



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Evanston North Shore Alumnae Chapter

P.O. Box 618 Evanston, Illinois 60204

E-Town Stomp Down Step Show Participant Rules

A. Teams must register for this competition. Teams will be granted a spot in the competition upon receiving a complete registration packet on a first come first serve bases (e.g, Team Registration Form, Point of Contact Form, Waiver and Release Form and registration fee.). **The registration deadline is November 2, 2018.**

B. All forms can be completed and submitted electronically, scanned and emailed or mailed with the \$50.00 **non-refundable** entry fee to:

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Evanston North Shore Alumnae Chapter
E-Town Stomp Down
P.O. Box 618 Evanston, IL 60204
email: etownstompdown@dstevanston.org**

*(Cashier's check, money order or school checks only. Make payable to **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** PayPal is accepted)*

C. There will only be one division to compete in.

D. Teams will perform one 10 minute routine including Intro and Exit Step.

- i. Each team will be required to perform a traditional step show and include information about their group.
- ii. You will have 2 minutes to set up prior to your performance. If you are late to the stage, two points will be deducted.
- iii. Time starts immediately after the host announces your team.
- iv. Two points will be deducted for each minute over the allotted time. Five minutes overtime will result in elimination.

E. Step Teams assumes all risk in its performance of all activities authorized by this agreement and is responsible for all actions whatsoever committed by your team that may cause harm or injury to persons or property.

F. Each team must have their music in MP3/MP4 format. **All music must be submitted at least one week prior to the show. Music must be uploaded to our DropBox.** A link will be provided once registration is complete. In the event the file is too large, contact us by email to make other arrangements. A person should be assigned to instruct the sound person during the performance. If lighting cues vary during your show, each team should have someone to instruct the stage/lighting coordinator.

G. Lyrics from team members and/or music must NOT contain profanity or any other content that is deemed inappropriate including but not limited to race, sex, gender, size etc. Obscenities, profanity and/or vulgarity will NOT be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification. Fighting will NOT be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification. If a team member is found to be grossly unsportsmanship-like causing a disruption to the show, the team will be disqualified.

H. All stage props must be approved by the Evanston North Shore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. two weeks prior to the show. No hazardous, flammable or potentially dangerous materials or props allowed, including but not limited to smoke/fog machines, food items or items that contain bleach, ammonia, slippery substances or allergens.

I. No one except members of the step team is allowed on stage during your performance (except to bring or remove props).

J. Teams may not be coached at any time during their performance. This is subject to points being deduction.

K. First place will receive \$200.00, a trophy and have their picture taken. Second place will receive \$150.00, a trophy and have their picture taken. And third place will receive \$100.00, a trophy and have their picture taken.

L. New awards category: **People's Choice Award**. The audience will have a chance to vote for their favorite team via an online voting app. The team receiving the highest votes will receive \$100.00, a trophy and have their picture taken.

M. All decisions of the judges will be final.

These rules are subject to change at any time. If we decide to change these rules your Step Team will be notified in advance, before they take effect. The judging criteria will be sent with your team's confirmation of participation.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an international public service organization that has been committed to public service since our founding in 1913. The Evanston North Shore Alumnae Chapter's presence in the community spans over 50 years. Our efforts are guided by our five point programmatic thrusts: 1) Economic Development, 2) Educational Development, 3) Physical and Mental Health, 4) Political Awareness and Involvement, and 5) International Awareness and Involvement.