



*Celebrating
66 Years of Tradition
March 23, 2025*

Allentown St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Inc.

www.allentownstpatricksparade.com

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Overview:

All participants must comply with the following rules and regulations. Please review these carefully with members of your group. The leader of the group is responsible for the behavior of their group and compliance with these rules.

Staging & Placement:

- ♣ All participants must check in at their assigned location with their Division Parade Marshal no later than 12:30 p.m. Any participants who arrive after 12:30 p.m. may lose their pre-assigned position and shall be placed at the rear of the parade.
- ♣ The use of any floats, trolleys, convertibles, cars or antique cars must receive prior approval and must be cleaned and decorated appropriately. **All floats will be judged at 12:30 p.m. Be ready for review.**
- ♣ All vehicles and drivers must be fully covered by third party liability insurance, and will be required to observe all relevant road traffic and other laws which may apply to a parade on the public highway as managed by the Allentown Police Department.

Conduct/Public Safety:

- ♣ For the safety of the spectators of our parade, **no participants will be allowed to THROW ANYTHING from the line of march.** Many people in the past were struck by objects (candy, objects with advertisements, trinkets, beads, etc.) thrown from vehicles, wagons, marching groups and floats. In the interest of public safety all such activity is prohibited. This will protect spectators, and prevent children from running onto the street to retrieve these objects.
- ♣ Participants shall at all times exhibit behavior fitting for a family oriented community event in which children of all age groups participate and observe. If behavior is witnessed that violates this condition (such as excessively loud music, unruly behavior and language, lack of response to parade Marshall's directions, public safety or nuisance concerns), they will be removed from the parade line of march by the Allentown Police Department.

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- ♣ No person marching in the parade shall be permitted to carry or display, or cause to be displayed, any sign or other material that identifies him or her as a candidate for any elected or appointed office. *Political candidates may march in the VIP section of the parade, unless they are a member of another participating organization, in which case they may march with their organization.*
- ♣ All vehicles and drivers **must** be fully covered by third party liability insurance, and will be required to observe all relevant road traffic and other laws which may apply to a parade on the public highway as managed by the Allentown Police Department. Any individuals who operate a truck, car, tractor, or any other type of vehicle in the parade must possess the proper valid driver's license for the vehicle and proper insurance. The insurance documents and driver's licenses must be provided to parade, security, and law enforcement personnel upon request.
- ♣ Walkers/Spotters are required to accompany any means of transportation larger than a passenger vehicle. The walkers/spotters are to maintain a position alongside the float/vehicle near the front wheels on either side of the vehicle and prevent participants and/or spectators from being struck or run over. Walkers/spotters must also be able to notify their driver of any problems that may require immediate action for the safety of all. All walkers/spotters must be adults and be able appreciate the dangers of operating motor vehicles and parade floats in close proximity to people. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all walkers/spotters meet these requirements.

Parade Flow and Pace:

- ♣ **All entries must maintain the pace throughout the entire parade route.** Parade marshals stationed along the route are responsible for keeping the pace. Organizations must follow the instructions of parade marshals who are also responsible for resolving any problematic situations. The decisions of parade marshals are final. **There will be no stopping in review, or participating in interviews...this includes TV stations.** Should someone wish to be interviewed, they must leave the parade, and their unit will continue with the flow of the parade. They will then have to catch up with their unit.

Disclaimer:

The Allentown St. Patrick's Parade Committee Inc. reserves the right to remove any participant(s) not complying with marshal directions or any of the rules and regulations of the Allentown St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Inc., including but not limited to those contained herein.

We thank you for your support, and your participation helps make this a wonderful event for the City of Allentown.

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