



Parade Rules and Regulations

Entrants must observe all rules and regulations listed below. Entrants must also follow all instructions from police and parade officials at all times on parade day.

The NC Watermelon Festival Parade Committee reserve the right to accept and/or deny entrants, therefore all entrants require prior approval. The committee's decision regarding all entries is final.

The NC Watermelon Festival Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade at any point on parade day.

This is an Agriculture theme parade. All participants should decorate accordingly.

1. **NO** materials may be thrown along the parade route (**this includes confetti**). Candy and/or materials may be given out by walkers **ONLY**. If an entry has walkers, there should be at least 2, one for each side of the street.
2. 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 town, county, and NC State statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police, before, during, and after the parade.
3. Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade areas must posses a valid driver's license, be at least **18 years old**, and possess all liability vehicle insurance.
4. All handlers of any approved livestock, wild and/or domestic animals are required to make prior arrangements for clean up, if necessary, in the staging area and along the parade route.
5. The use of high intensity sound making devices is strongly discouraged. **ALL** music should be censored and contain **NO** profanity. Sound of **ANY** type must be approved by the NC Watermelon Festival Parade Committee and meet the Sound Ordinance Requirements set by the Town of Murfreesboro.

6. Costumes worn by parade participants should **NOT** be provocative and they should conform to the standards of reasonable public taste. Costumes are to be family friendly and age appropriate. The NC Watermelon Festival Parade Committee reserves the right to deny entry and pull out an entry day of the parade, if participants attire isn't deemed acceptable.
7. Performances by parade participants must meet the standards of public taste and be family friendly. Provocative performances are **NOT** allowed.
8. Political Campaigning is **NOT** permitted. Politicians are welcome to participate in the parade but handing out materials, flyers, etc. is not permitted.
9. Decorations and/or float construction material should not protrude excessively from the side of the float. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.
10. **NO** participants may jump on or off a float during the parade route. This is an extreme safety hazard. Riders are **NOT** to dismount until they return to the assembly area.
11. All entries will be assigned a line-up number and receive further instructions about the parade line-up upon approval of your application.
12. All marching units must maintain forward motion. Performance stops may not last more than 90 seconds. Members of the marching units should be at least **10 years old**.

Entrants that do not comply with these rules and regulations will be removed at any point throughout the parade and jeopardize their future participation in the NC Watermelon Festival Parade.



By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the Rules and Regulations set by the NC Watermelon Festival Parade Committee.

I understand that if my parade entry does not comply to these rules and regulations that we may be removed at any point during the parade and could jeopardize future participation in the NC Watermelon Festival Parades.

Entry Name/Person Responsible: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____