

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS

(These rules and guidelines will be strictly enforced.)

Any unit, in whole or in part, not conforming to these Rules and Guidelines, using offensive language or inappropriate behavior will be dealt with immediately. Penalties for non-compliance may include immediate removal from the parade, disqualification from judging, or barred participation in future parades. Rulings by WBCA officials are final.

T.V. - MASTER OF CEREMONIES NARRATION INFORMATION: The WBCA office and parade committee is not responsible for obtaining descriptions of your entry for use by Master of Ceremonies and TV anchors. Scripts can be e-mailed to parades@wbcalaredo.org or must be submitted on a labeled CD using Microsoft Word. Include all information that merits announcing (i.e. major awards, titles, drum majors, mascot, school colors, fundraisers, etc.). **PLEASE LIMIT YOUR SCRIPTS TO THE MAXIMUM OF ONE PARAGRAPH OR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) WORDS OR LESS.**

RELEASE FORMS: Participant Release signature is required for each participant appearing. For children under 12, form must be signed by a parent or guardian. For children between ages 12-18, the signatures of both child and parent or guardian are required. It is the responsibility of the designated person in charge to insure that each participant has submitted a form.

ADULT SUPERVISION:

- A) A designated “person in charge” is required to accompany all units. The name of this individual, along with his/her daytime/cell phone number must be included on each application. Units with children under the age of 12 must provide responsible adult supervisors to accompany the unit.
- B) All participants, their sponsors, and “persons in charge” will immediately comply with any request received from a parade or WBCA official. The designated “person in charge” will be held responsible for the compliance of the unit as a whole.
- C) IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX (6) RIDE ON FLOATS AND NOT WALK/MARCH IN THE PARADE. ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO HAVE MARCHING UNITS IN THE ANHEUSER-BUSCH WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY PARADE.
- D) For the safety of all participants, adult supervisors should ensure that their entries do NOT return on the parade route against oncoming parade traffic upon the completion of the parade.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Consumption of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by participants is prohibited.

PERFORMANCE LIMITATIONS: Performing of routines is strictly prohibited unless the routine is in a progressive motion. There will be no stopping or pausing along the parade route, including in front of the judges and review stand. No units may perform stunts or maneuvers that may endanger spectators. This includes motor or mini cycle group and horse units.

THROWING OR DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS DURING THE PARADE: Distribution or throwing of items (including candy, beads, and balloons) to the crowd by participants is prohibited unless the Parade Committee grants approval. No more than a maximum of 10 adult walkers can be designated to hand out items to the crowds along the route. WBCA officials retain the right to confiscate any said items. All walkers must have a WBCA issued bracelet to be allowed to accompany an entry.

EQUESTRIAN ENTRIES: Units using horses are required to provide a clean-up crew. The crew should also be available in the line-up area. If a clean-up crew is not provided, then said entry would not be allowed to participate. No exceptions will be granted. Horse entries must also comply with federal and state quarantine regulations. For information concerning quarantine, please contact the USDA at (956) 723-3051 or the WBCA office.

FLOATS/NON-FLOATS WITH GENERATORS (Float Size/Construction): A float shall be deemed a vehicle on which a frame or platform shall be at least 8’ x 20’ and completely decorated. Maximum height is 12’. Each float must be equipped with 1/2” bar with 1 1/2” eye for hooking a towline in case of breakdown. **All float entries must be constructed with fire retardant materials. ALL FLOATS and VEHICLES with a generator MUST CARRY AN “ALL PURPOSE”- 5 POUND ABC TYPE FIRE EXTINGUISHER WITHIN THE REACH OF THE DRIVER, Inspected and Tagged by a State licensed Fire Extinguisher maintenance inspector (current inspection tag).** No Gasoline Containers will be allowed on floats and/or vehicles while the parade is in motion. No Smoking will be allowed on or off the floats and/or vehicles

during the event. No Open Flames or Fireworks are allowed on or off floats and/or vehicles at any time. All Generators must have their exhaust outlet facing away from all combustible material at all times. Tail pipe for exhaust must extend to side of or rear, projecting beyond the float apron. Signs bearing the name of the community, organization, or individual entering float must appear on the side aprons. Devices displaying advertisement for any trade, mercantile pursuit, or business occupation shall not appear above the bed of the float. **No political signs, materials, shirts, etc., are allowed on floats or on person participating on float. Any FLOAT or NON-FLOAT not complying with any of the above requirements will not participate.**

WALKERS: Those individuals who will walk with an entry **MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER** and **MUST complete a Participant's Release Form**. They must also have a WBCA issued bracelet to be allowed on the route.

VEHICLES: No closed vehicles i.e. vans and limousines will be allowed. Trucks and automobiles will be permitted if pulling a float or carrying a sound system. **NO individuals are allowed to ride in the back of the truck.** The only person that is allowed is the sound technician. (The Parade Committee can grant written approval for any exceptions.) **All towing vehicles should be fully decorated to match the colors/theme of the float/entry. See attachment for examples.**

MOTORCYCLES/FOUR WHEELERS/ATVs: Four wheelers (ATVs) and motorcycles will not be allowed unless they are part of a law enforcement unit. Law Enforcement units are asked to limit these vehicles to 4 in total.

CAR CLUB ENTRIES: Due to time restrictions and the length of the parade, each car club may have only two (2) of their best cars as entries in the parade. In addition, all car club entries must have participated in the WBCA Pipes and Stripes Car Show to be eligible to participate in the parade.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTRIES: Due to time restrictions and the length of the parade, law enforcement entries (not those securing the route) will be limited to one Float and two squad cars per law enforcement agency. If the agency does not have a float, then two additional cars may be added for a total of 4 cars. (The Parade Committee can grant written approval for any exceptions.)

FLAGS: Any flags displayed in conjunction with the parade must conform to all regulations governing the display of flags in the USA.

CITATIONS: WBCA Committee Members will be issuing citations to all entries/participants that do not follow the rules & guidelines. Those cited risk not being considered for parade judging. Cited entries risk placement and inclusion in subsequent parades.

PARADE JUDGING GUIDELINES: These guidelines are given to you as a guide only to help you with the planning of your entry.

BAND AND MARCHING UNITS

1.	Uniformity – appearance, uniforms, attractiveness	25%
2.	Precision – formations, marching	25%
3.	Sound – intonation, rhythmic precision	25%
4.	General effect – crowd pleaser, volume, musical selection	25%
	TOTAL	100%

FLOATS AND CARS

1.	Appearance – Costumes, neatness, attractiveness	25%
2.	Originality – Creativity, uniqueness	25%
3.	Integration to Theme (or patriotism).	25%
4.	General effect – Music, action, lights	25%
	TOTAL	100%

DANCE AND CHEER SQUADS

1.	Choreography – synchronicity, music, eye appealing	25%
2.	Precision – sharpness, smiles, enthusiasm	25%
3.	Costumes/Uniforms – attractive, neat	25%
4.	Crowd pleaser – audience response, general effect	25%
	TOTAL	100%