

Spirit Month Competition Packet 2020
Minnesota State University, Mankato
“Masks On Horns Up”

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Hello Mavericks!

This year, due to COVID-19, we aren't having the Homecoming week everyone has always known, but instead, we are going to be celebrating our Maverick pride with a Spirit Month! We are spreading out the events that would typically take place during the week of Homecoming to create a safe celebration of Maverick pride!

All information regarding Spirit Month 2020 can be found in this packet or at <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/spirit>. People who want to participate in the events throughout the Month such as Maverick Royalty Court, Food Eating Contest, Kickball Tournament, and the Parade can fill out the respective registration forms online. We would greatly appreciate the use of online registration. Participation in other events such as Photo Scavenger Hunt, Maverick Round-Up, Free Maverick Farmers Market, and more do not require registration, but student attendance is greatly encouraged and your MavCard or a ticket is required for admittance to the event. If the event is ticketed, you can reserve your free ticket at [MNSUEvents.com](https://mnsuevents.com).

We are having Maverick Royalty to show support and recognize all students here on the MNSU campus. Royalty candidates are chosen based on their leadership, involvement on campus, academics, and their ability to portray a positive image of MNSU. Two Royalty will be crowned on Thursday, October 29th during our Lip Sync Competition.

If you want a way to be more involved during this year's Spirit Month, why not sign up for A competition team? All you need to sign-up is to join a preexisting team or create a new team with anywhere from 10-45 people. This year there are two divisions, Gold and Purple. Each team will be competing for a first, second, and third place within their division based on the size of their team. All teams across both divisions are competing for the same All-Spirit Awards.

If you have any questions concerning the rules for the Month or any other portion of the packet, please feel free to contact me, a member of the Student Events Team, or head on over to <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/spirit>. The Student Events Team office is located in the Student Activities Office in CSU 173. Make sure to show off your Maverick Pride and participate in all of the fun-filled events to make Spirit Month 2020 unforgettable!

Sincerely,

Hunter Whitmore

Homecoming Competitions Chair

Student Events Team

Spirit Month 2020 Schedule at a Glance

Day	Event	Time and Location
Pre-Spirit Month Events		
Wednesday, September 23 rd 2020	Maverick Royalty Applications Due	4 p.m., https://mnsunankato.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/homecoming
Wednesday, September 23 rd 2020	Competition Team Application Due	4 p.m., https://mnsunankato.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/homecoming
Wednesday, September 23 rd 2020	The Following Items are Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Applications • Lip sync 	4 p.m., Student Activities (CSU 173) online
Friday, September 25 th 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homecoming Royalty Interviews 	4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Via Zoom
Spirit Month 2020: September 28 – October 29		
Tuesday, September 29 th	Competition Team Mandatory Meeting	12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Via Zoom
Tuesday, September 29 th 2020	Maverick Round-Up	5 p.m. to 8 p.m., PA Lawn
Wednesday, September 30 th 2020	Maverick Royalty Mandatory Meeting	2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Via Zoom
Thursday, October 1 st 2020	Free Drive-In Farmers Market	4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Lot 20
Saturday, October 3 rd 2020		12 p.m. to 1 p.m., CSU Ballroom/Online
Monday, October 5 th 2020	3D Chalk Art: Start	CSU Mall
Monday, October 5 th 2020 – Sunday, October 13 th , 2020	MAV-Hunt	Mav-hunt.com
Thursday, October 8 th 2020	Photo Scavenger Hunt	9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Goose Chase App
Friday, October 9 th 2020	3D Chalk Art: End	CSU Mall
Saturday, October 10 th 2020	Kickball Tournament	Intramural softball fields 1 & 2
Monday, October 12 th 2020	Maverick Royalty Voting Open	12 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13 th 2020	Food Eating Contest	12 p.m. Ostrander/Online
Monday, October 19 th 2020	Pumpkin Contest	TBA
Wednesday, October 28 th 2020	Lip Sync Recording	Assigned Times 1pm – 9pm, Bresnan Arena
Thursday, October 29 th 2020	Lip Sync & Coronation	5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Ostrander/Online

2020 Competition Divisions

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The three divisions that students may participate in are:

* Please note the different divisions are based on the number of students from your organization/group that will participate in the Spirit Month competition.

