on the documentary, click [here](#).

## SOCIAL MEDIA COMPETITION

**Monday, October 9, 2023: Hometowns!** To kick off homecoming, we would love for everyone to bring a little bit of their home to CSU. Post a photo of chapter members wearing something that represents their hometown or a photo of members in their hometowns. It can also be pictures of their favorite places back home, people that remind them of home and more!

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023: Traditions Tuesday!** Post pictures of some traditions your chapters have! This can really be anything, think big, what does tradition mean to you or your chapter? It can be pictures from parents weekend, conventions, founders day, your pins, philanthropies, formal chapter or other events important to the chapter.

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023: Ram Rhythm Ready!** Post a photo of your team getting ready for Ram Rhythm, a video of your performance, or your team's banner. Get excited and post anything related to ram rhythm such as your team's outfits, music / choreography sneak peeks, or your audience at the event!

**Thursday, October 12, 2023: Thursday Throwbacks!** Post a Throwback Thursday photo of your chapter, alumni, or chapter facility! We want to connect the ram rhythm theme of decades/throwbacks. Post pictures of your alumni and highlight them.

**Friday, October 13, 2023: Friday Night!** Post a picture, video, story of your team's interactive booth at Festival on the Oval! We want to see the setup of the booths, and the interactive activity you are doing with the public. We also want pictures of teams at Friday Night Lights, the Bonfire, lighting of the A, etc. Getting to show off the CSU traditions of Homecoming.

**Saturday, October 14th, 2023: Gameday!** Post your CSU Gameday Pride! Wear Green, Gold, White, or Orange! Celebrate current students, highlight first gen students, and gameday attire. We want pictures of teams at the game, with Cam the Ram, tailgating (no alcohol in the pictures).

- ★ *Teams that post pictures with Cam the Ram, at the football game, Friday Night Lights, with their Alumni, or doing any of the CSU homecoming traditions will receive **5 extra** points per post. We want to highlight the CSU homecoming Traditions and incorporate more activities with our Alumni and families.*

# RAM RHYTHM

The purpose of Ram Rhythm is to get to know all chapters on your team and is a fun and creative way to show your spirit and personality. Ram Rhythm will take place on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**, in the **LSC Theatre at 5:30 pm.**

**Theme: Dancing Through the Decades (90s-2010s).**



## Rules and Guidelines:

1. The Ram Rhythm performance must be a choreographed dance.
2. Teams may have a total of 50 participants, but no more than 30 on stage or less than 2 total participants on stage at any particular time.
  - a. Rosters for each team are due **Monday, October 2, 2023, by 9 p.m.**
3. Each team is allowed one time block of **3-5 minutes to perform**. The time allotment may be dispersed however the team decides, however, it must be one fluid performance.
4. Homecoming Teams are entitled to pick whatever song they would like to perform as long as the song contains **NO EXPLICIT LYRICS or INAPPROPRIATE SUBJECTS**, and music should be within the theme.
5. Songs/music compilations should be submitted by **Friday, September 29th, 2023, by 5 p.m.** to the Programming Board via email ([sigevents.fslprogramboard@gmail.com](mailto:sigevents.fslprogramboard@gmail.com)) All music selections should be in a .mp3 format.
6. The Programming Board will review the music and inform team delegates if any issues arise (i.e. explicit lyrics and/or inappropriate subjects). Absolutely NO changes can be made to the

music after this date (unless the change is requested by the Programming Board.) Please bring an extra copy of your music to the event.

7. Points will be awarded based on the criteria above, and all decisions on the performances by the judges are final.

8. Have choreographers submit a run through video of their planned choreography, through video submission, to be approved by the Programming Board members. The run through video submission is due **Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 by 9pm**. 75% of the members participating in the dance must be present in the video. Submit videos via email to ([sigevents.fslprogramboard@gmail.com](mailto:sigevents.fslprogramboard@gmail.com)). **The Programming Board reserves the right to make any changes they see fit, in regard to inappropriate material or dangerous stunts.**

- If any changes are made to the choreography *after* the initial run through video submission, you must send a final run through video by **Monday, October 9th by 5pm** for final review and approval by the Programming Board members.

9. To encourage teams to stay and watch all of Ram Rhythm, up to 50 points will be deducted for dancers or chapters leaving before all teams have finished.

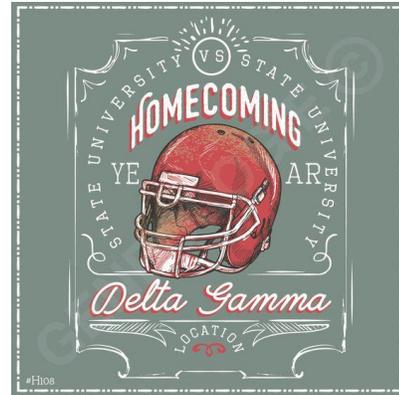
10. Attendance numbers will be limited due to the Ram Rhythm location. Each chapter will be given a certain number of physical tickets to give to members. Ticket amounts for each chapter will be communicated after teams are formed. Members **MUST** have a ticket to enter. If not all tickets are being used, please return extras to the FSL Office. Extra tickets will be available for pick up the morning before Ram Rhythm, first come, first serve.

## BANNER COMPETITION

In order to participate in this competition, the team should construct a banner, following the guidelines listed below. **Banners for the competition are due on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, by 4 p.m. to the OFSL (LSC 142).**

**Theme for the Banner Competition: Vintage/Aggie CSU, Throwback**





### Rules and Guidelines:

1. One entry per team. The entry will be displayed at Ram Rhythm on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Banners will be judged based upon the criteria below by individuals selected by the Programming Board. It is encouraged for there to be collaboration between each of the chapters on the team to design this banner.

2. Each chapter name must be included on the banner in an appropriate manner, fitting the rules and regulations set forth by each chapter. Please note, our community includes chapters that require their chapter's name to be spelled out, as well as exclusively written in certain colors. Please keep this in mind as you design and create your banners. The Programming Board will address any complaints brought forth by chapters, and may result in the loss of points.

- Maximum size for any banner is 40 square feet. The shape of the banner must be rectangular, and can only be two-dimensional. Textured materials are allowed.
- The use of electricity/batteries on the banner is not permitted.
- The banner must be created by hand by active members of the chapters that are on the team. Light projectors are permitted for tracing designs.
- The Programming Board reserves the right to not display banners that are in poor taste.

Banner Competition Judges will utilize the judging criteria below to determine the top five places and points will be awarded based on the

### Judging Criteria:

Originality and Creativity 25%

Adherence to Theme 25%

Artistic Ability 25%

Overall Appearance 25%

## **FESTIVAL ON THE OVAL**

You can find more information about Festival on the Oval [here](#). The festival is on Friday, September 13th, 2023 from 3pm-6pm. **Each team** participating in the Homecoming Events will have a booth at Festival at the Oval to decorate and have an interactive activity to do with people participating in the event. There will be a list of activities for the teams to do, and will pick one at the first roundtable once teams have been formed. The activity must be agreed on by all chapters in the team and be doable to anyone participating. We ask that there are 5-8 team members at the booth at all times, and it must be representative of all chapters in the team. The time arrangement is up to the chapters to decide (you can have the same team members there the whole time, rotate members every hour, switch halfway through, etc.)