

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Association, Sherbrooke Village Restoration and the Christmas Parade Committee's first priority is to ensure the safety of all parade activities, volunteers, participants and committee members, and to ensure that they comply with health and safety regulations.
2. For an entry to be accepted into the parade it must conform to the parade's rules and regulations.
3. The parade committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any application.
4. There will be no premature exiting of the parade route. All groups must follow organizer's instructions and directions throughout the parade (marshaling and dispersal). It is imperative the dispersal instructions be obeyed.
5. All entries must be cleared through registration and in position by 4:30 pm, Sat., Dec. 1.
6. All floats must be decorated and incorporate the parade theme of "Holiday Spirit". We encourage all groups to play music – upbeat and festive. Music must be family friendly.
7. All vehicles participating in the parade **MUST** be at least 75% decorated. Any vehicle lacking decoration will not be permitted to participate.
8. An approved entry may be refused on parade day should the entry not meet parade guidelines or differ from its approved entry form.
9. No entry may depict anything controversial or otherwise offensive. Determination is at the sole discretion of the parade committee.
10. No candy or promotional material can be **thrown** into the crowd from floats or along the parade route. If your group would like to hand out candy or approved promotional materials, it must be done person-to-person by an adult only. Any group wishing to hand out items must provide samples and receive approval from the parade committee in advance of the parade time. Paper handouts are not permitted unless the handouts are physically attached to something (for example a candy cane). No handout will contain peanuts or peanut butter. All handouts must be approved by the committee.
11. Any corporate sampling/promotional items can be handed out for a fee.
12. There is **NO** solicitation for cash or ticket sales along the parade route.
13. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade are subject to removal from the parade.
14. Smoking is not permitted near any parade entries or along the parade route.
15. All children taking part in the parade must be vigilantly supervised by an adult and must be on a float or at least 20 feet away from a moving float or vehicle.
16. Parade Pace: All entries must be willing and sufficiently physically fit to maintain both the parade pace (3.8kph = 210ft/min) and distance of 20 feet (6m) must be maintained between parade units to prevent large gaps between entries as instructed by the "Parade Pacers". Units creating unnecessary gaps may be removed from the parade. Forward motion must be maintained.

## FLOATS

1. The size of float should fall within the following guidelines: 13' wide X 24' – 32' in length with a maximum height of 13'
2. Children on floats must be supervised by an adult.
3. Music on the floats is definitely encouraged, selections must be festive and family friendly.
4. Signage should be kept to a minimum and should be in proportion to the size of the float. Advertising on floats shall be limited to name and location of the Sponsor.
5. If participants will be standing on their float, there must be a side railing on the float. If participants will be seated on their float, they must be 3 feet from low edges.
6. All participants must contribute to the theme of the group's entry (costumes, props, etc.)
7. All entries must be responsible for ensuring that the design and operation of their float/entry is safe and reliable. The driver must remember at all times that there are passengers on board and their safety is a top priority.
8. Floats with generators or other possible fire hazards must provide suitable fire extinguishing equipment onboard.
9. **No Santa Claus replica may be part of any entry other than the Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Santa**