



## 2023 Hamilton Santa Claus Parade Participant Rules

Welcome to the 2023 Hamilton Santa Claus Parade, we look forward to having you and your group participate in our yearly parade. With participation there come some rules that all float riders, walkers and people assembling your floats must follow, these 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 the 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 will be permitted to participate in the parade.
- You must identify your entry with either a banner or sign not exceeding 2'0 x 8'0 carried in front of your entry.
- There will be no solicitation either in the staging area 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 approved by the Parade Co-ordinator, either in the staging area or along the parade route.

### **Float Safety Rules:**

- Any parade entry which, at the sole discretion of the Parade Co-ordinator or their designate, is deemed unsafe will be denied entry into the parade.
- Anyone standing on a float must have a support of some kind.
- 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 is moving. This also applies should the parade stop on route.
- You are required to provide a minimum of 2 spotters who will walk with your float to make sure these rules are being followed.
- People walking with a float must stay at least 3 feet from the side of a float.



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

- Nothing is to be thrown into the crowd.
- 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.

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