

# PARADE RULES

1. Float is no bigger than 10 Ft wide x 10 Ft tall x 40 Ft long including vehicle pulling float, unless approved by parade coordinator.
2. Floats that have a generator must carry an inspected 5 pound, ABC type fire extinguisher. If you are not in a motor vehicle you do not need one.
3. No protruding or other appendages that may injure a bystander.
4. No minor children under the age of 13, may walk alongside moving floats, vehicles or other motorized unit's. They may walk in front or behind the vehicle.
5. 2 adults are required per float.
6. Only 1 flag of each type may be carried per unit. Please abide by the National Flag flying rules. Please talk to parade coordinator for exceptions.
7. No abrupt, aggressive or fast movements during the parade. The only exception will be in front of the judge's stand.
8. No alcohol on or around the float or in the parade.
9. No Distracted Drivers. Ipods, mp3 players, camcorders, cell phones etc. may not be used by the driver of any motorized vehicle.
10. ABSOLUTLY NO HANDOUTS, OF ANY KIND MAY BE HANDED OUT on the parade route.
11. NO THROWING CANDY OR ANYTHING on the parade route.
12. No dressing as Mr. & Mrs. Claus or Santa or representation. The official Santa is on the last float in the parade.
13. All parade participants need to report to the appropriate Division assembly area **before 3:00pm**. Entries **not** in position by **4:30 pm** will not be allowed to participate. **Parade will start promptly at 5:00 pm**. There will be signs posted for each division as to where to line up. A parade Marshall will make sure you are in the correct order. Please follow the parade Marshall's instructions.
14. Parade participants with non-parade vehicles will **not** be permitted into a division. Groups should establish a meeting place outside of the parade divisions to meet and then walk to division.
15. Your group **Must** stay within 20 feet of the entry in front of you.

16. Walking entries may perform forward motion drills, dancing, etc. on the parade route as long as they continue to move forward down the street in a timely manner.
17. Vehicles should maintain a walking-pace speed.
18. The parade route ends at Embrey Mill Park. **Do not stop here.** If you do not need to dismantle then continue to Courthouse Road to exit. If you need to dismantle your float or meet your group, the designated parking area for dismantling your float will be on your right. A parade Marshall will be there to direct you where to go. Please make arrangements ahead of time as to exactly where your group will meet after the parade.

## **Judging**

- All entries will have 30 seconds to perform at the Judge's stand.
- Be sure that your entry number is visible to the judges which will be located on the RIGHT of the parade route.
- Judging will be based on precision (for performing units), appearance, originality, attention to details, and incorporation of the parade theme.
- The Judging stand (Hildrup Stage) will be located across from Shields Road.
- We will tally up the judge's points when the event ends and post the winners on the Stafford Parade website [www.staffordchristmasparade.com](http://www.staffordchristmasparade.com) on Sunday. Awards will be distributed to you after Christmas.

## **Weather:**

- In the event of inclement weather, the parade will continue as scheduled unless Stafford Crime Solvers deem the weather to be extreme and raise safety concerns. Extreme weather information will be reported on our website [www.staffordchristmasparade.com](http://www.staffordchristmasparade.com) Please check the website for information regarding extreme weather. The website home page will be updated regularly for any announcements.
- Your attendance in the event inclement weather is at your discretion. However, if you choose NOT to attend, please **email** or **call** the Parade Coordinator by 2pm the day of the event so we can adjust the lineup.
- There will be no postponement or rescheduling of the parade. your entry fee is **non-refundable** even in the event of a cancellation.

## **Other important Notes:**

- Information, Lost and Found and First Aid will be located at the Hildrup stage.
- Contact the Parade Coordinator at [storckroad691@aol.com](mailto:storckroad691@aol.com) if you have any other questions.