

Rules for Hyde Park Parades

The following Parade Rules are designed to ensure and preserve the public peace and good order, and are promulgated pursuant to the Town of Hyde Park's power to maintain the safety of all parade participants and spectators.

These Parade Rules apply to parade line-up, the main parade and closing ceremonies, will be strictly enforced. Violation of these Parade Rules may result in immediate ejection from the parade and in other penalties consistent with the Hyde Park Town Code. Whether actions or behavior constitute violations of these Parade Rules is within the sole discretion of the Town Officer or Representative informing the violator of the violation. Violators may forfeit the right to participate in future parades.

1. The distribution of literature, advertising, samples, fruit, or gifts of any kind by float riders or walkers in the parade is prohibited. Walkers shall be permitted to hand candy to spectators.

Under no circumstances shall candy be thrown, especially from vehicles.

2. Displaying, attaching or carrying any political campaign materials of any type, along the parade route is prohibited. Any entries consisting of or expressing political viewpoints are prohibited. Campaigning for political office or ballot propositions by float riders or walkers is prohibited.

3. The use of foul language or inappropriate behavior is prohibited. Parade participants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous manner.

4. The consumption of alcohol at any time by float riders, walkers and spectators is prohibited. Violators are subject to the penalties stated in Hyde Park Town Code § 35-5.

5. On approach of an **Emergency Vehicle**, all units will give way as far right as possible.

6. All units must make all reasonable efforts keep the parade line-of-march tight, avoiding gaps if at all possible. Floats should be constructed such that:

- The view of the driver is not obstructed.
- There are grab bars and handles for riders.
- They are structurally sound so there is no risk of collapse
- Fire danger and carbon monoxide hazard is minimized.

7. Float riders shall not hang over the edge of floats at any time.

8. Children in all units must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Floats that are signed up for competition in the July 4th Parade will be judged on:

Overall appearance, use of the theme, construction, special effects and costumes/uniforms.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded at the end of the parade.

**Please direct questions or concerns to Diane Cullen, Recreation Leader,
at 229-8086 x4 or recprogramleader@hydeparkny.us.**

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