



Parade Entry Rules & Regulations:

1. Only a parade participant on foot may hand candy and other parade tokens directly to parade spectators. A parade participant may not hand out or throw candy or other parade tokens from a parade unit, regardless of whether the parade unit is stationary or moving. A parade participant or unit driver may not accept any items from parade spectators at any time.
2. Parade participants will not jump from or onto a float or motorized vehicle.
3. All owners and drivers of parade-related vehicles, and all other parade participants must sign 'hold harmless' agreements protecting the Hometown Christmas Parade and/or the parade organization. (Included as part of the application).
4. Hometown Christmas Parade reserves the right to limit the number of vehicles per entry.
5. Tandem trailers or other trailers, where the wheels are in the center of the trailer must maintain their center of balance having a tongue weight between 9% and 15% of the gross trailer weight.
6. All materials used for parade floats must be flame retardant and in compliance with City ordinance and parade codes and standards.
7. The hitch used to attach the float to the pulling vehicle will be factory 'receiver' type or class 2, 3 or heavier. When using a large truck a 'drop-hitch' must be used and should be at least 12" from hitch to the ground.
8. Generators or other equipment that use flammable fuel will not be allowed on the float itself, unless approved in writing by the Fire Department. Generators used to supply electricity to the float should be put in the bed of the pickup or hauling devices at least three feet from the float body.
9. If horse or other animals are entrants in the parade, the entrant must provide a pooper-scooper to clean up behind the animals. These entries are also required to clean their staging and de-staging areas.
10. All drivers of floats or motorized vehicles must provide proof of vehicle liability insurance and a valid Arizona Drivers license 48 hours before the parade to Goosebump Marketing & Events.

11. A float can be no wider than 12 feet while in the parade or 8.6 feet while being towed without permit and police escort anywhere else in the City. In height, the tallest part of the deck people can stand on is to be no taller than 4 feet from the ground. No prop or item added to the deck can be taller than 9 feet from the top of the highest point of the deck. Total height cannot exceed 13ft. Clearance for the streetlights is 13 ft.
12. All float participants standing on floats or any other motorized vehicles must wear safety belts, have hand holds or vertical stanchions, mounted to the float chassis, with a u-shaped piece welded to the top bracket, or back supports securing them in place while the float or vehicles are in motion.
13. No ticker tape or confetti to be used on the actual parade route by parade participants during the parade due to the creation of fire hazards, engine air-intake problems and clean-up costs.
14. The Police Department and Fire Department may exercise the authority to 'veto' any aspect of the parade that they feel poses an unreasonable risk of injury or danger to the public. While exercise of this veto should be prudent, and certainly permit event producers to revise any objectionable part of a plan, public safety must ultimately be the responsibility of the police department and fire rescue department, and related public agencies.
15. At least one type ABC (2A20BC) fire extinguisher is to be located within easy access on each float. The Fire department will inspect floats before the parade. If there are no fire extinguishers on board, or the float is made of flammable non-approved materials, or there is some other violation the float will be red tagged and not allowed in the parade until these items are corrected.
16. Only animals under the strict leash or bridle of a qualified animal handler will be permitted in the parade. The identified animal handler and his/her parade unit sponsor will bear any responsibility for any and all damages and injuries resulting from negligence or act of God incidents regarding the animal in question.
17. **NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO STAY PARKED IN THE STAGING AREA DURING THE PARADE.** A shuttle will be provided from the de-staging area so that all entries can park their vehicles in the de-staging area. More instructions will be provided at the mandatory participant meeting.
18. **INSURANCE:** Any part of a parade Entry that would otherwise require insurance by the State of Arizona Shall Carry and have ready for inspection Proof of Insurance prior to starting Parade. The Entrant, by his accepting the terms on the parade entry form, agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Hometown Christmas Parade & Goosebump Marketing & Events, and appointed officials, employees, agents and successors in interest from all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting, directly or indirectly, from the Entrant's participation in the Hometown Christmas Parade, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expenses attributable to personal injury, bodily injury, sickness, death, or to injury or destruction of property, including the loss of use resulting there from, this Hold Harmless and Indemnification Clause shall in no way be limited by any financial responsibility or insurance requirements and shall survive the termination of this Parade Entry Form.

****Please note that the Hometown Christmas Parade Committee has the right to reject any entry if the maximum entry limit has been reached or if the entry is not deemed appropriate to this family friendly Christmas event.**

Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in the following:

1. The immediate removal of the participant and/or the parade unit from the parade.
2. The disqualification of the parade participant's and/or sponsoring organization's eligibility to receive parade prizes, including trophies and cash awards.
3. The issuing of citations to and/or the filing of criminal charges against or the arrest of the responsible participant and/or person driving the parade unit.
4. The disqualification of the parade participant's and/or sponsoring organization or group's eligibility to participate in future Parades.

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