



Upper Arlington Civic Association Fourth of July Parade Rules and Regulations



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

Submit applications for entry to the UACA Fourth of July Committee Parade Chairs. Once received and approved, 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.

The parade is on July 4th, and it begins at the corner of Northwest Blvd. and Zollinger Road (near the Kingsdale Shopping Center) at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL ENTRANTS:

1. This is a non-commercial parade. **No advertising of any kind is permitted.** If your entry has a corporate logo, the logo must be covered if it exceeds the dimension of 1' x 2' (2 sq. ft.).
2. This is a non-political parade. No political organizations, individuals, fliers, etc., are permitted.
3. Candy, souvenirs or any other items may **NOT** be thrown due to the danger of children running into the street.
4. No materials may be distributed along the route during the parade. Throwing or distributing materials will be strictly prohibited, and enforced by the parade officials and the Upper Arlington Police.
5. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the staging area or along the parade route.
6. Water guns and water balloons are strictly prohibited.
7. Automobiles not officially entered in the parade are not permitted in the parade staging area or on the parade route.
8. Members of groups who wish to ride in the parade must do so on a single entry, not in individual cars. The exception to this would be the use of antique vehicles as defined below.
9. 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.

10. As of 2024, please keep any entry performance to 2:00-3:00 minutes in length.

- Performance locations:
 - The beginning of the parade route for Parade Judges (at Donatos on Northwest Blvd).
 - The intersection of Northwest Blvd. and Lane Avenue.
 - Performances outside of the above locations are encouraged to be choreographed as “on the move”.
- All entries are expected to keep pace with the entry directly preceding so as to keep the parade moving and avoid large gaps.

ANTIQUE VEHICLES:

11. All antique vehicles must be at least **45 years old to participate in the parade**. Each vehicle should have a sign indicating the year, make and model.

Note: Antique vehicles that are not 45 years or older, but have participated in Upper Arlington Fourth of July Parades in 2023 or prior will be grandfathered under the previous (2023 and before) rules and regulations. Grandfathered vehicles will be permitted to participate. Any questions, please contact the parade chairs.

FLOATS:

12. State law prohibits riding to and from the parade on a float.

13. For safety reasons, if floats are pulled, a “non-jack knifing” linkage must be used.

14. All motorized vehicles must be operated by individuals properly licensed for the type of vehicle being used.

15. 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.

16. Due to low hanging power lines, lights and trees, the overall height of an entry cannot exceed 13'-6".

17. Your entry number sign, which will be sent with your parade kit, must be prominently displayed on the left side of the vehicle.

18. All entries that include children must have an adequate number of adult leaders to supervise.

19. 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).

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21. The parade awards will be announced at the Party in the Park, prior to the fireworks display. Entries who receive awards will be contacted via phone call on the afternoon of July 4th.