A roster must be submitted with form.

GOLD DIVISION

The Gold Division will consist of groups that have **10 to 25** students. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in this category:

1st Place: \$250 & traveling trophy

2nd Place: \$175

3rd Place: \$100

PURPLE DIVISION

The Purple Division will consist of groups that have **26 to 45** students. Prizes* will be awarded to the top three winners in this category:

1st Place: \$250 & traveling trophy

2nd Place: \$175

3rd Place: \$100

* Your group must have a 901 account (on-campus account). Prize money will be transferred to your 901 account and can only be used for travel, programming on campus, or convention fees. For more details contact Student Event Team Advisor, Bill Tourville, by email at William.Tourville@mnsu.edu

ALL-SPIRIT AWARDS

Two All-Spirit Awards will be awarded: **one** to the team with the highest overall point total and **one** to the team voted by the Spirit Month Committee to have the most spirit throughout the month this team will receive a traveling trophy. Each Team awarded will be rewarded an additional \$150.

All applications, contacts, and rosters involving Spirit Month activities must be turned in by **Thursday, September 23rd, 2020 at 4 p.m.** to the Student Activities Office, CSU 173, online or emailed to hunter.whitmore@mnsu.edu

Applications turned in after 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 23rd will not be accepted.

Overall Point System for the 2020 Spirit Month Competition

Maverick Round-Up (Max 200 points)

Each team will receive **50 points** for each person that takes a ride on “Stomper the mechanical bull” (two participants max for points) Teams will receive **100 points** if they can get their Advisor/chapter Advisor/RSO Advisor/Hall Director to take a ride on the “Stomper the mechanical bull”.

Photo Scavenger Hunt (Max 60 points)

Each team has the opportunity to receive **30 points** when no more than **five people** and no less than **two people** from your competition team complete the hunt (one scavenger hunt team per competition team). There will be 10 locations around campus that teams need to find and take a creative picture at that location. The first three teams to take a creative picture at all locations will place and get the correlating amount of points.

- First Place – **30 points**
- Second Place – **20 points**
- Third Place – **10 points**



Kickball Tournament (Max 100 points)

Each team will receive **50 points** for entering a team of nine people. Only one Kickball team will be allowed to participate per competition team or non-competition team.

- First Place (Overall) – **50 points**
- Second Place (Overall) – **30 points**
- Third Place (Overall) – **15 points**

Food Eating Contest (Max 150 points)

Each team that enters will receive **50 points** for each participant (two participants max for points). Points will be awarded to the top three finishers:

- First Place- **30 points**
- Second place – **20 points**
- Third Place – **10 points**

Rules: There will be four rounds consisting of three heats, one for each division, and then the final round. Two winners from each division will compete in final round. Contestants must remain seated at all times. They cannot use their hands or any other tools. Each plate must be completely eaten. One judge will determine the winner of each round. Two judges will monitor for interactions. **Judges decisions are final.**

Lip Sync Contest (Max 250 points)

*Each team will earn **150 points** for participating in this event.*

Additional points will be given to the top three teams:

- First Place **100 points**
- Second Place **75 points**
- Third Place **50 points**

The contest will be judged on:

- Overall performance **25%**
- Originality **10%**
- Choreography **10%**
- Someone lip syncing at all times **25%**
- Correlation to the Spirit Month theme (includes costume and props) **15%**
- Knowledge of song lyrics **15%**



Rules:

- *All routines must be performed on the space provided in Bresnan Arena.*
- *By **Monday, October 26th, 2020** you must submit a hard copy of your music via CD or flash drive to CSU 173.*
- *Each routine must be between four (4) minutes and eight (8) minutes long.*
- *No obscene actions are permitted.*
- *No alcohol, drug, or sexual connotations are allowed.*
- *At all times, someone from your team must be lip syncing to the music or points will be deducted.*
- ***All teams must use a county song***
- *All items must be removed from the performance area following the performance. Items left on the stage will result in a point reduction.*
- *Must sign a waiver in order to participate*
- *If you do not follow the above rules, your team will be disqualified.*

**MORE GUIDELINES WILL BE ANNOUNDED IN
ORDER TO FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDELINES ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15^T**

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Competition and All-Spirit Award winners will be announced following Lip Sync

Maverick Royalty Points (Max 320 points)

Royalty Candidate Sponsorship

All Royalty applicants will need to submit an application. A group of judges will narrow down the applicants to a minimum of 10 candidates regardless of gender. Candidates must be sponsored by a competition team.

