



70TH ANNUAL SECOND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Host – Pi Omega Chapter, Baltimore, MD

Downtown Inner Harbor Hilton and Convention Center, Baltimore, MD
Maryland * Delaware * Pennsylvania * New Jersey * New York



Bro. Sherman Charles
District Representative

Bro. J. Michael Breeden
District Marshal

**Bros. Ben Mason, Anjuan Collins,
Michael Bell & Marlowe Brown**
Deputy District Marshals

Greetings, Brothers:

On behalf of the “Mighty” Second District, I extend this fraternal invitation to you seeking your enthusiastic support and registration of your Chapter Step Teams for our 70th Second District Conference March Down competition. The “Mighty” Second District seeks the most enthusiastic Step Teams from across the district with the *Hop* skills and talent deserving to be called “**Champion**” of the 70th Second District Conference. Our March Down Champion will have the honor of representing the “Mighty” Second District at the 81st Grand Conclave in New Orleans, LA, in July 2018.

The Second District Conference March Down competition will take place at **7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018, at the Downtown Inner Harbor Hilton and Convention Center, Baltimore, MD.** Each Step Team must have at least four (4) and not more than twenty (20) Brothers participating who are in good standing at the National, Second District, and Chapter levels. Each Step Team must review, complete, and submit the attached March Down competition information and forms.

Chapter Step Teams must submit their forms and their \$25.00 registration fee, payable to the “Second District Conference”, no later than March 26, 2018. Send forms and fee to March Down Competition Chairman, **Bro. Anjuan Collins, c/o Pi Omega Chapter P. O. Box 23952, Baltimore, MD 21203, Attn: March Down.**

Cancellation notices and refund requests must be made in writing no later than April 1, 2018. Send cancellation notices and refund requests to the March Down Competition Chairman at anjuan.collins@gmail.com.

Brothers registered for the 70th Second District Conference will be admitted to the March Down competition for FREE with their Conference registration identification. All others will be charged a general admission fee (\$25.00 which includes admission to the “After Party”), immediately following the Step Show. **\$25,00 is payable via the 70th Second District Conference website.** For additional information or questions, contact Bro. Collins at **(410) 818-7875** or anjuan.collins@gmail.com.

Fraternally Yours,

J. Michael Breeden

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70th Second District Marshal
www.seconddistrictconference.org
443-478-3387

Attachments: 1) March Down Competition Registration
2) March Down Competition Acknowledgement
3) March Down Competition Rules & Judging Criteria

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MARCH DOWN COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Chapter

Name: _____ Corridor: _____

Chartered Location/School: _____ Number: _____

Type: Undergraduate Graduate Using Props?: Yes No Using Music/Video?: Yes No

Mailing Address: _____

Step Master(s)/Representative(s) *(list no more than two (2) Brothers)*

Brother(s): _____

Contact Phone(s): _____

Contact Email(s): _____

Step Team Participants *(include Step Masters/Representatives below only if participating in March Down)*

***Minimum of four (4) participants and maximum of twenty.**

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| 2. * | _____ | 12. | _____ |
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MARCH DOWN COMPETITION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, Brother _____, acknowledge that I willing elect to participate in the 70th Second District Conference March Down competition as a member of the _____ Chapter's Step Team. I am in good standing at the National, Second District, and Chapter levels. I further acknowledge that:

- Ω I am aware Step Team Participants and Step Masters/Representatives are not required to register for the 70th Second District Conference; however, the respective **Chapter must have at least one Chapter delegate registered for the Conference** in order for its Step Team to qualify for the March Down competition; and,
- Ω Only listed Step Team Participants and their listed Step Masters/Representatives will be allowed FREE admission to the March Down competition; and,
- Ω Step Team Participants must participate in the March Down competition or present Conference registration identification in order to gain FREE admission; and,
- Ω 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.; and,
- Ω Cancellation notices and refund requests must be made in writing no later than April 1, 2018. Send cancellation notices and refund requests to the March Down Competition Chairman at anjuan.collins@gmail.com.

