



2024 Rules and Regulations – Part 1

Entry/Float Requirements:

- Entries are encouraged to display the name of the organization and/or business.
- Only one entry per organization/business.
- **NO** dressing in Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus costumes permitted. (The parade committee selects “official” Santa for the final float). Santa hats are permitted.
- Absolutely NO items may be thrown from any entry in the parade (to include vehicles, walkers, etc! This includes but is not limited to candy, beads, toys, and pamphlets. All items MUST be handed out.
- Each entry must provide at least two adult supervisors to walk the parade route or be on the float.
- Children 12 and under are prohibited from walking alongside motorized units.
- Any single-unit truck (no trailer) should not exceed 40ft in length. Any combination vehicle (power unit plus trailer) which is connected using a pintle-hook or ball hitch system should not exceed 40 ft in length as measured from the forward most vehicle component to the rearmost component of the trailer.
- Height maximum for all parade entries shall not exceed 13' 6". This is measured from ground up.
- Any combination vehicle which is connected using a fifth-wheel assembly should not exceed 40 ft in length as measured from the forward most vehicle component to the rearmost component of the trailer, unless previously approved.
- No protruding outrigger wheels or other appendages that might snare and injure bystanders. • Vehicle entries are required to carry a five pound/3A40BC fire extinguisher. Available for purchase at any hardware store.
- No unit, float or vehicle may make aggressive, abrupt, or rapid movements at any point during the parade route. Demonstrations of maneuverability, horsepower, speed agility, etc. is not permitted.
- The use of iPod, MP3 players, cell phones, camcorders, etc. is prohibited by all drivers during the parade.
- No vans, utility vehicles, etc. are permitted without tasteful Christmas decoration, or an attached float illuminated for the nighttime parade.
- No propane trucks.
- The Warrenton Christmas Parade is a family-friendly event for all ages, and every entry in the parade is expected to respect this. All costumes, outfits, behavior, attitude, language, and dance moves must be appropriate for a young audience and will be held to a high standard. Failure to comply may result in being asked to leave the parade immediately with no warning and may jeopardize a group's approval to participate in following years. All decisions are at the discretion of Parade officials and are final.
- No Changes to your Entry: Your parade entry must arrive at the parade route as it is described on your entry form. No changes are permitted to your entry after the entry deadline. For example, if you describe your group as “walkers and no vehicle,” then you are not permitted to add a vehicle after the registration deadline. Any unauthorized changes or additions (including the addition of vehicles) to your entry may cause disqualification of your unit at the time of the Parade.

Animal Entries

Poop Scooping: Must provide one costumed person equipped with scoop and container to immediately clean up behind any animals included in your entry.

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Part 2 will include staging, route and line up information. That will be emailed no later than the week of the parade.