

Washington Parish Fair Parade Rules and Guidelines

The Washington Parish Fair Association has established a set of rules to govern the parade. Please read these rules carefully before entering the parade. These rules are designed to protect parade entrants and the Fair Association. The rules are as follows:

1. The parade will consist of marching groups, floats, automobiles, trucks, horses, bicycles, and tractors all dedicated to promoting the good will of the Washington Parish Free Fair. All entries must be decorated, including bicycles, cars, and trucks (except antique vehicles) to participate in the parade. Tractors do not need to turn in an application, as they congregate and ride just prior to the parade.
2. Parade entrants must register with a member of the parade committee NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007 AT 5:00 PM. **FAILURE TO MEET THIS DEADLINE FORFEITS YOUR ABILITY TO PUT AN ENTRY IN THE PARADE AND THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. All float entries must be decorated to reflect the fair's theme. This year's theme is "My Country, My Fair, My Heart".
4. Automobile and truck entries will be limited to antique vehicles (20 years or older) and groups sponsored by school or civic organizations.
5. Each school will be limited to the specific entries listed as follows: Marching groups and 2 float entries. Homecoming Queens or other school royalty, in order to participate, should ride on one of the float entries from her school. The parade committee requests that **only the assigned contact from each school call with questions to eliminate duplicate answers and misinformation.** Any calls regarding school entries that are not from the assigned school contact will not be addressed in any way other than to be directed back to their contact.
6. Any support vehicles with any group participating in the parade will not be allowed to follow their group during the parade route. They must wait at the Fairgrounds Disembarking area for their group to arrive. The only exception to this rule will be for dance groups that require artificial music (a stereo system) which must be carried on **one** support vehicle.
7. Golf Carts, four wheelers, ATV's, go-carts, motorcycles, and 18-Wheelers will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
8. All queens and Royalty from other Parish and Statewide Fairs and Festivals or pageants must ride on the Visiting Queen's Float provided by the Fair Association. Royalty aged 10 and under must be accompanied by one adult on the float. Visiting royalty from a particular Fair/Festival may enter one float for their royalty to ride.
9. Individuals seeking public office will not be allowed to enter campaign entries in the parade.
10. Elected public officials representing Washington Parish residents will be invited to participate in the parade as a representative of their current office.
11. Business and commercial entries are prohibited as a means of advertising.

12. Animal entries will be limited to those participating in the rodeo or legitimate riding or show groups. All participants riding horses will be required to register the morning of the parade with proof of coggins and horse in hand. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian's signature. The pace of the horse ridden must be a slow walk. Any pace other than a walk at any time prior to, or during the parade will result in immediate expulsion of the horse and rider.
13. Community entries are limited to 2 entries (churches, athletic associations, etc)
14. When lining up prior to the parade, the entrants are held responsible for the cleanliness of the homeowner's yards. No music will be played prior to reaching the start of the parade route.
15. The parade will continue through the fairgrounds. All unloading/dismantling should be conducted at the end of the parade in Knight Field.
16. It is at the Parade Committee's discretion to determine whether or not entries are appropriate for participation. Entries must check in the morning of the parade with decorations and theme complete. Any behavior not in keeping with a family atmosphere before or during the parade will result in immediate expulsion. Questions or situations not explained in the above listed rules will be answered or handled at the discretion of the parade committee.