

Hanover Rotary Santa Claus Parade 2023

Rules and Regulations



1. Parade entries must not include a Santa or Mrs. Claus, or any representation (costumes, statues, posters, etc.) of either. Parade Marshals reserve the right to remove said items or disallow entry altogether.
2. All entries, whether a float, vehicle, individual, animal, or group walking, must be decorated with appropriate Christmas themed decorations and/or lighting.
3. No candy or other hand-outs may be thrown from floats or vehicles to the spectators; hand-delivery of items on the parade route is permitted. At no time must items be thrown.
4. Consumption of alcohol by parade participants is strictly prohibited.
5. Horse entries are responsible for provision of 'clean up' crews throughout the course of the parade route.
6. It is advised that horses and other animal entries have some form of illumination to ensure adequate visibility for safety.
7. Entries using combustible fuel-powered generators must supply appropriate fire extinguishing provisions at close proximity to the fuel source.
8. Open flames are strictly prohibited.
9. Walking participants not in organized marching groups must be a minimum of 12 years of age and carry a form of illumination for safety.
10. Floats carrying participants under 14 years of age must provide appropriate adult supervision at all times. Supervisors must not be a part of any performance/show, but rather be strictly available to supervise.
11. Jumping on/off floats is strictly prohibited.
12. Entries using inflatables must provide adequate ballast structures to maintain stability. Ballasts must be comprised of adequate materials and at no time are humans considered adequate to serve as a ballast.
13. All drivers of vehicles must possess a valid driver's license and insurance certificate and may be asked to produce either piece of documentation by Parade Marshals or security.
14. All entries must keep pace with the entry ahead of them and travel at a **MAXIMUM OF 10KM/hr**. Entries must maintain an appropriate pace throughout the duration of the parade.
15. There is **NO STOPPING** once the parade is underway. Performances must not stop the forward movement of the parade.
16. Air horns are not permitted; Music is permitted however must not interfere with other entries.
17. **ONE VEHICLE** per signed waiver will be accepted; multiple vehicles per entry require additional waivers.
18. Float assembly will begin at 5:45pm. **ALL ENTRIES MUST ENTER THE STAGING AREA FROM GREY ROAD #28** (north of Canadian Tire) **AND ONTO 12TH STREET** (adjacent to Home Hardware) at which time participant waivers will be collected and positioning into the parade route will be assigned. Entries must be in place **NO LATER** than 6:50pm. Final Inspection takes place prior to parade along with judging of entries.
19. Floats and entries will disembark at Foodland and will be directed by Parade Marshals at that time.
20. All entries must strictly adhere to the rules, regulations and instructions by Parade Marshals and may, at any time, be removed from the parade. Failure to comply may result in a ban from future parades.
21. By agreeing to participate in the parade you waive your right to privacy and are subject to appear in photos in both print and social media outlets.
22. The Hanover Rotary Club and Santa Claus Parade nor its committee shall assume any responsibility regarding bodily injury or property damage involving a float or any persons or groups participating in the parade. Entrants assume all liability for themselves and their participants.