

BOWMANVILLE SANTA CLAUS PARADE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SAFETY IS OUR FIRST CONCERN

Note: While it is not the wish of the Bowmanville Santa Claus Parade Committee to place many restrictions on parade participants, the following are established as the minimum rules and regulations, and we require your cooperation in observing them. All parade entries are subject to approval by the Bowmanville Parade Committee for being accepted as such. Parade participants are responsible for their own safety and the parade committee will not be held responsible for any accidents.

FLOATS AND FILLERS

1. All participants must use a Christmas theme in their decorations, music, float design and/or costumes. **NONE TO BE DRESSED AS SANTA.**
2. A limit of one entry into the Parade is permitted per organization and limited to a maximum length of 53 feet.
3. All participants are responsible for ensuring that the design and operation of their entry is safe and reliable. Entries must comply with all safety, regulations, listening, codes, etc. Safety of participants and the public is a top priority. Safety is the ultimate responsibility of each individual entry.
4. Float trailers must abide by all road legal laws for their classification. Such as safety chains if needed, unless a hay wagon which has different rules, but must be pulled by a farm legal vehicle. *
A Parade Committee Volunteer will be inspecting the float trailers as they pull up.
5. Participants should not be transported on open roads to or from the parade on the back of motorized vehicles, trailers, etc. Participants should not have their feet dangling over the sides of entries motorized vehicles, trailers, etc. Participants should be seated or in a static standing position on entries with motorized vehicles, trailers, etc.
6. Entries must always maintain a forward motion unless they are asked to stop by a parade Marshall, or an emergency stop is required. All entries must keep pace with the parade to prevent gaps between entries and ensure the parade is finished on time so roads can be reopened to traffic.
7. Under no circumstances is anything to be thrown or tossed along the parade route. This includes candy and snowballs (if they exist). Participants may distribute individually packaged candy by hand to spectators. Please do so at the edge of the road as we do not want children encouraged to run into the street. If you intend to hand out candy, please carry your supply with you. Restocking from a moving vehicle not only poses a danger to participants but causes delays in the parade.

8. All parade entries and participants must be decorated based on the theme of the parade. Motorized vehicles and trailers included. Entries that are not decorated may be removed from the parade at the discretion of Bowmanville Santa Claus Parade Committee. Remember, this is for the children and isn't to drive an undecorated vehicle on the route to advertise your business.
9. Parade entries are not permitted to sell any goods or services along the parade route or in the staging areas.
10. Parade participants shall not consume alcohol and will refrain from smoking (tobacco, marijuana, or others) during their parade participation. No derogatory language may be used during the parade participation.
11. Advertising will be restricted to entry/float displays. No entry will hand out literature, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, flyers or any other written or printed materials to parade spectators.
12. Entrants will be responsible for the safety of participants.
13. Recognized community groups other than bands, involving children under the age of 12 years, must have adult supervision (16 years old and up) (one adult for every four children). Individual walkers under the age of 12 years are not permitted, unless accompanied by an adult for the entire parade route, due to safety and weather conditions.
14. If your entry includes animals, it will be your responsibility that any animal waste/droppings are immediately cleaned up from the parade route and the surrounding area.
15. Each entry must identify a Captain who is responsible for reporting to a parade representative.

RE: BANDS – MUSIC SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON For purposes of these rules and regulations, the following definitions apply:

HEIGHT RESTRICTION: Total height of your float and attractions not to exceed 13.5'

FLOAT: full sized farm wagons or low flat bed trailers. Trailer and tow vehicle not to exceed 53'

FILLER: snowmobile-sized trailers, organized group of walkers, motorized vehicles

BANDS: organized marching. ANIMALS: individual or group

Any entry may be refused up to the start of the parade if it does not meet these guidelines or differs from its approved entry form. Floats must be present 30 minutes before the start of the parade, or they won't be let in. This is for the safety of everyone involved.

Parade Marshals

Parade Marshals are in the orange reflective vests. Please follow their directions! They are trying to work in the best interest of public safety and for the enjoyment all participants and spectators.