

2012 Niagara Falls Canada Day Celebrations

Date of Event: Sunday, July 1, 2012

PARADE RULES

Entry Deadline is Friday, May 4, 2012

All Participants:

1. Completed Entry Forms and Permission Forms must be received by May 4, 2012
2. All entries must be based upon a Canada Day theme and entertaining to a family audience, primarily of children.
3. Minimum age for Parade walkers or marching Parade participants is 7 years.
4. There is a float height restriction of 3.35 metres (11 feet) from the ground to the top of the display.
5. All equestrian and live animal entrants must provide their own clean-up crew who shall be easily identifiable as part of the group
6. All Parade Entries MUST provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$2 million, by May 4, 2012. The certificate format MUST name "The City of Niagara Falls" as an Also/Additional Insured.
7. Each Mascot walking in the Parade MUST have at least one handler. Both Mascot and Handler are to walk on the sidelines of the Parade, to ensure safety.
8. In order to ensure safety during the Parade, floats carrying passengers are required to be constructed with safety railings around the perimeter of the trailer OR all passengers are to be seated while the vehicle is in motion.
9. Where a float will utilize a combustible fuel powered generator, or other possible fire hazard, participants MUST supply an appropriate fire extinguisher on their vehicle.
10. All floats MUST be self propelled, unless otherwise agreed to. It is the responsibility of the entrant to supply their own gas and driver.
11. Demonstrations or performances are not to stop the forward motion of the Parade.
12. Any entrant considered to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be removed from the parade.
13. Participants in the parade shall not be consuming or giving the impression of consuming alcoholic beverages, and shall refrain from smoking during their participation in the parade.
14. For safety reasons, candy or other items may be distributed from the street level only, NOT thrown from a float.
15. Participants must ride on the inside of the float. No one is to sit on the edge of the float trailer with feet dangling over the sides. It is strongly recommended that children be securely seated and supervised on the floats.
16. A detailed drawing or photograph must accompany all motorized or mechanical entrants. All motorized vehicles must be clean and in proper working condition.
17. An entry may be refused up to the start of the Parade should the entry not meet Parade guidelines or differ from its approved entry form.
18. All Entries will be notified in June of their Participation Status.

The City of Niagara Falls and the Optimist Club are not responsible nor will be held liable for any costs incurred with the production of any Entry to the Niagara Falls Canada Day Celebrations.