



2024 Rules and Regulations

Entry/Float Requirements:

- Be kind to all parade officials, volunteers, and law enforcement, at all times.
- Follow all guidance/requests given by parade officials, volunteers, and law enforcement, at all times. Ignoring requests or arguing with parade officials will make you ineligible to participate in future events.
- Entries are encouraged to display the name of the organization and/or business at all times.
- **NO** dressing as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus is permitted. (The parade committee selects an “official” Santa for the final float). Santa hats are permitted.
- Absolutely NO items may be thrown from any entry in the parade. You may hand items to spectators.
- 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, per entry. 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 level 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.
- 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.
- This is a forward motion parade at all times.
- Driving lights should be adjusted to parking lights as you proceed through Main Street. A WCP official will instruct you when it’s time to light down prior to passing 5th Street onto Main Street.
- MP3 players, cell phones, etc. are permitted, however, prohibited by all drivers during the parade.
- No vans, utility vehicles, etc. are permitted without tasteful, illuminated Christmas decorations.
- No propane trucks.
- No Changes to your Entry: Your parade entry must arrive at the parade route as it is described on your entry form. 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.

IMPORTANT: 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.

Parade officials will be wearing **red WCP hoodies/beanies** and be along the parade route to assist during the event.