

## ***1<sup>st</sup> Annual Old School Alumni Step Show***

***Hosted by Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.***

We know that special effects and technological enhancements can be exciting, but for this show, we are asking that you keep those things to a minimum. We want to have an 'old school' show that focuses mainly on the art of stepping.

### **STEP SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Teams will be judged on the following categories for a total of 100 points:

- **Showmanship (20 points)**  
(Enthusiasm, crowd involvement, etc.)
- **Precision (20 points)**  
( Accuracy and coordination of moves)
- **Appearance (10 points)**  
( Coordinated outfits and thoughtful clothing choices)
- **Originality (10 points)**  
(Incorporating never before seen moves or styles)
- **Difficulty (10 points)**  
(Physical difficulty, move complexity, member-to-member interaction complexity)
- **Creativity (10 points)**  
(Overall theme of performance was creative)
- **Vocal Clarity (5 points)**  
(Performance was easily heard and understood)
- **Sportsmanship (5 points)**  
(Upholding competitive respect and proper conduct throughout the performance)
- **Overall Performance (5 points)**  
( An overall rating of the performance)
- **Time Limit (5 points)**  
(Adherence to the time regulations)

2. Each team will have a total of 12 minutes to perform; this includes both the introduction and exit steps. Time begins when the first sound (vocal or deliberate impact) is made by music or members and ends when members exit the stage. In the case that a team performs beyond 12 minutes time limit, points will be deducted from the total score as follows:

- a. 1-2 minutes over = 2 points deducted from Time Limit category (Per Judge)
- b. 2-3 minutes over = 3 points deducted from Time Limit category (Per Judge)
- c. 3 minutes and greater = All points deducted from Time Limit category (Per Judge)

A. There will be nine (9) judges, one (1) official timekeeper, and two (2) score tabulators. In case of technical difficulties or time infractions, judges will be notified. Teams will not be penalized for technical difficulties.

B. In the event of a tie, the prize of that place will be split between the tying teams and the place announced as a tie.

**3.** Each team must consist of members of an ALUMNI chapter. In the event that an alumni chapter wants to participate but does not have enough members for a step team, special consideration may be given to include collegiate members. This will be considered on a case by case basis, and alumni members must still make up the majority of the team.

**4.** Judges will represent each of the Greek letter organizations represented in the National Panhellenic Council. Judges will not be paid and will participate on a voluntary basis. The maximum points a team can receive per judge is 100. The judges' decisions are final.

**5.** No profanity or sexually explicit content is allowed within any portion of the event/performance and will result in a score reduction. Sexually explicit behaviors/content include, and are not limited to, inappropriate removal of clothing, gyrating in a sexual manner, imitating sexual motions, using music with vulgar sexual lyrics (including chants/songs), etc. This reduction will not exceed a total of 10 points by each judge.

**6.** All step team members name must be listed on the registration forms as participants to be admitted into the show. Other members of each organization that are not performing must pay admission and be seated with the general audience. **Only two general assistants and 1 music assistant will be allowed to assist each team (backstage or during the show).**

**7.** No defamation of character or group will be tolerated. This includes defamation on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual preference/lifestyle, economic status, etc. No belittling of any other team/organization members/groups is allowed. If a Step Team, or member of that team, is found to be unsportsmanlike causing disruption to the step show or other step teams, that Step Team will be disqualified.

**8.** The structure and assignment of performance order will be determined by a random drawing.

**9.** The following stage and venue requirements must be adhered to: throwing objects from the stage or into the audience is prohibited, jumping on or off the stage is prohibited, teams cannot use pyrotechnics or any other hazardous materials in the show. Any other special props or requirements must be approved no less than one month before the event day.

**10.** Each team is solely responsible for ensuring that all music, routines, props, costumes and all other aspects of the Team's performance comply with the Official Rules and these Performance Rules and Regulations and all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

- 11.** Each team must have all music cued on both CD and USB devices. Every team must have an assigned person to sit with the sound technician during the team's performance to provide needed music cues. This person must be the same for rehearsal and performance. The same applies for any lighting cues.
- 12.** All props and free-standing backdrops must be picked up or taken with the organization/school after their performance. Music can be picked at the conclusion of the show.
- 13.** Wristbands will be provided for each Step Team member to wear throughout the duration of the competition. Members of your organization, other than those specified to perform or specifically assist with the performance, will not be permitted backstage or on stage any time during the show.
- 14.** Each team will be required to attend a mandatory dress rehearsal prior to the show. Details regarding this rehearsal will be announced in a timely manner.
- 15.** The Step Show Registration Form and accompanying documents will be available online on April 1, 2019. The deadline to register is August 2, 2019 at 5 pm.

***These rules are subject to change. If changed, all teams will be notified in advance prior to effective implementation.***

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

(amount awarded for each fraternity and sorority\* categories)

**1ST PLACE - \$1,000.00**

**2ND PLACE - \$500**

**\*(Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be participating in the step show, however; their team will NOT be eligible for prize money.)**

**Step Teams WILL NOT be paid in any form of cash and/or check ON THE DATE OF THE SHOW. Funds will be processed no later than one week after the show to guarantee payment in at least 4-6 weeks after the Step Show.**

## **ENTRY FEE**

Each Step Team is required to submit a \$75 entry fee to participate.

Each chapter will have the option of paying online when they registration or paying by check. Checks should be made payable to Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

