



## 2020 Hamilton Santa Claus Parade Participant Rules

Welcome to the 2020 Hamilton Santa Claus Parade. We look forward to having you and your group participate in our yearly parade. With participation comes rules that all float riders, walkers and people assembling floats must follow. Rules are listed below.

- There is only **one Santa and Mrs Claus** that all the spectators are coming to see. Please ensure that there is no Santa or Mrs. Claus as part of your group as they will be asked to change out of their costume(s) and/or leave the parade.
- For the entertainment and enjoyment of those watching the parade, walking groups (parents included) must also be dressed in appropriate Christmas attire or uniforms. Please ensure that all participants and drivers included in your group act, dress and behave appropriate to the season. **Smiles and waves are mandatory.**
- Only parade entries with an approved application, who have fully paid the entry fee and provided any other necessary documents stated herein and on the application form will be permitted to participate in the parade.
- You must identify your entry with either a banner or sign not exceeding 2 feet x 8 feet carried in front of your entry.
- There will be no solicitation in the staging area and/or along the parade route.
- There will be no sampling, unless approved by the Parade Co-ordinator, either in the staging area or along the parade.
- No vendors are permitted unless pre-approved by the Hamilton Santa Claus Parade Committee in the staging area and/or along the parade route.

### Parade Safety Rules:

- Any parade entry deemed unsafe by the Hamilton Santa Claus Parade Committee or its designate will be denied entry into the parade.
- Anyone standing on a float must have a support of some kind. No person is to be wired or tied in a manner in which they cannot quickly release themselves.
- The driver of any vehicle or float must have a valid Ontario Driver's License. Drivers must remain with their vehicle at all times during the parade.
- Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant.



- All children and minors are the responsibility of the participating group and must be with an adult at all times during staging and participation in the parade.
- No one is to be within 18 inches of the edge of a float unless railed in. No one is to get on or off of a float once the parade has started moving and anywhere along the parade route.
- No candles or other open flames are permitted on floats.
- You are required to provide a minimum of 1 spotter on either side of your float to walk with your float to make sure all of these rules are being followed.
- People walking with a float must stay at least 3 feet from the side of a float.
- Horse entries are required to supply their own 'pooper-scooper'.

**Rules for handing out marketing materials to promote your group:**

- No printed materials of any kind are to be handed out in the staging area and/or along the parade route.
- Due to safety considerations, the throwing of candy, balloons, etc. will not be allowed. However these items may be HANDED to parade-goers via walking volunteers.
- Distributed items must be primarily for the entertainment and enjoyment of those who are watching the parade.
- Materials are only to be distributed between the official start and finish of the parade route.
- The participants that are handing out the materials must remain with the pace of the parade.
- You should have sufficient items so that they can be distributed along the entire route.
- Edible items are to be individually wrapped or packaged. Please ensure all candy is NUT FREE.

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