

Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the 2022 Denton Juneteenth Parade

Parade date: Saturday, June 18, 2021.
Staging: Denton Civic Center parking. 321 East McKinney, Denton, Texas
Line-up: Arrival times assigned to each unit.
Start time: 10:33 AM

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GENERAL RULES

- All entries receive further instructions about the parade upon approval of your application.
- Failure to comply with these rules and procedures could result in disqualification for awards, disqualification for future inclusion, and/or removal from the parade, before or during.
- All units must comply with and endorse the purpose and spirit of the Juneteenth holiday; have entertainment or historical value; and promote independence.
- Tossing items of any kind from a float or mobile unit is forbidden. Walkers may hand-deliver items approved by JU, including candy, fliers, and give-aways.
- Absolutely no solicitation or selling is allowed, including distribution of coupons. Fliers promoting community events are acceptable.
- Unmanned aerial systems, UAVs, drones or other flying devices are prohibited.
- Each entry must be include by a Designated Responsible Party (DRP), age 18 or older. The DRP is in charge of the unit and responsible for participants' knowledge of and compliance with the parade's rules and regulations, and requests / instructions from parade officials or police.
- JU does not endorse the views, representations, and behaviors of parade participants.
- Water spraying, water balloons, or any spraying of the audience of any kind is not allowed.
- All entries must have clear identification.
- Costumes worn by parade participants are to be family friendly, i.e.: must conform to the standards of reasonable public taste. Confederate uniforms and symbols may not be worn.
- JU does not accept the responsibility for travel, food, or lodging expense of any unit.
- All banners must be neatly lettered and legible.
- Kings/Queens will be considered for the parade at the discretion of JU. Kings/Queens must be at least 5 years old. Kings/Queens from the same pageant must ride in the same vehicle. Vehicles transporting Kings/Queens must be approved by JU.
- Entries must remain in assigned position throughout the entirety of the parade.
- All participants must be uniformed, costumed or appropriately attired.
- JU will remove any animal or entry deemed unfit for the safety of the parade.

- JU accepts no responsibility for false statements made by applicants or entrants.
- Commercial entries may include only the name of the sponsoring firm or organization. Any entry advertising a product will be assessed a \$500 sponsorship fee.

ELIGIBILITY

- All businesses, organizations, schools, churches and municipalities desiring to appear in the 2022 Denton Juneteenth Parade must submit an Inclusion Application. Application deadline is midnight, December 31, 2022.
- Submitting an application does not constitute automatic acceptance into the parade. The total number of units accepted is determined by the approved maximum length of the parade, and balance of variety. JU reserves the right to accept or decline any entry, and inclusion decisions are final.
- Seated elected officials are included by invitation only. Political organizations may appear in the parade, but campaigning is not allowed and political platforms may not be advocated.
- Units with children under the age of 18 must include an adult supervisor.
- JU officials reserve the right to remove any entry at any time, whether as a result of safety concerns or non-compliance with the parade rules.

STAGING / LINE-UP

- Units will not be considered present until their Designated Responsible Party (DRP) checks-in at the staging tent. DRPs may not check-in until their respective units are present.
- Assigned holding spaces will be announced no later than one week before the parade. After checking-in, units may proceed to their assigned holding space.
- Changes in the parade line-up will be at the sole discretion of JU.
- Only vehicles appearing in the parade will be allowed in the staging area. Eligible vehicles may enter the Denton Civic Center parking lot through the East McKinney Street entrance. Walkers may be dropped off at the City Hall parking lot. Vehicles dropping off walkers will not be allowed into the Civic Center parking lot. SEE PARKING.
- Upon arriving at their assigned holding space, DRPs must prove a signed Parade Liability Release Form for each individual participant in their unit. Persons without forms may not participate. Signed parental permission are required for each child under 18. DRPs must ensure adequate adult supervision of all children participating in their respective units.
- Signs provided by JU will be available at the check-in tent.
- Units may arrive earlier than their assigned time, but not later. Failure to arrive on time may result in elimination from the parade and negatively impact appearance in future Denton Juneteenth parades.
- Units that fail to appear on parade day without prior notification to parade officials, and entries that do not comply with the rules and regulations will not be considered for future participation in the Denton Juneteenth Parade.
- Drivers must remain with vehicles at all times during staging.
- Units generating trash in the staging area and post parade areas must dispose of trash in appropriate receptacles.
- Semi cab engines must be off during line-up.