Points

- Teams will receive **100 points** for submitting two candidates
- Teams will receive **75 points** for each candidate that is chosen for the Maverick Royalty court (max 2 candidates).
 - Each team may enter only two (**2**) candidates' gender doesn't matter.
- A team will receive **70 points** (additional) if one **or** both are crowned as Maverick Royalty.

Maverick Royalty Court Selection

Maverick Royalty court will be chosen based on the following (each a 10-point scale):

- Demonstrated leadership on campus
- Demonstrated involvement in campus activities
- Academic excellence
- Ability to represent Minnesota State University, Mankato with a positive image

Homecoming Royalty Selection

Maverick Royalty will be chosen based on the following

- 30% Pumpkin Contest
- 40% Candidate Interview
- 30% Percentage of Royalty Voting



Maverick Royalty Requirements

- Candidates must have completed a minimum of **30** credits at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Candidates must have at least a **3.00** cumulative GPA and be in good standing with the University.
- Candidates must be currently enrolled in **at least six (6) credit hours** at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- All candidates must fully complete the Royalty Application and turn it in by **Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020**.
- To verify the candidate's GPA with the Registrar's office, all candidates agree in the Maverick Royalty Application that the Student Events Team has permission to communicate with the Registrar's Office about their GPA
- All Royalty Court members must attend an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 30th at 3 pm**. *If a candidate cannot attend this meeting, the Homecoming Chair or the Student Events Team advisor must excuse them in advance. This meeting will cover the duties of the Maverick Royalty.*

Rules for Royalty Campaigns

- Materials may be hung from **Thursday, October 1st to Thursday, October 29th**.
- All printed materials must be taken down by **Thursday, October 29th, 2020 at noon** Failure to meet this requirement may result in disqualification.
- No chalking of the buildings is allowed. To sidewalk chalk you must confirm with the scheduling office located in 220 Centennial Student Union.
- Defacing, covering, or taking down other candidates' posters/flyers will result in disqualification.
- Posters/flyers hung in academic buildings or residence halls must follow guidelines set by Building Services. Please read the Residence Hall posting policy in the next section before hanging flyers in the halls. Candidates will be disqualified for hanging materials in improper spaces.
- The exchange of a vote toward any specific candidate for any good, material, or service is prohibited. Bribery will **not** be tolerated.
- The Student Events Team and Homecoming Committee will not be held responsible for any of the rules (as stated by Building Services, Residence Halls, and the CSU) that are violated by any team participating in Homecoming.
- Any costs related to damages are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring team.

Rules for hanging materials in the CSU

- Posters may be hung in the restrooms.
- Building signs must remain completely untouched.
- Artwork and gallery spaces are not to be used.
- Campaign materials must not interfere with building traffic.
- Posters cannot be hung on the doors
- Only Blue Painters Tape can be used to hang materials.

Additional Notes:

1. Any infractions of the rules or regulations outlined in this packet will result in the loss of points or disqualification from the Homecoming competition. In the event of an infraction, the Student Events Team and Homecoming Committee reserve the right to determine the point loss or disqualification.
2. Student Activities reserves the right to address any improper behavior including, but not limited to, deducting points.
3. In the event of a tie, the Student Events Team shall decide the winner based on contribution to Homecoming in the areas of enthusiasm, effort, and participation. The Student Events Team's decision will be final.
4. **There will be a mandatory Competition Team meeting Tuesday, September 29th at 12 p.m. via Zoom.**
5. Please refer to the official Spirit Month website at <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/spirit> for more information regarding rules and event details.

All Spirit Month events are held in wheelchair accessible facilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact the Student Activities office at 507-389-6076 at least 48 hours prior to the event. MN Relay: 1-800-657-3789 (MRS/TTY).

Points:

- A total of 1,080 points are possible for teams in each of their divisions.

The following can be downloaded at <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/spirit>

- [Competition Team Application](#)
- [Maverick Royalty Application](#)