

## **Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce (ACCC) Parade Rules and Liability Waiver**

All participants must complete and sign this form before the parade begins. The principal purpose of the parade is to entertain and develop community spirit; therefore, the following rules must be followed:

1. There shall be NO obscene signs or statements (written or oral) on any parade entry. Allegheny's parades are "G-rated" events for all ages. Obscene language, provocative behavior, vulgar presentations, and other disruptive behavior are prohibited.
2. The only amplified sound permitted from parade entries will be music. Political speeches and religious preaching are not allowed.
3. Any entry vehicle, trailer, or float should be decorated to match parade's theme whenever possible. This includes Media vans, antique vehicles, motor clubs or other organizations, Cars transporting pageant winners or other dignitaries, pick-up trucks transporting children, scout troops, bands, etc.
4. Whenever possible, the name of the sponsoring organization or business should be displayed on each side of the float/vehicle/entry or in front if walking/marching
5. All floats, cars, trucks, and modes of transportation must be driven safely along the parade route. In addition, ALL drivers must have a valid driver's license.

Burnouts, wheelies, high-speed stops, and starts will not be tolerated. Law enforcement will be asked to remove you from the parade, and you may be ticketed for any violation of laws. Stunts performed by highly trained specialty groups (i.e., Shriner's Club, Hillbillyz, Lit'l Trucks) may receive special consideration when brought to the Chamber's Parade Team prior to the start of the parade.

6. Drivers and passengers in all parade entries, or anyone found using or having used drugs, alcohol, or any other impairing substance, legal or otherwise, will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
7. For safety, no objects of any kind, including candy, may be thrown to spectators along the parade route. Walkers may hand items directly to spectators.
8. Animal caretakers must clean staging areas before departing and have some method of controlling waste (or designated clean-up person) during the parade.
9. The ACCC is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to persons or property before, during, or after the parade. Participants are encouraged to carry applicable insurance coverage.
10. The ACCC will have the final authority over the positioning of entries in the parade and the acceptability of any entry. Entrants must follow the schedule for the parade line-up and adhere to assigned placement to avoid issues and excessive movements along the established staging area.
11. Organized walking units shall be in uniform or costume, maintain the same pace as the parade whenever possible, and have a banner of identification.
12. Firearms, weapons, firecrackers, and other explosive devices are strictly forbidden during and by the parade participants.
13. The ACCC has the proper and full authority to reject any entry that does not meet the rules, is considered unsafe, or could be considered offensive or inappropriate to the general public. The parade committee will review entries not covered in the above categories on a case-by-case basis.
14. For the Christmas Parade, ACCC will arrange for one and only one adult Santa to be in the parade. If you would like to be considered for that annual rotation, please contact the Chamber office. No other adult Santas will be allowed in the parade and will be politely asked to change or withdraw from participation (child, cut-outs, inflatables, and pet Santas are permitted).

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### **Participant waiver and release from liability**

In consideration of allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any way in the above-referenced Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce, a North Carolina Profit Entity, sponsored parade, or related events and activities (collectively referred to as the "Event"). I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, guardians, heirs, and next of kin, and any legal and personal representative, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, knowingly and voluntarily enter into the Participant Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement and agree to all of the above-stated rules.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge, covenant, and agree that participation in Parade activities on public highways entails known and unanticipated risks. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to and from as well as participating in the Event and its related activities, which may include but are not limited to, the following: physical injury, emotional injury, permanent disability, paralysis, heart attack, death, damage to myself, equipment/property, or third parties, contact with other participants, spectators, animals, exposure to extreme conditions.

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**Please Print Full Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**