

PARADE RULES  
LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION – Revised March 2006

1. These rules cannot be changed by judges on the day of the Convention Parade.
2. To be judged you must have at least a minimum of five (5) Auxiliary members parading
3. Each Auxiliary marching must be an active member of the Onondaga County Auxiliary. An active member means that the Auxiliary must have attended five (5) meetings of the County Auxiliary during the calendar year July through June (excluding County Officers) and have paid dues by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Auxiliaries must march in one Onondaga County recognized parade before County convention, if there is an organized event prior to the convention.
4. Each Auxiliary will start with 100 points
5. Demerits
  - a. 5 Not signing the parade book at a county meeting at least 1 month prior to convention of intention to parade
  - b. 10 EACH – Parading without American flag and color guard or banner.
  - c. 5 Failure to have American flag on the right side and the Banner on the left.
  - d. 5 Failure to dip Banner on staff when passing judges
  - e. 10 Parading with President or representative
  - f. 5 Failure to salute the judges by President of Auxiliary or representative.
  - g. 3 Improper spacing of Colors and Guard, Auxiliary Banner.
  - h. 3 Improper line spacing of Colors, Guards, Auxiliary Banner and Auxiliary.
  - i. 3 Not having tall persons in front and graduating down in unit behind President.
  - j. 2 Breaking ranks during the Parade.
  - k. 2 Each infraction if not in uniform (trinkets, earrings, pins, etc.) and headdress all at the same angle and position (excluding Past President's pins in Rule 20)
  - l. 2 Each infraction of talking, waving, chewing gum or smoking.
  - m. 1 Each person out of step. Judge designating when possible.
  - n. 1 Each infraction of skirt not in uniform length. Skirts must be the same length up from the floor.
6. Each person marching **MUST** be a member of their respective Auxiliary
7. Auxiliary uniform to consist of either Dress or Sport Uniform. **Dress Uniform** to consist of coat or jacket with wrist length sleeves or wrist cape, hat, gloves, stockings and shoes, uniform in color, style and heel. Shoes must be all oxford in style, all open toes, all open heel, all ankle strap, etc. Dark glasses are optional. Skirts must all be uniform in length. **Sport Uniform** to consist of dress or jacket with short sleeves, skirt and blouse with long or short sleeves, headdress, gloves, stockings and shoes, uniform in color, style and heel. Shoes must be all oxford in style, all open toes, all open heel, all ankle strap, etc. Dark glasses are optional. Skirts must be all uniform in length. Pantsuits will **NOT** be judged. Citation cords must all be uniform in color. (Notify Parade Chairman prior to parade if any girls wear orthopedic shoes or support hose, or for dye lot discrepancies.)
8. Each auxiliary must provide a car for their members to ride in, if any so desire. Notification must be made to Parade Chairman.

9. Line up to consist of (1) Flag and Color Guard; (2) Banner, if carried on a staff must be carried with the American Flag and Color guard; (3) President; (4) Members; if there is eleven or less persons, you will line up with two (2) across behind the Color Guard, an arm's length behind the person in front. Extra person marches on Right. Eleven or over may have three (3) or (4) across, if there are two (2) extra people, they march in outside lines.
10. Parade Formation; The Auxiliary colors and Color Guard are to follow the preceding unit at a distance of approximately twenty (20) feet. Spacing in front line not to exceed one (1) arm's length between individuals. The formation should be as follows: Spacing of approximately ten (10) feet between colors and Color Guards, Auxiliary Banner, President and Auxiliary.
11. One person is allowed to call cadence; to be counted, the person must be in the line of march. A firefighter may call cadence. Cadence may be called by the judge's stand.
12. County Officers and Past Presidents may ride in a car.
13. Hostesses may compete for prizes.
14. There will be no tie scores. APPEARANCES will be given consideration by the judges if a tie score occurs.
15. Each President may wear or carry flowers. Each President or representative in charge must acknowledge the judges by saluting and looking straight ahead. Banner on staff to be dipped when passing the judges. The American flag is not to be dipped.
16. Any Auxiliary who intermingles with their firefighters at any time during the parade shall be automatically disqualified. If the judges should erroneously award a prize to them, they shall be forced to relinquish the prize. If the judges have left the convention, the Parade Chairman along with the Executive Board shall review the score sheets and award the prize to the next highest in that category.
17. Judge's decision will be final except where rule #18 is enforced. There will be minimum of three (3) to a maximum of (5) judges with Parade Chairman acting as the counter.
18. Parade Chairman should check Judge's sheets before final decision is made by judges.
19. Judges shall turn over score sheets and clip boards to Parade chairman as soon as awards list is completed. Judges score sheets will be available at the meeting following the County Convention.
20. Auxiliary members may wear Auxiliary Pin or Past President pins on a ribbon of uniform color and size on the left side of her uniform. If Auxiliary Pin is worn, all members marching must wear the pin.

NOTE: THESE RULES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CONVENTION.

\*\*\*\*\*Let's Be Proud of What We are Representing\*\*\*\*\*  
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PRIZES AWARDED AT CONVENTION

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$75.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$50.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$35.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$25.00