

# Upper Arlington Civic Association Independence Day Parade Rules and Regulations 2019

The Upper Arlington Civic Association reserves the right to reject any entry either before or during the parade that does not abide by the published rules and regulations and/or the true purpose and spirit of the Independence Day celebration.

The following rules and regulations have been created to assure the best possible parade for both participants and the viewing public. Safety is our primary concern, as such; the Upper Arlington Civic Association (UACA) is not responsible for weather-related injuries incurred while participating in the parade. Please use your judgment when deciding to participate during inclement weather.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Submit applications for entry to the UACA Fourth of July Committee Parade Chairs. Once received, you will be assigned a parade position. Your position, plus information regarding entering and exiting the parade route will be sent to you one week prior to the parade date.
2. The parade is on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and it begins at the corner of Northwest Blvd. and Zollinger Rd. (near the Kingsdale Shopping Center) at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting.
3. Participants that elect to have their entry judged will have a maximum of **60** seconds to perform in front of the Float Judges at the corner of Northwest Boulevard and Zollinger Road.
4. Performances for participants in the parade will be limited to specific zones on the parade route: Zollinger & NW (Float Judges Bleachers), Ridgeview, Northam, West Lane Ave., between Essex Road/Guildford Road, between Barrington Road/Glenn Road and must adhere to the 60 second time limit.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **ALL ENTRANTS:**

5. This is a non-commercial parade. No advertising of any kind is permitted. If the truck pulling your entry has a logo, the logo must be covered if it exceeds the dimension of 1' x 2' (2 sq. ft.).
6. This is a non-political parade. No political organizations, individuals, costumes, fliers, etc., are permitted.
7. Candy, souvenirs or any other items may **NOT** be thrown due to the danger of children running into the street or viewers being struck in the eye.
8. No materials (i.e. candy, flyers, trinkets) may be distributed along the route during the parade. The prohibitions on throwing or distributing materials will be strictly enforced by the parade officials and the Upper Arlington Police.
9. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the staging area or along the parade route.
10. Water guns, "super-soakers," and water balloons are strictly prohibited.
11. Automobiles not officially entered in the parade are not permitted in the parade staging area.
12. Members of groups who wish to ride in the parade must do so on a single float or truck, not in individual cars. The exception to this would be the use of antique vehicles as defined below.
13. No one can enter or exit any parade vehicle (including floats) while it is moving. Communication must be made with the driver to bring the vehicle to a full stop so riders can enter or exit the vehicle safely.

### **ANTIQUE/SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES:**

14. All antique cars and/or trucks must be at least 40 years old (1979), or be a "special interest" vehicle to participate in the parade. Each vehicle should have a sign indicating the year and make.

### **FLOATS:**

15. State law prohibits riding to and from the parade on a float.
16. For safety reasons, all floats must be pulled and a "non-jack knifing" linkage must be used. No driver or any other rider may be concealed inside the float.
17. All motorized vehicles must be operated by individuals properly licensed for the type of vehicle being used.
18. Float decorations may not interfere with a vehicle operator's clear and unobstructed view of the route. Exhaust systems must remain unobstructed. Fire proof or fire retardant construction materials are strongly encouraged.
19. Due to low hanging power lines, lights and trees, the overall height of an entry cannot exceed 13'-6".
20. Your entry number sign, which will be sent with your parade kit, must be prominently displayed on the left side of the vehicle.
21. All entries that include children must have an adequate number of adult leaders to supervise.
22. Optional judging of floats will take place as your entry passes the judging stand at the beginning of the parade route (at Donatos on Northwest Blvd). This is the time to 'put it all together' for the judges.
23. Judgable floats will be limited to performances of 60 seconds or less.
24. The parade awards will be announced at the Party in the Park, prior to the fireworks display.