

Game Rules

Spring Hoopla—Open Mic & Slam Dunk Poetry Slam Contest



- Contest is OPEN to both members of the campus and local URG/RGCC 4-county service community (residents of Gallia, Meigs, Jackson and Vinton counties.)
- NO age limit, but the number of performers selected for the show may be limited. We're aiming for 8 Poetry Slam Contestant/Entries and 8 Open Mic Acts. However, these numbers might be subject to change depending on the amount of entries and sign ups received. Everyone who submits a registration form will be notified by **5 PM Monday, April 9, 2012** about their placement in the show.
- Program participants under the age of 18 MUST have parent/guardian permission to appear in show.
- Program participants may enter the contest or sig-up as Open Mic Performers as individuals or in teams. Whether performing as an individual or team, ALL readings/acts should be limited to NO MORE THAN 3-MINUTES.
- ALL Poetry Slam Contestant Entries and Open Mic Sign Ups MUST be submitted to the Davis Library by **5 PM Thursday, April 5, 2012**. (See [Poet/Player Entry Form](#) and [Open Mic/Cheerleader Sign Up](#) links on springhoopla.weebly.com for more details.)
- \$3 ENTRY FEE required for ALL Poetry Slam Contestants (individual or team.) Fee MUST be paid with registration and received by **5 PM Thursday, April 5, 2012**.
- ONLY 1 poem may be performed per Poetry Slam Contestant (individual or team) per Round. A different poem for each round is expected.
- 3 CASH PRIZES to be given away. ONLY Poetry Slam Contestants will be eligible to win these monetary awards. 1st Place of \$100, 2nd Place of \$50 and 3rd of \$20 will go to the highest scoring individuals or teams.
- Poetry Slam Contestants are expected to perform their OWN original poems without the assistance of props, costumes or musical instruments. (See [Poet/Player Entry Form](#).)
- Poetry readings will be judged and scored on BOTH their literary merit and how well they are performed. Audience voting will also be a factor. Be prepared to shine on stage!
- Open Mic Performers MAY utilize others' work as well as props, costumes or musical instruments as these stage opportunities are being offered to give people a chance to express themselves and entertain without the pressure of having to compete. It's a big confidence builder!
- NO "taunting or trash talking" during performances, between contestants or other performers. While audience members are expected to root and cheer, bullying and heckling is strongly discouraged. We don't want a "Pacers vs. Pistons-type brawl" on our hands. Be respectful and exhibit good sportsmanship!
- NO "flagrant fouls" will be tolerated. We're putting on a family show here so if you plan to perform any material that contains any sexual references or offensive language, PLEASE LET US KNOW! Give the judges a chance "make the call" and issue any "Viewer Discretion Advisory Warning" if necessary. We're all for freedom of speech, but young children may be present as this event is being offered free and open to the public. Right or wrong, the "All-Star" is considered a role model, so we're expecting you to be one too. You're not just representing yourself in this event, but the university and local community as well.
- Any "wardrobe malfunctions" or "bird" interferences are NOT welcome and could result in an "ejection from the game." Hey, let's be professionals here!

"We try to stress the little things because little things lead to big things." ~Steve Alford