HARRISBURG ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2026 SATURDAY, MARCH 21 RULES & REGULATIONS

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Please read, review, and sign

PARADE DATE: Saturday, March 21, 2026

STEP-OFF TIME: 2 p.m. Lineup and staging will take place from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

ASSEMBLY POINT: City Island, Harrisburg, PA

ENTRY FEES:

HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND	FREE
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OR CLUB	FREE
COMMERCIAL UNIT/BUSINESS OR CORPORATE GROUP	\$100

PARADE ENTRIES:

There will be NO stopping along the parade route. Groups must keep moving.

Each entry with a motor vehicle must certify being covered by liability insurance as provided by Pennsylvania law. Vehicles must be operated by a driver with a valid driver's license. Please provide a copy with your registration form.

If an entry has multiple vehicles, each vehicle must be listed on the registration form. Parade officials will be verifying the number of vehicles on parade day, and if they are not listed on the parade form, they will not be permitted.

Use of sound systems or music must be listed on registration forms for adequate line of march placement.

The use of firecrackers, noisemakers, blanks, etc. are not permitted.

No unit may be taller than 16 feet to clear traffic lights and wires.

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All decorative materials should be flame retardant. The use of open flames on any entry is prohibited.

Participants on bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. must wear a helmet.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the parade assembly or along the parade route.

Solicitation of funds is prohibited.

PARADE ENTRIES WITH ANIMALS:

Participants must provide a means of clean-up.

All dogs in parade must be kept on leashes.

Saddled animal entries must include a copy of their liability insurance declaration page with their registration form.

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE:

Tossing of items from vehicles is PROHIBITED. Throwing items from vehicles promotes children running into the middle of the parade entries and causes an unsafe environment. Distribution of items (such as candy or promo items) along the parade route will only be permitted if items are handed out along the curb. Please help us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

CONDUCT:

All individuals participating in the parade are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with safety in mind. Use of foul language will not be permitted in any form (flags, banners, signs). Language insinuating profanity will result in the expulsion of the parade participant. The Harrisburg DID has final say on all parade entries.

The applicant is responsible for the conduct of all its participants and agrees to notify ALL participants within their entry of these rules and regulations.

PLEASE NOTE:

Completed/signed registration forms are your acceptance of all parade rules and regulations.

Reminder! This is a forward moving parade. Participants may not stop to perform in front of the reviewing stand or along the parade route. **You must keep moving.**