

RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1.** Representatives must check in before lining up to confirm participation.
- 2. DO NOT THROW** items into the crowd or street. Items may be handed out but not thrown. The Loveland Police Department supports this policy.
- 3.** Loud noises, weapons discharging, or engine revving near or around livestock is not permitted. The only exceptions will be the Fire Department and the Police Department when leading the parade.
- 4.** All parade entries are subject to review and approval by the Fair Parade Committee, which reserves the right to change the classification entered or to refuse entry if deemed necessary.
- 5.** Bands are described as groups formulated to provide musical entertainment. They include wind and percussion instruments, and they are established and directed under proper training ideals.
- 6.** A fee will be charged for ALL COMMERCIAL and POLITICAL CAMPAIGN entries. Commercial entries (Floats and others) are limited to two large units or four small units only. Queen, Jr Livestock and Parade Sponsors are given credit towards their fee as part of their sponsorship.
- 7.** Participation in this event is done so at your own risk. Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Board Members, their families, and any volunteers helping with the event are NOT liable or responsible for any injuries or damage that may occur. We are also NOT liable or responsible for any theft or damage of property owned by any participant.
- 8.** Do not stop to unload or disband until the end of the parade route and are back in the staging area at Barnes Park. All people must get off the float at Barnes Park and walk to their respective cars. Horses can walk through the ballpark and over the bridge along with the walkers. No vehicles can leave Barnes Park until the entire parade has completed the route to help ensure the safety of all participants and the audience.
- 9.** NO motorized vehicles or animals are allowed in the Barnes Park turf area.
- 10.** Participants will not accost parade route spectators, and no water guns or water balloons will be used to spray or throw at the spectators.
- 11.** Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or in the person of any participant. Participants who consume alcohol before or during the parade will be removed.
- 12.** No unit may impede the continuous flow of the parade.
- 13.** Units must stay within approximately one float length of the entry in front of theirs, or their entry could be disqualified from judging.
- 14.** If a gap of greater than 20' is created, units must close the gap. Stopping or reversing motion on the parade route will be grounds for disqualification. This may also result in removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation invitations.

FLOAT REQUIREMENTS

1. Floats are encouraged and welcomed.
2. Use live or recorded music when possible. If music or sound is to be used, please note this on the application as a placement consideration.
3. Floats may not exceed 13½ feet in height or 16 feet in width. The maximum length is 60 feet per unit.
4. No additional vehicles (including, but not limited to, cars, vans, scooters, and marchers) will be allowed to accompany units unless pre-approved by the Parade Committee.
5. **ATTENTION DRIVERS:** The maximum parade speed is 5 miles per hour. The drivers must pay close attention to the float/band/group in front of them and maintain a minimum space of 20 feet between them.
6. Drivers must always remain with floats and be appropriately dressed.
7. All floats and vehicles must provide proof of insurance (necessary insurance: combined bodily injury and property damage with limits of \$100,000). Evidence of insurance must be received **ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION** to be eligible for participation in the parade.
8. All floats and royalty must be in place at their designated time at the designated staging area.
9. All floats must carry a fire extinguisher, and a second driver located in the front seat is required for safety purposes.

JUDGING

1. An impartial panel of judge(s) will judge entries in the competition. All decisions of the judge(s) are final.
2. The judge(s) may consider all the following: conformity to the theme of “Fun for the Whole Herd,” appearance, performance, imagination, creativity, formation, and uniqueness.
3. The judges' reviewing stand will be located on the West side of Cleveland between 4th and 5th Street.

FLOAT JUDGING CRITERIA

The following is a list of the standard categories and general criteria to govern the selection of the recipients. The panel of judges will base their decision on the following:

- A. TITLE AND THEME: 25%** This is the basic idea of the float. Making the basic idea and title conform to the parade theme or fair “atmosphere” will add to the unity of the parade. The other judging criteria measure how well this basic idea is developed.
- B. INGENUITY: 15%**
- C. PUBLIC APPEAL: 15%** Public appeal is the enjoyment of the float by the audience. People in our audience are of different age groups and different backgrounds. Quality in all the first seven criteria will affect their enjoyment.
- D. CRAFTSMANSHIP: 15%** The design with all its ideas is one part of quality; the other part is craftsmanship. The craftsmanship score will depend on neatness, solid construction, the proper working of mechanical parts, and attention to detail.
- E. PROPORTIONS; BALANCE AND SPACE: 10%** Proportion is the size relationships among the features of the float. However, the basic idea of the float may call for an intentional lack of proportion. Balance and space involve two questions: Is the overall design graceful or clumsy? Is the space of the float used to support the basic idea, or is it wasted?
- F. COLOR: 10%** Color raises two questions: Are the colors and their combinations pleasing? How well do they contribute to the desired effect?
- G. ANIMATION AND SOUND EFFECTS: 10%** These criteria deal with anything on the float that adds to its total effect. Motion and sound are examples of special effects.

SPECIALTY UNITS

A specialty unit is any other parade unit that is not a float, equestrian, or queen. This can include, but is not limited to, specialty vehicles, synchronized walking units, and entertainers. The number of walkers accompanying any Specialty Unit will be limited, with the exact number determined by the committee.

1. **CAR CLUBS:** A 10-car limit per car club constitutes an entry unit.
2. All judging for specialty units will be completed during the procession down the Parade route.
3. **JUDGING CRITERIA:** The panel of judges will base their decision on the following:
 - A. **THEME: 25%** Conformity with parade theme.
 - B. **COLOR: 25%** Costumes props and eye appeal.
 - C. **INGENUITY: 25%** Creativity and originality.
 - D. **PUBLIC APPEAL: 25%** Enjoyment by the audience.

PRIZES

1. Prize winners will be notified by mail when and where to pick up their prizes.
2. Parade results will be published in the local newspapers, space available.

AWARDS

- **COMMISSIONER'S SWEEPSTAKES AWARD** for the most outstanding entry—Trophy
- **NON-COMMERCIAL**
 - 1st –Grand Marshal's Award.
 - 2nd –Fair Board Award
 - 3rd—Larimer County Award
- **COMMERCIAL**
 - 1st – Grand Marshal's Award
 - 2nd –Fair Board Award
 - 3rd—Larimer County Award
- **4-H AND FFA**
 - 1st – Grand Marshal's Award
 - 2nd –Fair Board Award
 - 3rd—Larimer County Award
- **SPECIALTY UNITS**
 - 1st – Grand Marshal's Award
 - 2nd –Fair Board Award
 - 3rd—Larimer County Award

EQUESTRIAN ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. OUT-RIDERS (walkers) ARE TO BE PROVIDED FOR ALL HORSE TEAMS AND ALL OTHER EQUINE ENTRIES.**
2. Riders under twelve (12) years of age must have an adult walking with them.
3. Any rider unable to control their animal will be deemed unsafe and removed from the parade.
4. Only one rider per horse.
5. Each rider (or group) must provide their clean-up unit. Any entry without a clean-up unit will not be allowed on the parade route. A \$200 fine shall be assessed for any entry failing to clean up their animal waste in the staging area.

VENDORS

Any vendors participating in the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Parade (i.e., balloons, souvenirs, etc.) will be subject to all rules and regulations required by the City of Loveland, CO, and will not be the responsibility of the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Parade Committee.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law enforcement officers and parade officials are in authority concerning parade matters.