

# Independence Day Celebration Parade PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS AGREEMENT



Acceptance of your application is based on the entertainment value, variety, and adherence to following all parade rules and regulations. **Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance** to participate in the parade. All applications will be reviewed by the Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC), and applicants will be notified of their status in May. Once an applicant has been selected to participate in the parade no additional units, organizations, or businesses can be added. **All parade 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 as well as future parades.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

1. All parade entries must be in good taste and contribute an entertainment value to the parade theme.
2. Participants must remain with their group at all times.
3. Groups/organizations with children participating under the age of 6 must provide an accompanying vehicle (car, wagon, stroller, etc.) for transportation, as younger children may be unable to complete the parade route and need assistance.
4. Forward motion must be maintained throughout the parade route. All units must keep moving and remain in the line-of-march at all times. No unit shall stop on the parade route at any time to perform. Delaying or stopping could result in disqualification of judging and future parade participation.
5. Political dignitaries invited by the mayor are not allowed to have walkers, must ride in their assigned vehicle, and may not distribute anything on the parade route while riding in the vehicle.
6. Distribution of Items:
  - a. Parade participants must not, under any circumstances, throw or eject anything to spectators along the parade route – any participants not adhering to this will be subject to elimination from future parades.
  - b. Parade units are permitted to have individuals walk alongside their entry to hand out candy, flags, coupons, or merchandise directly to spectators—throwing items is strictly prohibited. All individuals distributing items must stay adjacent to the spectators and remain with their assigned unit at all times. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in removal from the future parades
7. All equestrian units must provide adequate clean-up detail(s).
8. No dogs will be permitted to walk the parade route, except for service animals.
9. No parade unit may exit the parade prior to the end of the parade unless there is an emergency or mechanical failure.
10. Any group that fails to arrive during the allotted set up hours, unless specifically arranged with the event coordinators, will be disqualified and not permitted to participate in the parade.

As the \_\_\_\_\_ representative,  
(Print Group/Organization's Name)

and on behalf of any person in this group/organization who will participate in Fairfax City's Independence Day Celebration Parade, we agree to follow and comply with all rules and regulations as stated above and by the event coordinators (Fairfax City and the Independence Day Celebration Committee). We understand that failure to do so will result in potential disqualification and participation in the current and future Fairfax City Independence Day Celebration Parades.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_