

SHAMROCKS AND SHIELDS



Honoring Police Officers Who Protect Our Communities Every Day

Step off: Saturday, March 14th, 9:30 AM MST

PARADE DAY RULES

Section 1: General Rules

1. All entries must provide family-oriented entertainment consistent with this celebration in honor of Saint Patrick and Irish American heritage.
2. NO ALCOHOL is allowed in the parade. Bottled water or canned soft drinks are acceptable.
3. The Parade Marshals have the right to inspect all units prior to and during the Parade. All entries are required to comply with parade marshal or police officer instruction at all times.
4. All vehicle entries must be covered by liability insurance to the satisfaction of the Parade Committee. Proof of insurance must be provided with the application.
5. Motor vehicle entries will be limited to 10 vehicles per entry. Additional vehicles will constitute a new entry, assessed a new entry fee and staged separately.
6. Parade applicants shall provide on-site contact information for each person responsible for the entry.
7. All entrants may be subject to City & County of Denver Fire and Safety inspections and code enforcement and additional fees as necessary.
8. Entry & Advertising Release: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, the entrant agrees to permit the DSPDPC to use their names and/or photographs, films or tapes of the units for publicity, advertising and commercial promotion, before, during and after the event, and gives permission to publish or sell or otherwise dispose of said photographs, films or tapes.
9. The use of drones is prohibited in the vicinity of the parade. The parade route is a 'no drone zone'.
10. Parade units violating any of these rules may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. be disqualified from awards and denied entry in future parades.

Section 2: Staging Rules

1. All participants must enter Coors Field parking lot through their pre-assigned entrances. This information will be emailed to you in early March. Check in as directed. All participants must be aware of their group unit number and staging street address.
2. Only vehicles that are registered as being used in the Parade will be allowed in the staging area.
3. Any and all materials that will be used on your entry must be inside or on the vehicle when it enters the staging area.
4. Participants shall clean up any materials or debris left in the staging area by your unit(s). This applies particularly (but not exclusively) to units with animals.

Section 3: Parade Rules

1. Bands may perform for 45 seconds in front of the reviewing stand at 20th and Blake streets. Marshals instructions to resume movement must be promptly followed. All units must keep pace with the unit ahead of them. Please close any gaps when prompted. Any unit that does not comply will be escorted off the parade route.
2. Children under the age of 5 may ride but are not allowed to march in the parade.
3. Parade units must continue moving until you have returned to the disband area inside Coors Field parking lot A. No stopping or unloading will be allowed prior to that, since this will cause congestion and delays in the parade. You will not be able to return to the staging areas (Lots B & C); ensure you leave nothing behind.
4. Items such as candy may be handed to children by persons walking along the sides of the parade unit. Please use caution in the interest of safety for the viewing audience.
5. Drivers of motor vehicles must remain with the vehicle at all times.

Section 4: Planning Information for Floats Participating in the Parade

Consider Our Theme, “Shamrocks and Shields” When Decorating: Use Your Creativity to Honor Irish Heritage, Police Officers, And the State of Colorado

Dimensions:

According to Colorado Department of Transportation guidelines, the following are the maximum dimensions allowed for floats entered in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Maximum Length of a single semi-trailer is 57’4”

Maximum Height is 13’

Maximum Width is 102”

Section 5: Parade Float Safety Checklist

per City & County of Denver, Department of Safety, Fire Department

- No lighted candles allowed on any floats
- All floats must have a portable fire extinguisher
- Generators must be securely mounted and a minimum of 12” clearance from combustible material
- No portable gas cans are allowed on a float so generators must be topped off prior to staging
- Generator exhaust must be vented away from participants
- Decorative lighting must be UL approved and rated for outdoor use
- No smoking is allowed on any float
- Decorations must be non-combustible or flame-retardant
- Driver vision shall be 180 degree
 - If vision cannot be provided, spotters shall be used
 - Driver shall have view or communication with riders
 - Driver must have a valid driver’s license
 - All participants riding on open floats shall have solid sitting arrangement with handholds readily available to them
 - Any standing participant shall have a means to prevent falling from the unit
 - Secured safety rails (42” height) shall be placed on outside of float. Barriers or rope may be used
 - Children must be under adult supervision and seated at all times
 - Riders are to remain on float once the parade begins and at all times when the float is in motion
 - Throwing candy or other objects from a float or vehicle is prohibited. Walkers may distribute candy to children.

The Parade Committee reserves the right to exclude from participation, any entry which it considers to be advocating or promoting a particular purpose, principle, agenda, or message inconsistent with or contrary to those of the Parade.