

2015 PASCO COUNTY FAIR PARADE
36722 S.R. 52, DADE CITY, FL 33525 (352) 567-6678
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015
“COUNTRY ROOTS & COWBOY BOOTS”

The Pasco County Fair Association Parade operates under the General Rules & Regulations of the 2015 Pasco County Fair. A copy of the Fair Rules and Regulations is available upon request.

The following Rules are specific to the parade and are designed to ensure and preserve the public peace and good order, and are promulgated to maintain the safety of all parade participants and spectators. These Parade Rules apply to parade line-up, the main parade and closing procedures. They will be strictly enforced. Violation of these Parade Rules may result in immediate ejection from the parade and in other penalties consistent with Florida Law.

Whether actions or behavior constitute violations of these Parade Rules is within the sole discretion of the Parade Marshall or designated representative informing the violator of the violation. Violators may forfeit the right to participate in future parades.

Parade Officials (Parade Marshall or designee) will provide assisting information and are identified by orange vests.

Initial Lineup will be made based upon entries received by Friday, February 6th.

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES WILL BE 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH. UNITS NOT OFFICIALLY ENTERED BY THE DEADLINE DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR COMPETITION.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED to the PASCO COUNTY FAIR OFFICE, 36722 S. R. 52, Dade City, FL 33525.

Entry applications describe the unit and cannot be changed or transferred without Parade Committee authorization. Only one entry application per organization can be accepted. An entry can be accepted in only **one** category. The Parade Committee reserves the right to change category classifications to allow for proper competition between the units. All entries will compete for best unit depicting the **“COUNTRY ROOTS & COWBOY BOOTS”** parade theme.

Acceptance and position of units in the parade are made by the Parade Committee and are final.

Each official entry will receive by return mail or phone from the Parade Committee the following:

- a. **Information on assigned position, the parade route, location of assembly points and other pertinent information.**
- b. **A number to denote position in the parade. Each entry is responsible for posting this number on the left side of the entry unit, so judges may distinguish the unit. Entries not clearly displaying their number or identification may not be considered in competition by the judges. (Bands and marching units are not required to display the number if otherwise identified by banner or signs.)**

A Waiver of Liability form is required of each applicant.

Line up of the parade will begin at 10 a.m. All floats and large units should be in their designated assembly points by **12 noon**. All persons participating must be in position by **12:30 p.m.**

The parade will commence at 1 p.m., Monday, February 16, 2015. Any unit not prepared to move when called upon by parade officials may be removed or held to the end of the parade.

No undecorated commercial vehicles will be allowed in the parade.

Alcoholic beverages are forbidden.

Political campaigning in any form is prohibited.

Drivers must possess a valid driver license and liability insurance.

High intensity or excessively loud sound is discouraged.

No unit nor part of a unit may make an unauthorized stop during the parade. **All units must move forward when possible (any maneuvers must be forward movements)** and shall not impede the progress of the parade at any time. All units must obey directions of parade officials and must remain in the line of march to the disbanding point. Failure to do so may result in removal from parade and competition.

On approach of an Emergency Vehicle, all units will give way as far right as possible.

The throwing of candy or other articles is **NOT** allowed. Walkers may hand items to spectators.

The use of foul language or inappropriate behavior is prohibited.

All units including animals must provide scoopers for clean-up following their units.

Each unit will identify one adult as the unit's safety representative to parade officials.

FLOATS: Professional or home-built; pulled or motor driven accepted. Maximum size (excluding tow vehicle) 40ft L, 8ft W, 12ft 6in H, from road surface including standing riders. **Tires must be covered so as to prevent personal injury stopped or in motion.**

Safety bars or stable structure shall be provided for each person riding or standing on the unit. All towed units must use safety chains in addition to the tow bar or tongue. Walkers with floats must be 12 years or older and must be directly supervised by an adult at all times.

MARCHING BAND/PERFORMANCE UNIT: Professional, Public, Private or School Affiliate. One hand, electric or motorized type support unit is allowed to follow behind. Drill teams may perform in conjunction with their unit. Units must allow 8ft between unit and street curb.

WALKING UNIT: *Other than Marching/Performance* is allowed only with a float or decorated unit, must be 12 years or older and directly supervised by a chaperoning adult at all times. No strollers are allowed on parade route. Units must allow 8ft between unit and street curb.

CAR UNIT: Only cars carrying public celebrities, officials, and guests of the applicant organization (including queens and queen contestants) will be accepted. No passenger can be positioned on or ride on the front or roof of a vehicle.

OTHER UNITS OR UNITS WITH ANIMALS: Accepted at the discretion of the Parade Committee. Live animals will be followed by pick-up/clean-up personnel and must show proof of Liability Insurance. A maximum of 10 animals per unit is allowed.

Judging will be done by a panel of impartial persons, selected by the Parade Committee. Decisions of the judges are final. The winners will be contacted by telephone by the chairperson. Trophies and ribbons must be picked up at the Fair Office at 36722 S.R. 52, Dade City. For additional information, please contact the "Fair Office" at 352-567-6678.

