



NORDIC FEST

PARADE ENTRY RULES & REGULATIONS

• GENERAL

- Nordic Fest Board members and parade marshals are volunteers. All entries must follow their direction before, during, and after the parade. Coordinating the parade takes a significant amount of time and talent, and Nordic Fest appreciates your understanding and kindness shared towards the volunteers that help make the parade possible!
- Any entry deemed in poor taste or offensive to the general public will not be allowed to participate. Keep in mind the Nordic Fest parade is part of a family-friendly festival and every unit should be appropriate for this audience. The Nordic Fest Board and parade marshals reserve the right to refuse an entry, even at the morning event line-up.

• PARADE ENTRY LOGISTICS

- A description of the unit must be included on the parade entry form. If plans change from what is described, organizers must notify the Nordic Fest Board in advance.
- Each unit must have an entry form and parade lineup number. Parade entry lineup numbers will be assigned and sent to the contact name on the entry registration. It is the contact's responsibility to share that number and information with all parties in the unit.
 - Parade order is up to the sole discretion of the Nordic Fest Board and parade marshals.
- All entry vehicles must carry adequate insurance coverage and be driven by a competent, licensed driver. The parade contact is responsible for informing drivers of the entry lineup number, lineup locations, and pick-up area.
- Though the parade is a non-political event, current office holders are allowed as an office holder, not as a candidate running for re-election or any other office.
 - Elected officials currently serving in city, county, state, and national office are permitted to appear in the parade as dignitaries and may be identified solely by name and current office.
- Parade entries are encouraged to celebrate diversity and inclusivity without promoting specific political agendas or lobbying efforts.

• DURING THE PARADE

- For the safety of all, candy or other handouts may not be thrown from vehicles. Giveaway items must be handed to spectators by walking members of the parade entry or thrown to the curb seating area from no more than 3 feet away.
- Parade participants are permitted to distribute candy, promotional items, and/or printed materials that are family-friendly and non-political in nature. Distribution of materials promoting specific political candidates or containing extreme political rhetoric is prohibited to maintain a family-friendly atmosphere.
- Squirt guns or devices that spray water are prohibited.
- Entries with animals must have a clean up crew following them, along with an adequate water supply.
- The display of firearms is reserved for the military honor guard, local sheriffs department, and local police departments.
- It is the responsibility of each entry to maintain a reasonable pace to eliminate gaps in the flow of the parade. Volunteer parade marshals will be along the parade route and will work to help keep the parade moving.
- Any parade entry with children under the age of 18 must have adult supervision on the float/entry at all times. Adult supervision must be someone other than the driver.
- All parade entries must follow the entirety of the parade route, including the guided route exit, to assist with traffic flow as directed by the Decorah Police Department and parade marshals.