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General Rules and Regulations—For All Entries

1. When completing the entry form, the information for television/Parade announcers **MUST** be included or the application will be **REJECTED**.
2. When completing the entry form, it asks if you are going to have music. If you do not indicate “Music on float”, “Marching Band”, or “Dancing”, we will place you according to **NOT** having music. We attempt to separate musical groups as to not interfere with each other.
3. **DECORATED FLOATS** are the **ONLY** vehicles allowed in the Parade without specific permission and consent from the Committee. You may have a vehicle pull the float or carry music for dancers.
4. **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.
5. Entrants *must follow instructions* from police & Parade officials or may be subject to immediate expulsion from the Parade.
6. 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 or floats.
7. **NO ARTICLES OR PERSONS** are to be hanging over the sides of the floats or out windows from enclosed vehicles.
8. All entries *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. You will be advised prior to Parade day. If you do not hear from the Committee, your entry has been accepted and will appear on the posted “Green Sheets”.
9. **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!)
10. **THE PARADE COMMITTEE’S DECISION ON PLACEMENT IS FINAL**. Please do not contact the Parade Committee and ask to be moved in the Parade for any reason. Placements are made so the Parade is entertaining throughout the entire length of the Parade, all divisions.
11. Equestrian units & all entrants with animals **MUST** have their own **CLEANUP** unit. Riders must be at least 14 years of age.
12. **NO SIRENS** in the line of march. This is a safety precaution in case of fire or ambulance emergency.
13. **NO SMOKING** on or near floats.
14. **NO buses** will be allowed to travel the Parade route. They **MUST** turn right on Clinton Street and travel to Seymour Street to pick-up marchers.
15. **NO PARENT GROUPS** will be allowed to follow behind any marching group, except for chaperones (one chaperone for every ten (10) children). All parents are to meet the marchers at the end of the Parade route, Seymour Street. **IRISH DANCE SCHOOL PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS RULE**

“Go N-éiri an bóthar leat” (May the road rise to meet you)

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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. All vehicles must be legally registered and inspected. Drivers may be asked to produce all proper paperwork by Police.
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 a business unless it is a Corporate Sponsor of the Parade, having donated \$1,000 or more.
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.
6. No persons are permitted to ride on a float except those selected or designated by the float sponsor.

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, bridges, etc.
2. Maximum length will be 60 feet. Clearance to the ground from the frame will be a minimum of 8 inches with nothing dragging from the float on the roadway, and proper clearance of materials from around the wheels.

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.