



## Christmas Parade Rules and Regulations

Updated: August 2023

- ENTRANTS MUST OBSERVE ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS LISTED BELOW.
  - ENTRANTS MUST ALSO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE POLICE AND PARADE OFFICIALS AT ALL TIMES ON PARADE DAY.
  - THE ROTARY PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY ENTRANT FROM THE PARADE AT ANY POINT ON PARADE DAY. REMOVAL CAN OCCUR PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY, WHILE ASSEMBLING, OR ANY TIME DURING THE PARADE.
1. **NO MATERIALS MAY BE THROWN ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. Apex Rotary will provide any candy that is to be handed out during the parade.**
  2. No units may stop forward motion for performances except in the areas designated by the Rotary Christmas Parade Committee. This stop may not exceed 90 seconds.
  3. A space of four car lengths between each unit will be required. All units are required to close gap between units when instructed by parade officials. Failure to do so may warrant removal from the parade.
  4. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup. All city, county, and NC State statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police before, during, and after the parade.
  5. Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade areas must possess a valid driver's license, be at least 21years old,-possess all liability vehicle insurance, have valid registration on any vehicle being used and current valid inspection of the vehicle.
  6. **Livestock, reptiles, wild and domestic animals shall not be in the parade unless prior written approval by the Rotary Parade Committee is obtained.** If approval is granted, all handlers of animals are required to make prior arrangements for clean up, if necessary, in the staging area and along the parade route.
  7. **Only Christmas theme music will be allowed. Music/Sound will be turned off when approaching and passing by any broadcasting/announcers areas (Market House and Arts**

**Council).** Parade officials will withdraw any unit that does not comply with their instructions to turn down or turn off sound when instructed to do so. Failure to comply with the instructions of parade officials will result in immediate removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation.

8. Costumes worn by parade participants must meet the rules set by the Rotary Christmas Parade Committee and conform to the standards of reasonable public taste. Costumes are to be family friendly. Costumes can be Christmas themed but ***no participant may dress as Santa.***
9. Performances by parade participants must meet the rules set by the Rotary Christmas Parade Committee and conform to the standards of reasonable public taste. Performances are to be family friendly.
10. Political Campaigning is not permitted. Politicians are welcome to participate in the parade but handing out of materials, flyers, etc. is not permitted.
11. DO NOT overcrowd floats or vehicles. Additional participants may walk along side of the entry.
12. Float/vehicle riders must stay in/on vehicles/floats once they begin moving and not discharge until they are at the designated discharge locations.
13. Responsible adults should be on any float/vehicle with children and are to ensure anyone on the float is a safe distance away from the edge of the float or stays inside the vehicle.
14. Adults participants are to ensure children are following the established rules for the parade.

NOTICE: Entrants that do not appear on parade day without prior notification to parade officials or entries that do not comply with the rules and regulations jeopardize future participation in the Rotary Christmas Parade. The Rotary Christmas Parade Committee does not accept the responsibility for travel, food, or lodging expense of any unit. Application fees **are non-refundable for accepted entries**, each entry must pay the appropriate fee. The Rotary Christmas Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry. **The Rotary Christmas Parade Committee's decision regarding all entries is final.**