

66th Annual Santa Claus Parade

Rules and Regulations

- The Parade starts at 10:00am. Your float must be at the designated position no later than 9:00am. Once the Entry enters the Staging Area, the Entry then comes under the authority of the Parade Chair and the committee.
- ATV's & Side by Side's are permitted. However, at the end of the parade route, they fall under the highway traffic act and must be picked up.
- Helmets must be worn by any rider/passenger under the age of 18 years on any scooter, go cart, motorcycle, ATV, UTV, or any similar motorized vehicle, or device.
- Entry acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Parade marshal. **All decisions are final.**
- Participants shall not throw, handout or project by any means, any items from parade entries. However, participants on foot are allowed to hand out candy and/or promotional items before and/or during the parade using the sidewalk and/or within 3 feet of the curb. All candy along the route, but it must be prewrapped.
- Items may only pass from hand-to-hand. Under no circumstances are items to be thrown or tossed anywhere along the parade route.
- Participants are required to yield right of way to all emergency vehicles.
- **NO SANTA'S** are allowed except on the official Santa Claus float. Non-compliance will result in the immediate removal of the entry.
- **NO SOLICITING.** If you are caught soliciting, you will be removed from the parade immediately.
- All vehicles and towed vehicles must be compliant with Provincial laws and deemed to be safe for operation.
- You are responsible for the safety of all participants associated with your Entry.
- All persons riding on floats or vehicles shall only do so in a safe and reasonable manner, remaining seated within the vehicle body, taking into consideration the movement of the floats and vehicles.
- No participant may leave the float, vehicle, or entry at any time prior to the conclusion of the parade route. (They may not switch from riding the float to walking to riding the float again)
- All components of your Entry must stay with your Entry. No mascots, volunteers, collectors, or distributors should overflow to Entries before or after yours. Please respect everyone's space.
- All drivers must have a clear and unobstructed view in all directions.
- All drivers must always have complete control of moving equipment.
- All drivers must always maintain a constant forward motion. Drivers cannot slowdown to speedup.
- All Entries must be decorated with Christmas spirit. Seasonal music is strongly encouraged. The Parade Chair will determine compliance. Recognition of your commercial sponsors is acceptable if it is done tastefully.
- The height of each float is limited to 8 feet above the bed of the supporting vehicle, including participants. In no case will a float, vehicle or entry exceed a maximum height of 13'6". Any float 50 feet in length or more must be approved by the Special Events Committee.
- All floats, vehicles and entries must have a person of the age of 21 or older as a participant and/or driver.

- All Entries must be driven by a licensed driver for the class of vehicle being operated, and a copy of a valid vehicle insurance verification at the time of the parade.
- Alcoholic beverages, drugs, smoking, or vaping are **stickily forbidden** on any entry. Any participant suspected of being under the influence will be removed from the parade.
- No person operating a vehicle or other moving equipment shall be permitted to operate a handheld device, i.e., cellphone (no texting), while in the parade route.
- The Parade Committee has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for those choosing to abuse our Volunteers or entries. Please promptly report violators to Parade Officials on route (or afterwards to the Parade Marshall or Parade Chair).
- Please respect other parade Entries – just as you wish your Entry to be respected.
- Floats with children\participants on it and\or walkers are to proceed down High Street towards Riverside Convenience.
- Parking will be available along Scott Ave in special event parking for people needing to pick up participants. Please arrange this within your organization. The committee is not responsible for parking\picking up.
- Barricades must be set, moved, or removed by personnel authorized by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor only.
- No person, other than authorized Town officials, shall place any sign or device intended to regulate the movement of traffic.
- Parking is not permitted in front of barricades.
- Signs or other material are prohibited from being affixed to any barricade by anyone other than Town officials.
- Only Municipal Police and other personnel authorized by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor are permitted to direct traffic.
- All Parade entries will be subject to inspection by the Grand Falls-Windsor Fire Department. If, for any reason, an entry is found to be hazardous or unsafe, it must be modified to the satisfaction of the inspector or removed from the parade.
- Generators must be used in well-ventilated areas and not inside vehicle passenger areas.
- All floats must be equipped with a Class ABC fire extinguisher.
- Fire Zone parking restrictions will be enforced.
- Parade must always maintain a forward motion. Strict adherence to start and end time must be enforced.
- If horses or other animals are a part of your event, you will be responsible for cleaning up after them (a diaper is recommended).
- Sirens will not be sounded in the vicinity of the SPCA, from Columbus Drive to Duggan Street (Penney Paving).
- Sirens will not be sounded along High Street.

I/We have read and agree to adhere to the above guidelines. I/We understand that it is my/our responsibility to ensure all members of our team/float are informed of the guidelines.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____