



RULES & REGULATIONS

Saturday, November 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
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The parade will take place rain or shine. Entry applications will not be accepted after Friday, November 13, 2009 and the liability waiver must be signed in order to participate, unless other arrangements have been made. The parade committee reserves the right to reject or pull any entry if it fails to comply with these rules and regulations.

Placement in the parade is at the sole discretion of the parade committee, with the committee decision being final. Entries will be assigned to a staging area and must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Late arrivals may be relocated to another section, if necessary.

Per the City of Grand Rapids, no objects of any kind, including candy, may be thrown from parade units or from the street. Entries may hand out items along the sides of the parade route. Entries found throwing items will be removed from the parade and may be barred from participation in future parades.

All entries are required to maintain forward movement at all times, unless the parade committee stops the parade. No counter marching, backward movement or individual entry stopping will be allowed.

Parade entry information:

- Entries must be in line with theme or decorated with winter holiday themes in order to be considered. All entries should be properly identified with signs or banners for media and spectators recognition.
- Per City of Grand Rapids, only current political officials are allowed to participate in the parade. Election-related materials are not permitted.
- The only vehicles permitted in the parade are those carrying dignitaries, towing a float or fully decorated as a parade entry.
- Walkers are permitted and should be decorated according to the theme or winter holidays. Entries that contain children must have adult supervision at all times.
- Parade entries are limited to a maximum height of 13' 6" for clearance under traffic lights and bridges (an exception will be made for entries able to adjust for clearance).
- Music or other sounds may be used but must be noted on the application. The parade committee reserves the right to deny floats from making sounds deemed inappropriate. As a precautionary and courtesy measure for equestrian entries, musical entries and young children, entries should refrain from using explosives or other loud/piercing sounds.
- All entries with animals must be accompanied by their own clean-up unit.

Judging:

- "Best Corporate Entry" and "Best Open Entry" judging will start at 8:00 a.m. in the staging areas. Entries must be in designated staging areas in order to be eligible.
- Band judging will take place during the parade.