

## **JUNIOR PARADE RULES**

### **General Junior/Explorer Parade**

1. Junior/Explorer Units will follow the preceding unit by a distance of approximately thirty (30) feet.
2. Formation of Junior/Explorer will be as follows:
  - A. Color Guard. Three or more juniors/explorers in unit uniforms
  - B. Banner on a staff will be carried to the left of the colors. If carried on a horizontal pole, it shall be carried approximately ten (10) feet behind the Color Guard and shall be carried by members in unit uniform.
  - C. Officer in Charge of unit shall march approximately ten (10) feet behind the Banner. All other officers shall march with the body of the unit approximately ten (10) feet behind the Assistant Officer(s) in Charge or Office in Charge, as the case may be.
3. Where units marching as such, have forty (40) or less people in line, they **MUST** march two (2) abreast. Where the number is 41 or more, they **MUST** march three (3) abreast. (This includes offices and all other marching members.)
4. In cases where the number of marchers is less than forty (40) the odd person will march at the rear of the right column. In cases where the number of marches exceeds forty-one or more, the two odd people will march at the right of the right and center files.
5. There will be **NO** pagers.

### **Judging Rules**

1. All Junior Fire Department/Firematic Explorer Posts may march in the Onondaga County Convention parade. Any junior/explorer group wishing to compete for a prize must have four (4) fully uniformed marching members in line.
2. When unit is in the act of counter marching, the Officer in Charge must salute or uncover.
3. When passing the reviewing stand, the Officer in Charge must uncover or salute. If the unit banner is on a staff it shall be dipped when passing the reviewing stand.
4. Any unit wishing to find out their own judging results may have their Chief send a letter so requesting same with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the County Parade Chairman. Letters from Chiefs only will be recognized.
5. Definition of a Proper Color Guard: A proper color guard will consist of at least three (3) members of the unit. The outer two persons will act as guards, the second person from the right side of the color guard will carry the American flag. If the unit has a banner it may be carried on a staff on the American flag's own left and inside the left color guard. If the banner is on a horizontal pole it is to be carried by two uniformed members, ten (10) feet behind the color guard. However, the absence of a banner **DOES NOT** constitute an invalid color guard.
6. Demerits
  - A. Five (5) Demerits                      Marching without American Flag
  - B. Five (5) Demerits                      Marching without proper color guard
  - C. Five (5) Demerits                      Colors not in proper place
  - D. Five (5) Demerits                      Officer in Charge not in proper place as specified, except in cases where Officer in Charge may be acting as file guard, if individual unit so desires
  - E. Two (2) Demerits                      Banner not dipped if carried on a pole
  - F. One (1) Demerit                      For failure to comply with the appropriate ten (10) foot spacing as indicated in the rules

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| G. | One (1) Demerit    | For failure to comply with the appropriate thirty (30) foot spacing as indicated in the rules  |
| H. | Five (5) Demerits  | For Officer in Charge not uncovering or saluting   |
| I. | Five (5) Demerits  | Members not marching in specified number abreast   |
| J. | Five (5) Demerits  | Breaking of rank during parade in front of Judges' stand   |
| K. | Five (5) Demerits  | Delaying of parade at finish (not disbanding immediately) (Applicable ONLY if the Junior/Explorer unit is marching without their parent department or company present)   |
| L. | Three (3) Demerits | For ANY pagers   |
| M. | One (1) Demerit    | Each Infraction – If not uniformed throughout the unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Gloves, if worn, must be worn by the entire unit and all will be the same color</li> <li>b. Shoes and socks will ALL be the same color</li> <li>c. Uniform must be standard unit uniform</li> <li>d. One for each infraction for talking with the exception of one person calling cadence, for waving, laughing or person out of step.</li> </ul> |