



2012 SWITCH-HITTERS

Date: Sunday, June 10th, 2012

Location: Round-Up Saloon

Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Registration: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Event Start: 7:00 pm

Cover Charge: \$5

****Please note there will be a cover charge of \$5 for all league/non-league members. ****

The goal is to provide an entertaining show that will raise funds for the league. Participation from every team is strongly encouraged. Per PSSA guidelines, each team is required to have **minimum 70% attendance** of its current roster in order to receive funds for the Gay World Series (should your team qualify). Due to the increased number of teams in the league, a strict time limit is in place. Please read the following guidelines carefully.

In order to receive credit for participating and be eligible for GSWS funds, the following rules must be followed. Event participation for teams may include **ONLY** those designated on that team's frozen roster. A **minimum of five (5) players must participate actively. One (1) of the players must be in drag (man dressed as woman or woman dressed as man)**. All participants must be 21 years of age or older. As mandated by Texas nightclub regulations, all participants must have their photo ID with them at all times while in any club.

Teams are expected to perform a skit, routine, production, or themed presentation. Each act will be limited to **6 minutes total. THIS INCLUDES SET UP AND TEAR DOWN, 6 MINUTES FROM START TO FINISH.** Teams that exceed either of the time limits will be penalized 25 points from their total score. **NOTE:** Time will begin at the start of setting up on stage and will end when the team has vacated the stage and/or are finished with tear down.

All musical talent presentations must be on a high-quality CD. Cassette tapes and DVD's are no longer an option with the sound system at the Round-Up. All music will be collected no later than 6:00 pm the night of the event. **Each CD must be in a case and labeled with the team's name, number of appearance, and the track number. Music is on a first come first serve basis. Please email your team name and song selection to the Activities Coordinator. Please bring an extra CD in case the first one does not work.**

Use of props is encouraged if it adds to the total effect of the performance. However, props must be set and assembled within the physical restrictions of the Round-Up Saloon. They also must be set and disassembled within the time restrictions. If you have ANY questions, please contact the Activities Coordinator.

****Paper or plastic confetti may be used, but MUST be cleaned off the stage immediately and within the allotted time limit. There are some items that are NOT permitted. They include, but are not limited to, pyrotechnic gadgets of any type (e.g., open flames, flash pots, flaming batons, or sparklers), liquid or food of any kind, illegal devices or substances (e.g., dildos or vibrators). Also, NO illegal activity and NO nudity are allowed. IF ANY OF THESE NON-APPROVED ITEMS ARE USED CONTESTANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED! ****

Judges will award points in several categories and a total maximum point value that may be accumulated is 100. Categories and possible points are as follows:

THEME

0 – 10 points

Points will be awarded to entries that have a theme. Creativity will be rewarded. Teams that follow the theme throughout the number will be rewarded, as well.

COSTUMES

0 – 10 points

Teams will be awarded points for costume design and make up. Points will be awarded for creativity in this category and how well the costumes and make up lend to the theme of the number.

CHOREOGRAPHY

0 – 25 points

Points will be awarded to teams with creative choreography. This is not only dancing, but any staging and movement that add to the number. Teams will be given higher points for the larger number of team members that participate in any movement or choreography. This does not include set up or tear down.

PRODUCTION

0 – 35 points

Judges will award points based on the overall production. Judges will award points based on entertainment value. In addition, teams that keep a theme throughout the number will be rewarded. Teams will be judged on the overall look and feel of the number. Numbers that are more polished will be rewarded accordingly.

AUDIENCE RESPONSE

0 – 10 points

Judges will award points based on the audience's response to numbers. The goal is to reward teams that entertain the crowd.

Remember that any talent is acceptable as long as it does not endanger the contestants or audience. Also, talent cannot be in violation of city codes, state codes or TABC regulations. **NO LIQUIDS, FIRE nor NUDITY!!!**

TEAM PARTICIPATION

0 – 10 points

Since Switch-hitters is a team event, a minimum of five (5) people must participate in order to receive credit and be eligible for GSWS funds. Teams will be rewarded for the number of roster players who participate. Again, this does not include set up or tear down. Remember: Only roster players may participate. No non-team or non-league members are allowed to participate.

5 people = 1 point
6 – 8 people = 4 points

9 – 11 people = 7 points
12 or more = 10 points

BONUS POINTS:

0 – 20 points

Contestants can receive bonus points based on money raised during their talent presentations. All contestants will be ranked based on the amount of money they raise. The contestant who raises the most money will receive 20 points; the next contestant will receive 19 points, and so on. If there are more than 20 contestants, those ranked 21 and lower will not receive any points.

AWARDS:

The top three (3) teams will receive a cash prize along with a check for any non-profit organization of their choice in the same amount. Checks will be presented to the winning teams once the nonprofit organization's name has been given to the Treasurer. It is the winning team's responsibility to inform the Treasurer of the organization's name. Please email him at treasurer@dallaspssa.org with the name and address of the organization chosen. Organization must be decided prior to the end of league's fiscal year in September. League is not responsible for back tracking once the league's fiscal year has ended. **Checks will be in the following amounts: 1st place - \$150, 2nd place - \$100, 3rd place - \$50.** In addition, the first place team will receive the Switch-hitters' Trophy for them to engrave and display until Switch-hitters is held the following year. This is a traveling trophy and must be returned the following year.

If your team is not participating in this event please let the Activities Coordinator know as soon as possible.

BUY OUT:

This option is limited on a first come paid basis. We will allot 5 spots for teams that do not wish to participate in SWITCH HITTERS to 'Buy Out' their spot for \$300. You must contact the Activities Coordinator by June 1st, 2012, and pay by the June board meeting on June 5th, 2012. Please note the teams that want the 'Buy Out' must still show up to the event to have their minimum 70% attendance of their current roster, and pay the \$5 entry fee.

Finally, the Activities Coordinator will draw team order on **Sunday, June 3rd at the ballpark** that morning prior to the first game (if you have your music ready, please bring it that day). I will leave the team order posted at the park all day. Please note that the event will start on time and teams must be ready to perform at their designated time. We anticipate a great and successful show. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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