ELIGIBILITY

1. HC Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and be in good disciplinary standing to be eligible. If HC Candidates are found ineligible, candidates have until Friday, September 23rd, 2016 by 4pm to appeal the decision or submit the application of a replacement candidate.

2. Categories: Homecoming King, Queen, Prince, and Princess (male and female).

3. HC Candidates must be a full-time student at EIU at the time of the candidate interviews and election.

4. HC Candidates must be currently in good standing with the university, Student Conduct Code and the Office of Student Standards to be eligible to run for EIU Homecoming Royalty.

5. Each candidate must attend all meetings, interviews, and photo sessions. NO EXCEPTIONS OR MAKE-UPS.

6. King and Queen Candidates must have junior or senior standing—with a minimum of 60 credit hours pertaining to cumulative credit hours as stated in the University Catalog; must be currently enrolled in 12 hours at Eastern Illinois University at time of candidacy and election, and must have attended Eastern Illinois University for at least one full semester.

7. Prince and Princess Candidates must have no LESS than 30 cumulative credit hours and no MORE than 60 cumulative hours at the time of his/her candidacy and election; must be currently enrolled in 12 hours at Eastern Illinois University at time of candidacy and election, and must have attended Eastern Illinois University for at least one full semester.

8. Members of the 2016 Homecoming Steering Committee and those affiliated with are not eligible to run for King, Queen, Prince, or Princess.

RULES/REGULATIONS:

1. HC Candidate Interviews will be conducted by members of the EIU Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Charleston community.

2. HC Candidate judging will be based on the following—60% Candidate Interview Process, 30% HC Campus Voting Process, HC Candidate Application Process.

NOMINATIONS

1. Categories of candidates include King, Queen, Prince, and Princess.

2. A Greek/RSO/Hall must sponsor and/or select their HC candidate(s).

3. Registered Student Organizations, Residence Halls, and Greek-lettered Organizations are eligible to sponsor one candidate per gender, per category – King, Queen, Prince, Princess.

4. Candidates are required to attend (2) Mandatory Candidate Meetings—Tuesday, September 20th at 8:00pm in the Effingham Rm. and Tuesday, October 11th at 8:00pm in the Effingham Rm., in the MLK Jr. Union.

5. Candidates Photos will be taken Monday, September 26th from 9:00am to 3:00pm (EXCEPT NOON) and Tuesday, September 27th from 9:00am to 3:00pm (EXCEPT NOON) in the lower-level of Booth Library.

6. Mandatory Coronation Rehearsal/Walk thru will be Monday, October 17th from 3:00pm-5pm in McAfee Gym - South.

7. Candidates will also be required to complete and submit a 2016 Homecoming Candidate Application, which will count for 10% of the HC Candidate’s Total Score. The deadline to submit HC Candidate’s Application is Tuesday, September 20th.
1. HC Candidates are required to attend mandatory Prince and Princess Candidate Interviews - Saturday, October 1st, between 10:30am-4pm in the 1895 Rm., 2nd Floor, MLK Jr. Union, and King and Queen Candidate Interviews - Sunday, October 2nd between 10:30am-4pm in the 1895 Rm., 2nd Floor, MLK Jr. Union.

2. NO ALTERNATE OR MAKE-UP DATES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR CANDIDATES INTERVIEWS. NO special arrangements or exceptions will be made.

3. HC Candidate Interviews will count for 60% of the TOTAL SCORE for all HC candidates except EIU Faculty King and Queen candidates.

4. A selected interview team of EIU faculty & staff will interview candidates.

5. HC Candidates need to sign up for an interview time after they have turned in their HC application. Go to the SAC, 2nd Floor, MLK Jr. Union to sign-up for HC interviews.

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CAMPAIGN

1. Campaigning for Homecoming Candidates shall run from September 30th-October 5th, 2016 after which all campaign materials must be removed, i.e. flyers, Facebook, etc.

2. Residence Hall HC candidates can post campaign materials on their doors and windows, but MUST follow posting regulations established by the Office of EIU Housing and Dining Services if they wish to post materials in Residence Hall.

3. Each HC candidate should follow the guidelines for campaigning and posting of materials as indicated in the University Posting Guidelines.

4. Nametags accompanied by wallet size photos are not allowed.

5. Posting is only allowed on University bulletin boards and designated areas; violations could result in disqualification. All campaign materials posted must be taken down on October 5th, 2016 by 5:00pm by respective HC Candidate.

6. Campaigning will be allowed in academic classrooms, administrative or departmental offices at the discretion of university officials. However, HC campaigning that disrupts the normal flow of University and academic business is prohibited.

7. The destruction of campaign materials is strictly prohibited. HC participants and/or candidates may not destroy, or defame in any way another HC candidate during the campaigning and elections process.

8. Campaigning costs cannot exceed $200.00 per HC candidate (including homemade or professional designed marketing materials, articles of clothing, and donated items.

9. Sidewalk chalking is expressly FORBIDDEN for the purpose of candidate campaigning.

10. NO signs, posters, or any other materials may be posted on surfaces, walls, doors or windows, Etc. that are not designated as university posting areas.

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ELECTIONS

1. Homecoming On-line Elections will be held on Monday, October 3rd and Tuesday, October 4th.

2. The On-line Voting will be available beginning at 12:00am Monday, October 5th and ending at 11:59pm Tuesday, October 6th.

3. The EIU student body vote will count for 30% of the TOTAL SCORE for all HC candidates except EIU Faculty King and Queen candidates.

4. Currently enrolled EIU students are eligible to vote for one King, Queen, Prince, and Princess candidate of choice per category.

5. EIU Student Voters must vote on-line in accordance with voting regulations.

6. The King, Queen, Prince and Princess candidates receiving the highest number of votes, along with application and interview scores will be crowned the 2016 EIU Homecoming King, Queen, Prince, and Princess.

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ON-LINE VOTING

1. The 2016 Homecoming Committee shall be responsible for proper upgrade, maintenance and monitoring of on-line voting Homecoming Elections.

2. On-line voting will be the only available forum for “official” voting in the 2016 EIU Homecoming elections.

3. The tabulation of votes will be supervised by the ITS Dept. The final 2016 Homecoming Elections official results will be tabulated, certified and announced by the 2016 Homecoming Steering Committee.

4. There will be an additional campaign period for the tied Homecoming candidates, to be established and monitored by the 2016 Homecoming Coronation and Elections Sub-committee.

5. In case of questions or further clarification contact the 2016 Homecoming Co-Chair Morgan Davis, e-mail: mldavis3@eiu.edu or 2016 Homecoming Co-Chair Hailey Tellier, e-mail – hntellier@eiu.edu

ELECTIONS GRIEVANCES/VIOLATIONS

A representative of the HC Candidate must file a written grievance with the 2016 HC Committee Co-chairs within 24 hrs. of the alleged infraction or violation of the above stated HC Campaign Rules may/will result in further sanction decided by the 2016 Homecoming Steering Committee and could include but not be limited to:

1. Disqualification of a HC Candidate
2. Reduction in HC Overall Points
3. Reduction in HC Candidate votes

For more information go to the 2016 EIU Homecoming Week website at- www.eiu.edu/homecoming or Call (217) 581-5522.