





# Participant Regulations

## **All Participants**

- \* *All participants (floats, walkers, etc.) must incorporate the parade theme in their music, float design and/or costumes.*
- \* Entries must be entertaining to a family audience, primarily made up of children.
- \* No Santa Claus replica may be part of any entry other than the Official Santa Claus Float.

## **Walkers**

- \* Walking groups should wear costumes that reflect the parade theme.
- \* Please ensure that you keep up with your group. Smaller children should be encouraged to ride on a float instead of walking.
- \* **Minimum age for walkers is 10 years.**
- \* Walking groups shall not have a van or other vehicle following its walkers.

## **Floats**

- \* All floats must incorporate the Parade theme.
- \* No entry shall exceed 14 feet in height.
- \* Signage shall be restricted to a total of 2 signs per float. Each sign *must not exceed 2 x 8 feet* and must *be attached to vehicle*. The sign should state the name of the group and theme so as to be easily identified by the media
- \* Music is encouraged. Please play Christmas music only. Your pieces should reflect the Parade theme.
- \* Floats with generators or other possible fire hazards must provide suitable fire extinguishing equipment on the float.
- \* For safety reasons, candy can be distributed from the street level only, NOT thrown from the floats.
- \* Participants must ride on the inside of the float. No one is to sit on the edge of the float trailers with their feet dangling over the side. It is strongly recommended that children be securely seated and supervised on the floats.

## **Judging**

The Judging station will be situated at the north corner of the City Park immediately after turning at the red light. Please pause briefly in front of the judges' station. Entries will be judged according to the criteria below. Each category is rated out of 5 for an overall score of 20.

### 1. **Effort**

Adherence to the rules, theme, organization and planning

### 2. **Theme**

Adherence to chosen theme, effective presentation of theme

### 3. **Appearance and Originality**

Style, presentation, overall appearance, audience response and originality

### 4. **Participation**

From children on float, from the audience, community spirit, enthusiasm from members of the group

## **Award Winning Categories**

First and Second Place ribbons will be given in the following categories:

Float  
Marching Band  
Other