



TOWN OF BOSTON BICENTENNIAL PARADE OFFICIAL RULES

**200
YEARS**

1. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from police and parade officials or be barred from the parade. The Boston Bicentennial Parade Committee reserve the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, while assembling or any time during the parade.
2. Vehicles will not be allowed in the parade unless pulling a float or providing transportation for pageant entrants. Exceptions will be for antique vehicles and other organized specialty car groups with prior approval.
3. Forward movement maneuvers only by marching units are permitted. No units may stop forward motion for performances except in the areas designated by the Boston Bicentennial Parade Committee. This stop may not exceed 90 seconds.
4. All parade units should maintain an equal distance during the parade route. Proper spacing of all units is important for the consistency of the parade. Boston Bicentennial Parade Committee members will monitor the distance and pace of the parade units.
5. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup. All city, county and NY State statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police before, during and after the parade.
6. Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade areas must possess a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old, and possess all liability vehicle insurance.
7. If you have equine or other animals as part of your unit, you must provide your own accompanying clean up personnel with shovels/rakes. Failure to comply will result in removal from the parade.
8. Sound devices must be at a compatible sound level. Parade officials have the complete authority in this matter and reserve the right to withdraw any unit that does not comply with their instructions to turn down or turn off sound when instructed to do so.
9. The Boston Bicentennial Parade Committee reserves the right to withdraw any unit of which costume or performance does not conform to the standards of reasonable public taste.
10. Political campaigning is not permitted.
11. The Boston Bicentennial Parade Committee's decision regarding all entries is final.
12. The Boston Bicentennial Parade Committee does not accept the responsibility for travel, food, or lodging expense of any unit.
13. The Boston Bicentennial Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.

FLOATS

1. Only vehicles pulling floats or providing transportation for pageant entries will be allowed in the parade. Exceptions will be considered for antique vehicles and other organized specialty car groups with prior approval. Vehicles that are pulling floats should be incorporated as much as possible into the float and decorated accordingly.
2. All banners must be neatly lettered and legible.
3. NO decorations and or float construction material may protrude from the side of the float. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.
4. All floats must have handholds or standup holds for each rider on the float. Any self-propelled float must have a spotter beside the float, who is in two-way communication (e.g. two-way radio) with the float driver.
5. No participants may jump on a float to ride and not interfere with any other unit in any way. Float capacity will not be exceeded. No participants will dismount from a float during the parade route. Participants will not have body parts, particularly legs and feet, extending past the sides, front or rear of the float. This is an extreme safety hazard.

BANDS – MARCHING/WALKING UNITS

1. All marching units must maintain forward motion. Routines that cause gaps will not be permitted.
2. No unit may stop forward motion to perform except in areas designated by the Boston Bicentennial Committee. Performance stops may not last more than 90 seconds.
3. If for any reason there is a large gap, marching units must increase their pace to close the gap.
4. Participants must be suitably costumed. Walking groups must be dressed in uniform that easily identifies walkers as a part of the same group.
5. No vehicle may accompany marching units without written approval.

LINE-UP

1. All entries will be assigned a line-up number and receive further instructions about the parade upon receipt and approval of the application.
2. **Line-up will begin at 10am** on May 29, 2017 at Churchill United Methodist Church located at 8019 Boston State Road, Boston, NY 14025.
3. Participants **MUST** arrive to parade line-up location no later than 12:15pm or risk not participating.

ROUTE

The parade will exit Churchill to the left (North) and proceed along Boston State Road to Boston Town Hall. Participants will exit right onto the 1st driveway at Town Hall.