



78th Second District Conference

Delaware - New Jersey - New York - Maryland - Pennsylvania

April 30-May 3, 2025

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

Host Chapters: Gamma Pi & Iota Mu Mu



Bro. Amir Shareef
39th District Representative

Bro. Richard Allison II
District Marshal

March Down Competition Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I will participate in the 78th Second District Conference March Down competition as a member of the Chapter's Hop Team. I am in good standing at the Chapter, District, and Fraternity levels. I further acknowledge that:

- I am aware team participants and Hop Masters/Representatives are not required to register for the 78th Second District Conference however, the respective Chapter must have at least one chapter delegate registered for the district conference in order for its team to qualify for the March Down Competition
- Only listed team participants and their listed Hop Masters/Representatives will be allowed FREE admission to the March Down competition
- Team participants must participate in the March Down competition or present Conference registration identification in order to gain FREE admission
- I have read and understand the March Down Competition Rules & Judging Criteria, and I will adhere to the requirements set forth for the March Down competition and also the Code of Conduct of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Cancellation notices must be made in writing no later than April 17th, 2026. Send cancellation notices to Bro. John Faison, Jr. March Down Competition Chairman at johnfaisonjr@gmail.com.

Role (check both if in both roles)

Name (Print)

Step Team Member

Step Master/Representative

Signature

Date

Each team participant must complete this form in order to participate in the March Down competition.





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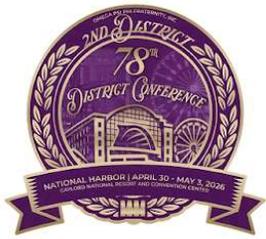
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March Down Competition Rules

Each team participant, including each Hop Master/Representative, must read and adhere to the following 78th Second District Conference March Down competition rules, regulations, and other information. To qualify, each team must submit a completed, signed, and dated March Down Competition Acknowledgement for each of its participants, including Hop Masters/Representatives.

1. Each Chapter submitting a team must be in good standing at the Chapter, District, and International levels and must have at least one (1) registered delegate in attendance at the Conference.
2. Each team participant must be in good standing at the National, Second District and Chapter levels, and must be listed on the March Down Competition Registration via google form.
3. Each team must have a minimum of 4 and not more than 10 Brothers participating during the March Down performance in order to qualify for the competition.
4. No team participant may participate on more than one team.
5. Each team will have a maximum of 10 minutes to perform. The time will begin from the first “step” on stage and end with the last “step” on stage. This time period will include the introduction and exit steps. The first “step” or stroll, music/sound, or video introduction shall mark the start. There is a one-minute grace period before overtime penalties will be enforced.
6. The Presentation category—worth 10 points—allows for scoring deductions for the use of profanity and/or sexually-explicit material or offensive gestures before, during, or after the team’s performance, and/or at any time the team or any of its members are on the stage.
7. All props must be approved by the host chapter representative/contact or the District Marshal prior to the performance. Check as appropriate the ‘Using Props?’ section on the March Down Competition Registration. If “Yes” is selected, the March Down Competition Chairman will contact the Hop Masters/Representatives listed on the March Down Competition Registration. Failure to obtain approval for the use of props is grounds for disqualification.
8. Each March Down judging category has a point value. Categories are totaled to determine a team’s overall score. Tie breaks will be decided first by totaling Originality, Precision/Difficulty, and the overall execution criteria, and if needed, then based on the score for Attitude/Enthusiasm, and next, if needed, for Presentation.





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9. The team will assume all the risk in its performance of all activities during their show and is responsible for all actions, whatsoever, committed by the team that may cause harm or injury to any person or property.
10. 4 points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof beyond the allotted 11 minutes, which includes the 10-minute performance time and the 1-minute grace period.
11. All teams must report to the venue dressing rooms by 7:00 p.m. the day of the competition. Each team will be allotted up to 13 minutes for stage spacing and final preparations.
12. Each team must have music/video queued on a single media source. All music/video media must be provided to the March Down Competition Chairman not later than noon on the opening date of the Conference, April 30, 2026.
13. The March Down competition will begin at 8:00 p.m. SHARP! Teams need to be “show ready” by 7:30 p.m.
14. If a team Participant is found to be grossly unsportsmanlike causing a disruption to the show or the performance of another team, then their team may be disqualified.
15. Failure to comply with any of the March Down competition rules and regulations may result in immediate disqualification of the team.





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Judging Criteria

1. Each Judge will submit their score sheet and comments, finalized and initialed, to the March Down Competition Chairman or his designee for tabulation immediately after each team's performance is concluded. Tabulation officials will be assigned to record scores and audit officials will be identified to verify the recorded scores prior to final acceptance and announcement.
2. There are no grounds for appeal once a team has been disqualified.
3. Only the Second District Representative (DR) or his designee has the authority to disqualify a team. Violations identified by judges will be documented by the judge(s) and referred to the March Down Competition Chairman for clearance referral to the DR for decision. Code of Conduct violations may be referred to the District Counselor and further action by the DR.
4. Teams will be evaluated using the same criteria. The highest possible score is 100 points. The criteria and weights are as follows:
 - **Originality:** 15 points
 - **Overall Execution:** 15 points
 - **Presentation:** 10 points
 - **Vocal Projection/Enunciation:** 5 points
 - **Transitions:** 5 points
 - **Precision/Difficulty:** 15 points
 - **Introduction:** 10 points
 - **Dress/Appearance:** 5 points
 - **Space Usage:** 5 points
 - **Exit March:** 5 points
 - **Attitude/Enthusiasm:** 10 points

