



2023 Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade Entry Rules & Regulations

The Portland Rose Festival Foundation and its Parade Steering Committee reserve the right to remove any entry from the parade, either prior to assembly, at assembly, or at any time during the parade. Any entry not conforming to rules and regulations or any entrant who refuses to follow instructions of police or parade officials will be removed from the parade.

1. Parade entries must arrive on time and follow the directions of parade officials.
2. Entries must be appropriate for a family audience. All parade participants must be in costume or uniform and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
3. No children younger than 14 years of age may participate in the Grand Floral Parade without approval from the Parade Steering Committee.
4. Entry should not focus on religious, political, ideological, or controversial themes or issues. Use of any political sign, social or political material or improper use of the American flag is not permitted. Proper use of the flag is based upon the U.S. flag policy set forth in the U.S. Code.
5. No livestock, equestrians, dogs, domestic animals, birds, reptiles or other animals are permitted in the parade without prior written approval from the Parade Steering Committee. Approved animals will be subject to restrictions.
6. Nothing may be handed out or thrown in the formation area, along the line of march, or in the disband area. People in the official parade lineup are prohibited from distributing merchandise, gifts, candy, literature or other materials (e.g. silly string, water pistols, etc.). Balloons are not allowed in the parade.
7. Absolutely no physical contact is permitted with parade spectators along the route or in the formation area once parade begins. Do not cross the painted honor line.
8. No smoking, open fire or flames, fireworks or firearms of any kind are allowed on or near a float or other parade entry at any time.
9. Participants may not pick flowers or other materials from the floats or change the floral designs and/or displays in any way.
10. Parade participants must keep pace with the line of march. No counter-marching or any other maneuver contrary to the forward progress of the parade is allowed. (Official parade spacing is 30-50 feet between entries.)
11. Alcoholic beverages, marijuana and other controlled substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any parade participant. Participants who consume alcohol prior to parade start are not permitted to enter the line of march, and people who use alcohol, marijuana or other controlled substances during the parade will be removed.