

# Bras Regulations

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When student associations get together, they usually bring their flags or mascots along. It's their way of showing they're the best out of all 11 associations. Other associations, naturally jealous of those cool flags and stuffed animals, will try to steal them. This is what we call "brassen." Once you've swiped a flag or mascot, the original owners have to complete a challenge to earn it back. "Brassen" and the challenges that follow are supposed to be fun.

## When can you "bras"?

If you want to steal another association's mascot or flag, your own mascot/flag must be present and "stealable" at the event. This means it has to be out in the room, not hidden away in a bag. If yours has already been stolen, you can still keep "brassing" others, even if the other group puts your stuff in a bag. Usually, mascots are guarded and flags are secured. Flags and mascots should never be damaged.

If someone is holding a mascot, you can try to take it, but no violence. You're allowed one **single, quick tug** to get it loose; we don't want any tug-of-war matches. If someone gets knocked over, the move is invalid. If there's any doubt, the benefit of the doubt goes to the original owners.

You can also "bras" a person holding the flag or mascot by literally picking them up entirely.

If your mascot/flag has been swiped, you're still allowed to "bras" another association's stuff because you did bring yours to the competition. The only times you aren't allowed to participate are if you didn't bring your mascot/flag at all, or if you've tucked it away in a bag yourself.

## NSTB

However, the NSTB flag is off-limits. It represents the fact that we're organizing the event, and we'd like to keep it that way. Since the NSTB board still wants to join the fun, we introduced Mastru Bear in 2019, and we will guard him with our lives!

## You've "brassed" a mascot, now what?

Nice job! You've successfully swiped a mascot or flag. You now have 24 hours to let that association know you have their stuff. At the same time, you tell them what challenge you expect them to complete in return for "taking care" of their property.

The challenge can be anything. The real goal is to invite the other association to your city to hang out and bond (integrate). Student life is busy, so if there's no time right away, you can postpone the challenge until the next activity. Try to come up with something that actually gets the two groups hanging out.

It shouldn't just be a boring trade (e.g., "2 crates of beer for 1 stuffed animal"). Instead, ask to taste their signature association drink, or for a handmade item, a terrible poem, a song, or even a striptease. As long as the other group clearly put effort into it, you should accept it, even if it's not exactly what you asked for.

## "Doorbrassen" (double brassing)

If you steal a mascot and then another group steals it from you, that's called "doorbrassen." This is allowed. However, the original owners are not allowed to "steal back" their own item. If you want to make sure the item you just swiped doesn't get stolen by someone else, put it in your bag; it's safe there.

### ***TL:DR***

Keep it fun for everyone. Challenges should be doable, entertaining, and cheap. Use your common sense. Don't break things, be prepared for some disappointment if things don't go your way, and always respect people's personal boundaries.