



Hyde Park Parade Rules

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 rules apply to the parade line-up, the main parade and closing ceremonies, and will be strictly enforced. Violation of any of the 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, or gifts of any kind by float riders or walkers in the parade is prohibited. Walkers shall be permitted to hand candy to spectators at curbside.
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, line up or end of parade 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/ illegal drugs at any time by parade participants 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 possible.
7. 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 - Fire danger and carbon monoxide hazard is minimized.
 - Float riders shall not hang over the edge of floats at any time.
 - Children in all units must be supervised by an adult at all times.
8. All pets must be on a leash.
9. Entries involving animals of any kind walking in the parade must provide "pooper-scoopers" to clean up immediately if needed.
10. By my participation, I expressly agree and promise to accept all the risks existing in this parade. I or my group's participating in this activity is purely voluntary and elect to participate in spite of the risks. I hereby voluntary release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Hyde Park from any and all claims, demands or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of the Town of Hyde Park equipment or facilities, including such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of the Town of Hyde Park, except if such claims, demands, or causes of action arise out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Town of Hyde Park.

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