- Step Team Member
 Step Master/Representative
 Role (check both if in both roles)

Name (print)

Signature

Date

Each Step Team Participant must complete this form in order to participate in the March Down competition.

MARCH DOWN COMPETITION RULES & JUDGING CRITERIA

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Each Step Team Participant, including each Step Master/Representative, must read and adhere to the following 70th Second District Conference March Down competition rules, regulations, and other information. To qualify, a Step Team must submit a completed, signed, and dated *March Down Competition Acknowledgement* for each of its Step Team Participants, including Step Masters/Representatives, and also a *March Down Competition Registration* with their \$25.00 fee.

RULES

1. Each Chapter submitting a Step Team must be in good standing at the National and Second District levels, and must have at least one (1) registered delegate in attendance at the Conference.
2. Each Step 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*.
3. Each Step Team must have a minimum of four (4) and not more than twenty (20) Brothers participating during the March Down performance in order to qualify for the competition.
4. No Step Team Participant may participate on more than one Step Team.
5. **Each team will have a maximum of twelve (12) minutes to perform.** The time will begin from the intro i.e. music and/or first step and end with the exit music and/or last step. 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 Step Team’s performance, and/or at any time the Step 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 Step 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 Step 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*.
9. The Step 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 Step Team that may cause harm or injury to any person or property.

MARCH DOWN COMPETITION RULES & JUDGING CRITERIA – *continued*

10. Four (4) points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof beyond the allotted 13 minutes,

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which includes the 12-minute performance time and the 1-minute grace period.

11. All Step Teams must report to the venue dressing rooms by **5:15 p.m.** the day of the Competition. Each Step Team will be allotted up to 20 minutes for stage spacing and final preparations.
12. Each Step 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 date of the March Down Competition, April 27, 2018.
13. **The March Down competition will begin at 7:30 p.m. SHARP!** Step Teams need to be “show ready” by **7:15 p.m.**
14. If a Step Team Participant is found to be grossly unsportsmanlike causing a disruption to the show or the performance of another Step Team, then their Step 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 Step Team.

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 Step 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 Step Team has been disqualified.
3. Only the Second District Representative (DR) or his designee has the authority to disqualify a Step 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. Step Teams will be evaluated using the same criteria. The highest possible score is 100 points. The criteria and weights are as follows:

Ω Originality – 15 points	Ω Dress/Appearance – 5 points
Ω Precision/Difficulty – 15 points	Ω Vocal Projection/Enunciation – 5 points
Ω Overall Execution – 15 points	Ω Space Usage – 5 points
Ω Introduction – 10 points	Ω Transitions – 5 points
Ω Presentation – 10 points	Ω Exit March – 5 points
Ω Attitude/Enthusiasm – 10 points	TOTAL – 100 Points

MARCH DOWN COMPETITION CHECKLIST

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This checklist is for optional use only to assist Step Teams with managing the submission process. The checklist is not necessary to submit nor submitted with the *March Down Competition Registration* and the *March Down Competition Acknowledgement* forms and \$25.00 registration fee.

Yes No N/A Each Step Team Participant, including Step Masters/Representatives, read and understands the *March Down Competition Rules & Judging Criteria* for submission.

Yes No N/A Each Step Team Participant, including Step Masters/Representatives, completed, signed, and dated the *March Down Competition Acknowledgement* for submission.

Yes No N/A The *March Down Competition Registration* is completed and included for submission.

Yes No N/A The March Down competition \$25.00 registration fee is included for submission in the form of a Chapter check or money order.

Yes No N/A The above noted forms and fee were sent via postal mail postmarked on or before March 26, 2018, to:

Bro. Anjuan Collins
c/o Pi Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 23952
Baltimore, MD 21203
Attn: March Down

Yes No N/A Requests for information and questions were referred to the March Down Competition Chairman, Bro. Anjuan Collins, at **(410) 818-7875** or ***anjuan.collins@gmail.com***.

Yes No N/A Written cancellation notice and refund request was submitted in writing to ***anjuan.collins@gmail.com*** on or before April 1, 2018.

N/A – Not Applicable