

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ENTRIES IN THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE

MISSION STATEMENT:

Bringing our community together to share the warmth of the holiday season.

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These rules and regulations are required either for safety, or to maintain the quality of the Parade. Failure to abide by these rules may result in your removal from the Parade line-up or can affect your participation in future Parades.

1. All entries must conform to the theme "A Child's Holiday Fantasy", and all entries **MUST BE EXTENSIVELY ILLUMINATED** to provide visual impact. This Parade is "The Festival of Lights", and because it is at night, lots of illumination is essential. Failure to properly illuminate your entry may result in your removal from the Parade line-up.
2. Music must be consistent with the theme of the Parade and appropriate to the Parade entry. All participants, with the exception of sponsored FOL floats, are required to provide their own generator and amplification for their music. All music selections **MUST** be approved by the Parade Committee prior to the event itself.
3. This is a **FORWARD MOTION** Parade. All entries are required to maintain **CONTINUOUS** forward motion during the Parade unless forced to stop to maintain suitable space between entries, or by the direction of a Parade official. **THIS INCLUDES ALL PERFORMING GROUPS AND BANDS.** Note that Parade officials will be dressed in costume (toy soldier and clown) to blend in with the Parade.

4. Due to insurance requirements, absolutely **NOTHING** is to be tossed, thrown, or passed out during the Parade. **THIS INCLUDES CANDY!** Any violation to this rule will be immediately addressed.
5. No commercial advertising is allowed on any floats or participants other than "sponsor" signs. Signs **MUST** be ordered through the Festival of Lights Association, and will **ONLY** include the name of the organization.
6. No Santa Claus characters are allowed on any entry. The Festival of Lights Association has a Santa and his sleigh as the final float in the Parade.
7. Children under the age of twelve are discouraged from participating in the Parade. This is a Parade **FOR** children, not **OF** children. Any groups that contain children under the age of twelve must be evaluated and approved by the Parade Review Committee on a case-by-case basis.
8. All performing groups **MUST** be in costume consistent with the theme of the Parade. Additionally, all performers **MUST BE WELL LIT. This includes lights on head, arms, legs and/or torso.** This rule also applies to ANY band member who is not carrying an instrument.
9. **Non-band performing groups are limited to a maximum number of thirty with no more than two chaperones.** These chaperones are to be solely responsible for the conduct and safety of any child under the age of sixteen, and must be present **AT ALL TIMES**, including check-in. Finally, these chaperones **MUST** be in costume consistent with the theme of the entry.
10. **Floats:**
 - a. The sponsor for all push floats **MUST** provide pushers. Tractors provided by the Festival of Lights Association will propel large floats.
 - b. The maximum size of all floats is 32 x 12 feet. Recommended wheel size is at least 12 inches in diameter (to ensure safe navigation on streets, turns, and dips). Recommended small bed float size is 6 x 8 feet. Maximum height from ground to the highest point is 14 feet.

- c. The FOL volunteer staff will be responsible for getting FOL sponsored floats to and from the Parade. It is the responsibility of all other participating organizations to get their floats to and from the Parade.
- d. **There can be no more than three walkers pushing any given float.** All float attendants (pushers, drivers, etc.) **MUST** wear holiday costumes representative of their float theme. This can include a Santa hat, scarf and mittens, etc... Failure to abide by this rule may result in removal from the Parade line-up.
- e. All floats and vehicles **MUST** carry fire extinguishers. Additionally, there is to be no smoking on or around the floats.
- f. **No children are allowed to sit or ride on ANY float maintained by the Festival of Lights Association** unless previous authorization has been given by a Parade official.

All Parade entries will be reviewed by a Parade official one hour prior to Parade time for conformance to the Rules and Regulations listed above. Entries that do not conform to ANY of these Rules and Regulations may result in removal from the Parade line-up.
