



## Rules and Regulations

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The following are the rules and regulations for the parade. They have been established to make the parade safe and enjoyable for the participants and the spectators. Each representative of your organization must follow and comply with all 4<sup>th</sup> Fest of Greater Racine, Inc.'s rules and regulations.

1. **Campaigning along the parade route is not allowed.** Entries of political/controversial nature are not allowed. ONLY elected, incumbent officials (and his or her immediate family, whose constituents are Racine County residents can participate in the parade.
2. **NO Handouts.** Liability insurance and safety dictate that nothing may be thrown or passed out from ANY parade entry. No representative may hand out or distribute anything along the parade route including but not limited to pamphlets, fliers, or candy. Encouraging spectators to enter the street creates a dangerous situation. Any parade entry participating in activities, which in the opinion of a Parade Marshal could endanger public safety, will be ejected from the parade. Any items intended for distribution along the parade route will be confiscated at the discretion of 4<sup>th</sup> Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. and can be retrieved at the end of the parade route.
3. **No offensive language, song lyrics, clothing or gestures will be tolerated.** The parade is a family event. Use due diligence when picking songs, clothing, dance routines, etc. Any infraction of this rule, by any participant of an entry, will result in immediate expulsion, of the entire entry, from the parade.
4. **No Alcohol.** Alcoholic beverages cannot be consumed prior to and/or during the parade and parade staging area. Any participant who has been found to have been drinking will be ejected from the parade.
5. **Commercial entries MUST contain a float or be of "Entertainment Value"**
6. **ALL entries must be properly decorated to according to 4<sup>th</sup> Fest Rules and Regulations.**
  - a. Trailers should be **FULLY** covered and tastefully decorated, including the wheels / wheel wells. (Undecorated trailers will NOT be allowed down the parade route.) – See Page 7 for examples of insufficient vs. proper decoration.
  - b. Tow, support or any other vehicle should be rust free and freshly washed.
7. **Participants riding on a float, trailer, or flatbed should remain entirely on the float at all times.** No legs, arms or feet dangling off. Stay in place, do not dismount or board the entry while it is in motion.
8. **No one under the age of 10 years of age may appear as part of an entry unless accompanied by an adult.**
9. **PLEASE KEEP MOVING!** There are no unauthorized stops permitted down the Parade Route. There will be no stopping allowed for the purpose of performing by marching, drill, dance, pom pon, cheer or step teams unless requested by a parade marshal. Violators of this rule may be removed from the Parade. All Parade Marshals have authority to exercise this regulation.
10. **Live Animals** – Entries with live animals must provide their own feces removal.

All control of the Parade is vested in the parade Chairperson and the City of Racine Police Chief. Parade Marshals and the Racine Police Dept. are authorized to enforce any and all Parade Rules and Regulations. The Parade Chairperson has the absolute authority to deny entry and/or remove a unit from the Parade for non-compliance with the Parade Rules and Regulations. All Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced. The Parade Chairperson has the final say in interpreting the Parade Rules and Regulations.