



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

City of Dublin, Ohio USA  
Saturday, July 4, 2015

# Parade Rules & Regulations

Parade marshals and monitors will be posted along the parade route to ensure the safety of parade participants and guests and to keep spacing between units consistent.

1. A great time must be had by all!
2. The applicant shall be responsible for the conduct of all of its participants and agrees to notify ALL participants of these rules and regulations.
3. All items must be given HAND-TO-HAND at the curb by walking along the parade route next to spectators. It is very dangerous for spectators to run into the street for candy or other hand-outs. No throwing is permitted. The City reserves the right inspect and approve any items (other than fliers or other printed paper products) distributed during the parade.
4. All parade units must comply with the maximum number of participants.
5. Noise levels in your parade unit may not exceed a level deemed appropriate by the City of Dublin. The sound levels will monitored throughout the event and must cease or be lowered when the sound levels have become excessive, in the sole discretion of the Event Staff.
6. In addition to the signage requirements, each Parade Unit entered by a parade participant must comply with the parade theme and/or meet the guidelines for entertainment values.
7. Drivers and all vehicles participating in the parade must have insurance as required by the State of Ohio. Drivers must also possess a valid driver's license. Standing on roof of vehicles is not permitted.
8. Owner must follow up with their vehicle's manufacturer or the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (<https://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>) to confirm that the vehicle entered in the parade has not been identified to have mechanical defects. The owner warrants that the vehicle is in sound mechanical condition with no known defects or safety concerns.
9. Parade units must line up in the space they have been assigned.
10. Parade units must be less than 13'6" in height and must comply with parade entry guidelines.
11. During the parade, the driver must maintain 20' – 30' (2-3 car lengths) from the preceding unit.
12. No one may step on or off a float or any motorized unit until it is at a COMPLETE stop.
13. All floats are required to have a fire extinguisher on board.
14. All decorative materials should be flame retardant. The use of open flames on any entry is PROHIBITED
15. No alcohol or glassware is allowed in the parade. Bottled water and cans of soda are permitted.



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16. Animals must be listed on the parade application. All animals must have updated vaccinations, be in good medical health and be able to cope with crowds and other animals. The City of Dublin is NOT responsible for cleaning up after animals. You must provide someone to clean up immediately, if necessary, after the animal. Violators of this rule will be removed from the parade.
17. No parade units will be permitted to discharge firecrackers, caps, blanks, incendiary devices or other equipment that might startle or excite animals in the parade.
18. Continuous blowing of loud horns or sirens is PROHIBITED
19. Any person riding a bicycle, wearing rollerblades, using a skateboard or other wheeled apparatus, must wear a helmet. No exceptions.
20. The parade begins promptly at 11 a.m. Due to the size of the parade and traffic limitations, motorized units should be in position by 9:30 a.m. Walking units should be in position by 10 a.m. If units are not in place by the time in which they are assigned, they may lose their spot in the parade.
21. Parade Units must at all times keep forward movement and not stop unless it is required to keep a safe distance from Unit ahead.
22. At the end of the parade, if a motorized unit needs to stop to drop-off or pick-up people, the unit must pull into the designated area on the left of High Street near Waterford. All other motorized units must continue moving either south on High Street or return to Metro Center via Waterford Drive. Walking units may disperse at Waterford Drive.
23. Plan to have a pre-arranged pick-up spot for parade participants at Metro Place North and Metro Place South. There is a police officer at the Information Tent on Metro Place North for lost children.
24. Anyone that violates any part of above rules and regulations will first be given a verbal or written warning and, upon a second such violation, may be asked not to return to the parade. The City of Dublin has the right to remove any parade unit from the line-up at their sole discretion for a violation of any applicable rule or law.