



Participant Rules & Guidelines

Non-Float Requirements

December 2, 2023

WELCOME:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2023 Rotary Christmas Parade! The Rotary Christmas Parade Committee's commitment is to create a safety-first environment for participants, volunteers, spectators and vendors, while creating enjoyable experiences for everyone. All applicants are welcomed and will be reviewed by the Parade Committee for approval.

PARTICIPANT RULES & GUIDELINES:

Please read the following requirements carefully. These requirements contain important information about upholding safety and acquiring a successful registration for your business or organization, while creating an enjoyable experience for everyone.

NON-FLOAT EXAMPLES:

We welcome non-float entries in the parade, which include the following:

- Marching Bands or troops (cadets, cubs etc.)
- Dance troops Marshall Arts groups
- Clubs, Organizations, Teams
- Clowns, Entertainers or Costumed Walkers
- Clubs or groups promoting awareness
- Roller skaters

Bands, Directors, Marching Units and Other Persons marching with the band are required to be distinctively attired. All bands and marching units need to maintain a continuous forward motion. Routines must not stop or delay the parade.

Mascots & Walkers are required to maintain a continuous forward motion, even during stunts and routines. Mascots need to travel with the main unit of their entry and be dressed in a festive Christmas theme. Please no Santas. We have one Santa who has committed to be in the parade and we do not want to confuse the children.

Equestrian:

- All horse entries need to show proof of equestrian insurance in the amount of \$5 million dollars general liability.
- All mounted or walking animal entries are to have a clean-up unit following them.
- All riders must be attired in costume or other unit attire. The Parade Committee reserves the right to bar any animal or rider deemed unsafe to other riders or spectators. At all times, animals must be under the control of the rider/ handler.
- All horses must be in good health, sound condition and maintain proper disposition.
- Riders must maintain control of all animals in the parade environment without assistance from parade organizers or volunteers
- All tack, wagons, carriages, etc. shall be complete and in good repair

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The Rotary Christmas Parade Committee is required to approve all entries. Any entries advocating, opposing, or depicting any political or social issues are subject to approval by the Parade Committee.
- All persons in charge of entries (designated main contact) must report to the check-in area. More information will follow via email.
- Identification for every entry must appear on the lead vehicle, person, banner, etc. so that spectators and commentators can easily identify the entry.
- Entries must maintain spacing of no less than 15 meters or approximately 2 car lengths and no more than 30 meters (approximately 100 feet) behind the preceding unit.
- Parade officials will be stationed along the parade route and have the authority to remove an entry from the parade that is unable to maintain correct spacing. The parade is live streamed, and it is important that there are no breaks in the procession.
- For the enjoyment of the spectators and ease of fellow entries, it's important to continually maintain a forward motion along the parade route.
- For safety reasons, no material may be thrown to spectators. It is preferable to keep handouts to candy, however candy must be handed out person to person, not thrown.
- We request that flyers or literature not be distributed to avoid unnecessary debris.

ORIENTATION SESSION:

It is a condition of a successful registration that a delegate (preferably Main Contact) attend an orientation session:

Address: Rotary Service Building 44870 Wolfe Rd, Chilliwack, BC

Wednesday November 22nd at 6:00 pm

OR

Saturday, November 25th at 11:00 am

TIMES & MEETING PLACE:

- The Parade is Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm
- More details on marshalling, times & the other important information will be provided by phone or email once a parade order has been established.
- Check in area is in Chilliwack Senior Secondary School
- Arrive at Marshaling area, check in with the marshaling crew and receive a number to be attached/displayed on your entry.
- For safety and enjoyment for all, please obey Parade Marshalls at all times.

PARADE ROUTE:

The parade will begin and end at Chilliwack Senior Secondary School.
Address: 46363 Yale Road Chilliwack, BC.

DISCLAIMER AGREEMENT:

The applicant is in agreement that by completing the registration form, etc. there is an acknowledgement of acceptance of the Disclaimer Agreement (below) and commits to adhering to all the Rules & Guidelines for the safety and enjoyment of all persons involved in the festivities. The applicant agrees to not hold responsible and further agrees to indemnify the Rotary Christmas Parade Committee and the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, The Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser, The Rotary Club of Chilliwack Mt. Cheam, Rotary After Hours Club and the City of Chilliwack, and their agents from any loss or damage to person(s) or property caused by the operation of the applicant's entry in connection with the 2022 Rotary Christmas Parade. The float/entry and the contents is the owner's responsibility. Members of the Rotary Christmas Parade Committee reserve the right to refuse entry prior to parade day or during the parade.

NEXT STEP:

You've come this far! Yay! Thank you for taking the time and for understanding that this information is important to be clearly defined for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Now that you have read through the Rules & Guidelines and are ready to register, please go to Step 2 and complete the participant registration. If at any time you have difficulty with the registration or payment process, please feel free to email projectmanager@chilliwackchristmasparade.ca and the Project Manager will be happy to assist you.