

Douglas County Fair  
Where Urban and Rural Meet



Douglas County Fair Parade Safety Checklist & Rules

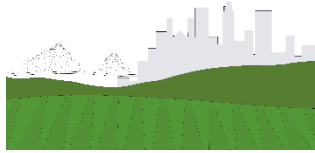
1. All floats will be subject to an inspection check for compliance with the float safety requirements prior to commencement of parade. The float safety checklist must be signed and in the possession of the driver at the start of the parade.
2. The parade participants will not have squirt guns, silly string and other items that could lead to crowd control issues.
3. No candy or materials may be thrown from parade vehicles and participants to spectators along the parade route. Parade participants wishing to provide giveaways should have walkers along the float to HAND OUT the giveaways. DO NOT THROW ITEMS INTO THE CROWD.
4. NO stickers are allowed!
5. ONLY elected officials are allowed in the Parade, no campaigning for any candidate, referendum, topic or position is allowed.
6. Parade participants will not jump from or onto a float or motorized vehicle.
7. All participants riding on open floats shall have solid sitting arrangement with hand holds readily available to them. Any standing participants shall have a stabilized body support with buckled safety belt or other means to prevent falling from unit. No person shall be wired or tied to the float. Secured safety rails, barriers, or ropes may be used to prevent a fall from the float. No unsecured riders may be located where they might fall beneath the float, its wheels or between tow vehicle and float (e.g. no seating on rear edge of tow vehicle, fire truck or on front edge of float). If present, children must be under adult supervision and seated at all times when in motion. Riders are to remain on the float once the parade begins and at all time when the float is in motion.

8. No open flames are permitted on parade entries. Open flame displays, roman candles, and fireworks are prohibited on floats and tow vehicles.
9. Generators or other equipment that use flammable fuel will not be allowed on the float itself. Generators used to supply electricity to the float should be put in the bed of the pickup or hauling devices at least three feet from the float body. Any generator in a confined space (e.g. pick-up camper shell) shall not have any riders inside same space.
10. At least one type ABC (2A20BC) fire extinguisher is to be located within easy access on each float. Floats will be inspected for fire safety. If there are no fire extinguishers on board, or the float is made of flammable non-approved materials, or there is some other violation the float will be red tagged and not allowed in the parade until these items are corrected.
11. Electrical systems where used for lighting, motorized decorations or other application on a float, electrical wiring must be of a type approved for the use for which it is being employed, shall have sufficient capacity, shall be secured to prevent damage, shall have all connections secured via approved devices (or electrical boxes) and shall be properly fused. Not bare wires or exposed electric connection are permitted.
12. No alcohol is permitted on any parade floats, entries or on-site at the parade line-up. Anyone with alcohol will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to participate in any future Douglas County Fair Parades.
13. Float driver shall have a valid driver's license and be in competent condition to safely operate the vehicle. Driving under the influence of drugs or intoxicants is prohibited. For the safety of float riders, the driver must minimize abrupt starts and stops. The float safety checklist must be in the possession of the driver.
14. Towed and self-propelled floats shall be capable of maintaining a minimum speed of 5 miles per hour during the parade. The speed when float is occupied during parade is limited to a maximum of 10 miles per hour.
15. No tandem trailers or other trailers, where the wheels are in the center of the trailer, are allowed for units that have people on them. The foundation for a tow float is typically a sturdy flat trailer bed with pneumatic wheels. All load supporting areas on the float should be of wood, steel, or other structurally competent material (not cardboard). Wheels, tires, dollies, axles, bearings of adequate sizes and strength to

support the total load of the float are required. Wheels and tires should be in good condition and vehicle brakes sufficient to stop the float when loaded. The authority having jurisdiction with the parade shall have the exclusive right to ban any unsafe vehicle.

