

2018 GUIDELINES FOR NORTH DAKOTA STATE PARADE ENTRANTS

GENERAL GUIDELINES

SIGNS ...

- Each parade entry will be assigned a number to represent its position in the parade.
- Each entrant is responsible to make **three 10" X 14"** white cardboard signs with black 9" tall and 2" wide numbers.
- Attach signs to both sides and to the front of the unit so the announcers at the viewing stands can identify you.
- Please make all signs look professional.
- Absolutely no changes will be made once the parade numbers have been assigned.

LINE-UP TIME ...

- Please be sure you arrive in plenty of time for line-up on the day of the parade.
- If possible, enter the parade line-up area from the south end of Broadway.
- **Please be courteous and clean up your staging area!**

ON THE PARADE ROUTE ...

- The Minot Police Department will maintain traffic and crowd control.
- Please look out for children on the parade route.
- **Please use WALKERS to hand out candy or other items. DO NOT THROW CANDY! MAKE SURE IT IS NOT ON THE ROAD!!!!**
- Anyone who is asked to leave the Parade for any reason will not receive free admission to the State Fair and may be denied entry into future parades.
- No T-Shirt cannons allowed.
- **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW RIDERS TO GET OFF OR ON A MOVING UNIT.**

DELAYS ...

- Please try to keep the parade moving. If you need to stop because of an emergency or breakdown pull over as far to the side of the street as possible so the parade can proceed.
- **Under no circumstances should you deliberately stop or delay the parade.**

AT THE END OF THE PARADE...

- **For the safety of everyone, a pick-up area has been established in the EAST PARKING LOT of the fairgrounds to meet after the parade—DO NOT STOP BEFORE! (See attached map) Under no circumstances should you try to meet anyone inside the fairgrounds! THIS CAUSES DELAYS FOR EVERYONE BEHIND YOU!!!!**

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

- All band members should be in uniform or uniformly dressed
- All entries must be clean, polished, and in good operating condition.
- All floats must have a theme and be decorated accordingly.
- Heritage should be depicted as it relates to North Dakota.
- Attire must be appropriate for the type of horse, wagon or era represented.
- Tack should be clean and in good condition.
- **Please remember, you must supply your own "pooper-scooper" for the duration of the parade. Otherwise you may be denied entry into future parades.**
- All royalty and VIP's (except for Grand Marshal) must supply their own transportation.
- Each youth group should be identifiable by its particular uniform if appropriate.
- Units must be washed, clean, in good condition, decorated, and represent a theme.
- There is a **\$5.00 judging fee for any entry that wishes to be judged** for the various awards.
- All awards are presented the following week at the ND State Fairgrounds.
- All judges' decisions are final.
- There is "**NO SMOKING**" in the line-up area, in or on vehicles during the duration of the parade.

The North Dakota State Parade is not responsible for accidents.