

The Franklin Christmas Parade

Presented By Downtown Franklin Rotary

Downtown Franklin Rotary Club Christmas Parade Rules

The DFRC Christmas Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant not conforming to these rules and regulations as well as any entrant refusing to follow instructions of the police or parade officials

This is a fun, family-friendly event and we want all participants to enjoy their parade experience and celebrate the spirit of Christmas and Downtown Franklin

- ✓ Arrival Time for all participants is: **12:00PM Saturday, December 2, 2023**
- ✓ Following the parade, Participants are requested not to attempt to leave the parking areas until the parade is complete
- ✓ **This is a rain-or-shine event.** *In the event of inclement weather, look for email communications from the DFRC Christmas Parade Committee for further information or instructions.*
- ✓ **NO SANTA CLAUS SUITS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE**
(The official Santa will be on the last float in the parade)
- ✓ All entries should be **decorated** in the spirit of the parade theme which is **“It’s a Wonderful Life...in Franklin”**

Parade Participant rules:

1. All parade vehicles including float towing vehicles must be driven by currently licensed and insured drivers
2. All parade participants must provide their own liability insurance; proof of coverage must be provided before/at check-in or you will not be allowed to participate
3. There must be a fire extinguisher on every float
4. There must be a responsible adult on-board monitoring children that are on a float
5. Once an entrant has entered the parade route, no one will be allowed to get on or off a float or vehicle
6. No dangling of legs over the edge of the floats is allowed
7. **No candy or other items are allowed to be thrown from float or vehicles**
8. Candy or other mementos may be distributed to patrons along the parade route by team members walking with each entry

9. Participants are not allowed to stop to perform routines during the parade; the parade must keep moving to avoid backups/delays so any routines must be performed while moving
10. The maximum float height is 12 feet
11. The maximum float length is 30 feet
12. All parade vehicles including float towing vehicles must be clean and in good working condition. *While the towing vehicle doesn't need to be fully decorated, we do request that each vehicle has some holiday décor (e.g., a wreath on the front, garland, etc.)*

Staging Area rules:

1. All entries must check-in and be in your designated staging area no later than 12:00pm
2. All parade participants must provide their own liability insurance; proof of coverage must be provided at check-in or you will not be allowed to participate (**Vehicle Insurance ID card is adequate**)
3. All participants for each entry must be in place by 12:45pm as the streets will be closed at 1:00pm
4. Vehicles cannot be parked in the VIP staging area; please plan to drop off and park elsewhere
5. Food/refreshments may be brought to the staging area however each participant is responsible for trash collection and clean-up; the staging area must be left in a clean condition
6. Smoking is not allowed during the parade route; violators will be asked to leave the parade
7. **Alcohol is prohibited**; anyone in violation will not be allowed to participate in the parade

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9. For safety, we recommend that each parade vehicles have 2 adults in the cab; one to drive and the other to watch out for kids/other parade participants

Have FUN and CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS in Franklin!