16. The hitch used to attach the float to the pulling vehicle will be factory 'receiver' type or welded pickup style bumper. No "bolt-on" type hitches will be allowed. When using a large truck, a 'drop-hitch' must be used and should be at least 12" from hitch to the ground.
17. Floats decorations shall be designed to allow the driver 180 degrees clear vision to the front and sides of the float or tow unit. If 180 degrees vision cannot be provided, a spotter(s) with clear vision of these areas must accompany the float as a guide. Driver shall also have view of (or communication with) float riders in the event of a problem on the float.
18. If horses are entrants in the parade, the parade participant is responsible for all pooperscooper clean up behind the horses.
19. No ticker tape or confetti to be used on the actual parade route by parade participants during the parade due to the creation of fire hazards, engine air-intake problems and clean-up costs.
20. All drivers of floats or motorized vehicles must be able to provide proof of vehicle liability insurance and a valid Nebraska Driver's license.
21. The Douglas County Fair may exercise the authority to 'veto' any aspect of the parade that they feel poses an unreasonable risk of injury or danger to the public. While exercise of this veto should be prudent, and certainly permit event producers to revise any objectionable part of a plan, public safety must ultimately be the responsibility of the police department and fire rescue department, and related public agencies

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## Parade Entry Form 2018

DATE OF PARADE: Saturday, July 14th at 9:00 AM (You must be in position by 7:45 AM)

**PARADE ROUTE:** Down main street of Village Pointe

Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

All correspondence will be handled via email when possible.

**ENTRY FEES:**

Non-profit and Civic Organizations – No Fee

Commercial Business' & Individuals – \$100.00

Each entry must provide the following: Signs, Banners, and Parade Vehicles.

**TYPE OF ENTRY:** Float \_\_\_\_\_ Walking/Marching Group \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe your entry (i.e. Float on trailer pulled by pickup, walking group carrying signs and handing out flyers, marching band, clowns, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Plaques Awarded in each Category

Judges will be looking for creativity, design, overall presentation, and use of the theme!

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**MEASUREMENT:** How many feet do you require in the line-up? Measurements must be exact. Please let us know if your entry includes children, elderly, or other special concerns.

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**ANNOUNCER’S SCRIPT:**

Please write a short script, including any theme, for the parade announcer. This must be filled in when the form is submitted. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

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All entries are subject to approval of the Douglas County Fair.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN APPLICATION ALONG WITH PAYMENT BY July 13, 2018

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE:

**Douglas County Fair Information:**

7101 Mercy Rd. Suite 108 Omaha, NE 68106

[Info@douglascountyfair.org](mailto:Info@douglascountyfair.org)

402-516-5826 or 402-237-9403

**PLEASE READ, SIGN AND RETURN:**

In an effort to prevent children from running into the street and possibly being injured, we require the following:

- DISTRIBUTIONS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED FROM PARADE FLOATS OR VEHICLES. This means that if you are part of a float, riding on a float or riding in a vehicle, you are NOT ALLOWED TO DISTRIBUTE ITEMS OF ANY KIND!
- Distributions (candy, flyers, etc.) Intended for parade spectators/viewers must be handed directly to the recipient by a representative walking adjacent to your float or vehicle, along the curbside. People distributing items may NOT go near the float at any time during the parade. Those making the distributions need to carry the items they are distributing with them or have someone walking next to them to hold the items being distributed. A wagon can be pulled to hold items as well, but there absolutely cannot be any type of motorized vehicle near the curbsides. No Stickers are allowed.
- Only parade participants who are walking along the curbside (adjacent to their vehicle or float are allowed to distribute items. Those distributing items cannot go to the float to restock what they are distributing.
- All vehicles and floats MUST STAY BETWEEN THE TWO CENTER LANES OF THE STREET No vehicle, motorcycle, float, bike, moped, scooter, etc. is allowed to go outside of the center two lanes. This is for the SAFETY of the spectators.
- To be considered for the grand prize, parade entries must decorate their float/vehicle to represent the theme of the fair, "Where Urban and Rural Meet".

I have read the rules stated above to participate in the 2018 Douglas County Fair Parade and I understand and agree to abide by them as such. In signing below, I also understand that if I do not follow these rules I will not be allowed to participate in future parades held for Douglas County Fair.

Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_