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General Rules and Regulations—For All Entries

1. *Decorated floats* are the *only* vehicles allowed in the parade without specific permission and consent from the Committee.
2. *Absolutely no alcoholic beverages* are allowed in the staging areas or while traveling the parade route. Persons violating this rule are subject to immediate expulsion from the parade.
3. Entrants *must follow instructions* from police & parade officials or may be subject to immediate expulsion from the parade.
4. Candy and other objects are not to be *thrown* from floats or by marchers. Items may be personally handed to the crowd. The reason for this: Young children run to retrieve the items & can possibly be run over by the wheels of the trucks pulling the floats.
5. *No articles or persons* are to be hanging over the sides of the floats or out windows from enclosed vehicles.
6. All entries are by *invitation only* & *must be approved* by the parade committee. Entrants may display a wide-variety of designs - in good taste. The advocacy, opposition, or depiction of any political, controversial, or indiscreet message is prohibited. Decision of the parade committee is final.
7. Entrants must maintain forward motion. Performing is permitted during long pauses. There is *no stopping* unless parade marshals direct you. If you are stopped, entertain spectators until you start again. (The crowds love this!)
8. The parade *committee's decision* on placement is *final*.
9. Equestrian units & all entrants with animals *must* have their own *cleanup* unit. Riders must be at least 14 years of age.
10. Please, *no sirens* in the line of march. This is a safety precaution in case of fire or ambulance emergency and it is disruptive to the bands trying to play.
11. *No smoking* on or near floats.

Float Rules and Regulations

1. Floats must furnish their own licensed drivers, and have passengers for viewing assistance. Drivers must have proper vision on all sides of the float and have proper means of escape in case of emergency.
2. We encourage floats to be entirely covered and decorated, including the unit pulling the float, and that the parade theme is incorporated into the float design.
3. Floats advocating, opposing, or depicting any political, indiscreet or controversial social issues are prohibited.
4. A float cannot be used as a major advertisement for the sponsoring of a business unless it is a Corporate Sponsor of the Parade.
5. For identification purposes, one sign should be attached to each side of the float, and one sign on the front of the float is permitted.

Float Size

1. Stabilized objects on a float are not to exceed 14' in height or 14' in width because of traffic lights, telephone wires, overpasses, etc.
2. Maximum length will be 60 feet. Clearance to the ground from the frame will be a minimum of eight inches with nothing dragging from the float on the roadway, and proper clearance of materials from around the wheels.
3. No persons are permitted to ride on a float except those selected or designated by the float sponsor.

Float Scoring

Float scoring is a maximum of 25 points, divided as follows: 5 points each for the following categories:

- ✓ Originality
- ✓ Parade theme
- ✓ Design
- ✓ Craftsmanship
- ✓ Enthusiasm

The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject a float that has not followed the rules, regulations, and safety standards at any time.