

JUDGING RULES

Parade

1. All departments may march in the Onondaga County Convention parade, but any departments wishing to compete for a prize must have eight (8) fully uniformed marching firefighters in line. Also, company's county dues must be paid to date.
2. When company or department is in the act of counter marching, Chief Officer must uncover.
3. When passing review stand, Chief Officer in charge must uncover or salute. If department banner is on a staff it shall be dipped when passing reviewing stand.
4. Location of judges' stand shall be clearly designated at least five hundred (500) feet in advance.
5. Any department wishing to find out their own judging results may have their Chief send a letter so requesting with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the County Parade Chair. Letters from Chiefs will be recognized.
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: Banner not in proper place
 - E. Five (5) Demerits: Chief Officers not marching in proper place as specified, except in cases where Chief Officers may be acting as file guard, if individual company so desires
 - F. Two (2) Demerits: Banner not dipped
 - G. One (1) Demerit: For failure to comply with the approximate ten (10) feet spacing as indicated in the rules
 - H. One (1) Demerit: For failure to comply with the approximate thirty (30) feet spacing as indicated in the rules
 - I. Five (5) Demerits: For Chief Officer in charge not covering or saluting
 - J. Five (5) Demerits: Firefighters not marching in specified number abreast
 - K. Five (5) Demerits: Breaking of rank during parade in front of Judges' stand
 - L. Five (5) Demerits: Any throwing of objects from vehicles or from within the line of march throughout the entire parade route
 - M. Five (5) Demerits: Drilling by any Unit in Parade (Officer in charge is responsible for Department, Auxiliary (if any), Musical Unit (if any))
 - N. Five (5) Demerits: Delaying of Parade at finish (not disbanding immediately)
 - O. Three (3) Demerits: For any visible pagers
 - P. Three (3) Demerits: There will be no sirens or horns used except in responding to an emergency
 - Q. Two (2) Demerits: Vehicle lights must be off except in responding to an emergency
 - R. One (1) Demerit: Each infraction: if not in uniform
 - a. Gloves, if worn, must be worn by the entire department and all will be the same color
 - b. Shoes and socks will all be the same color
 - c. Uniform must be standard department uniform
 - d. One of each infraction for talking with the exception of one person calling cadence, for waving, laughing or person out of step
 - e. Prescription sunglasses must be registered with the parade judges before the parade begins.