

City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade 2016
RULES AND REGULATIONS

All participants in the parade will adhere to the following rules and regulations. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from competition in any of the parade categories and future parades. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARADE WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE - MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016, 10 A.M.

1. **Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance to participate in the parade.** Applications are due April 1, 2016. All applications will be reviewed by the Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC). Applicants will be notified of entry status in May 2016.
2. Once an applicant is selected to participate in the parade, additional units affiliated and/or not affiliated cannot be added.
3. All participants must complete the unit description on reverse of entry form to aid selection process. Please list in detail, on a separate sheet of paper, the unit, the category, and the order of line-up within your organization. Example: *Antique Vehicle - 1966 Ford Mustang, *Marching Unit/Youth - Girl Scout Troup 123, *Vocal Group - Harmony Singers.
4. All parade entries must be in good taste and contribute an entertainment value to the 2016 parade theme "Celebrating 50 Years". Participants must be dressed in uniform/costume or ride in a decorated vehicle, float or bicycle.
5. Groups that include children under age six (6) must have a decorated vehicle available for children's transport.
6. All units must keep moving and in the line of march at all times. **Units must not stop on the parade route at any time. Intentional delay or stopping will not be allowed and could result in disqualification of judging and future parade participation.**
7. Invited political dignitaries by the Mayor must ride in convertible provided and may not have walkers with them.
8. Distribution of Items:
 - a. **Parade participants must not, under any circumstances, throw or eject anything to spectators from parade units.**
 - b. Parade units may have individual(s) walk alongside and distribute candy, flags, coupons, or merchandise to spectators along the route as long as they are adjacent to the spectators and do not throw the items. Political dignitaries invited by the Mayor are not allowed to have walkers, must ride in vehicle provided and may not distribute anything on the parade route.
9. All Floats or Vehicles require decoration relevant to the parade theme.
10. **ALL equestrian units** are required to provide adequate clean-up detail(s).
11. Parade units may not exit the parade prior to the end of the parade route.
12. The following awards will be given – please note: Judges forms are not available to parade participants.
 - a. The Mayor & City Council, IDCC, and High School Marching Band awards will be given at the evening show at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA. Award winners will be notified via telephone the afternoon of July 4.
 - b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention category awards will be mailed to winners after the parade.
13. Coordinators of the parade are the City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Department and the IDCC.