PACING

- The Denton Juneteenth Parade is a times event. All units are expected to maintain the parade pace and spacing requirement. Delaying or stopping the forward motion during the parade is prohibited. The parade will be recorded for delayed streaming. Participants must not reduce their pace more camera time, photographs, or media interviews.
- 20 feet must be maintained between units throughout the entire parade route. Each unit will be escorted by a Marshall. It is the Marshall's responsibility to maintain the distance. Units falling behind the preceding unit a greater distance than 20 feet will delay the parade and negatively impact the schedule of the overall Juneteenth celebration. Please cooperate with Marshalls, parade officials and police.
- Activities engaging spectators in a manner that slows the parade are not allowed.

FLOATS

- Vehicles towing floats should be incorporated into the float and decorated accordingly.
- All floats must be skirted, and all objects on the float must be decorated and in good taste for a family event.
- Up to 8 walkers are permitted to accompany floats, but must remain behind the float's assigned Marshall and inside the Ambassador's parameter. Walkers must be dressed to compliment their float, and should be distinguishable from on-lookers. Groups exceeding 8 must submit a separate application.
- Maximum size limits. H: 11 feet. W: 8.5 feet. L: No longer than 48 feet.
- Please measure the total entry length, including the vehicle, tow bar, and float.
- All floats must have handholds or stand-up holds for each rider on the float. Self-propelled floats must have a spotter beside the float, who is in two-way communication (e.g. two-way radio) with the float driver.
- Once a float begins moving in the parade, participants may not climb on-board or dismount.
- Participant legs and feet may not hang from the sides, front or rear of the float.
- Electrical devices must be properly grounded.

VEHICLE RULES

- Only vehicles pulling floats or providing transportation for honorees and dignitaries will be allowed in the parade. Exceptions will be considered for antique vehicles and other specialty cars with high and unique entertainment value.
- Commercials or advertising are not permitted. Vehicles used for tow must cover all information except the name, if the name is the same as the approved float.
- Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, and have proof of liability insurance.
- Handwritten signs on vehicles are not allowed. All signage must be of professional quality.

ANIMAL / EQUESTRIAN RULES

- The following rules apply to all units that include horses.
- Only trained horses are allowed in this parade. Animals must be controlled by means of a harness or halter. No other animals are not allowed.
- Parade dress is preferred for horses.
- Animals must be of nature that noise and excitement will not frighten them.

- JU officials reserve the right to determine that a exceeds the animals capacity to pull it. If such is determined, the DRP will have the opportunity to rectify the situation before being removed.
- The ultimate responsibility for safety lies with each individual unit. Units must comply with all JP rules and regulations and comply with all government regulations and safety codes, manufacturer's recommendations and similar standards.
- Equestrian units must control their animals without assistance.
- Horse-drawn vehicles must be in good mechanical condition and may be subjected to a safety inspection for a braking system, a six-foot jerk line, and harness of good repair.
- All hitches must have a handler, on the ground, walking the route with the unit. All hitches in excess of two horses must have a minimum of two handlers, on the ground, walking the route with the unit. These handlers are in addition to horseback outriders which participate in the entry.
- JU has zero tolerance for animal abuse. Persons abusing animals shall immediately be removed from the route and reported to the authorities.
- All livestock shall be in good health and sound condition.
- Units may request inclusion of domesticated dogs. If approved, dogs must be leashed.
- All children mounted on horseback, between 8 and 12 years of age, must wear equestrian protective headgear that meets ASTM-SEI safety standards. Bike helmets are not permitted. Protective headgear is recommended for all participants.
- The minimum age requirement for children mounted on horseback is 8 years old. Each mounted child, between 8 and 12 years of age, must be accompanied by a parent or adult as designated by the parent, who either walks or rides the route with the child.

MARCHING UNIT RULES

- Musical units, precision drill teams, and baton units must consist of at least 15 members unless approved by JU.
- Performance maneuvers that slow forward movement of the parade are not allowed.
- All members of any marching unit should be at least 10 years old. Participants must be suitably costumed. Walking groups must be dressed in uniform that easily identifies walkers as a part of the same group.
- No unit may stop forward motion to perform.
- Bands directors must have in their possession parent release liability forms.
- Support vehicles trailing walking units are not allowed.

LOGISTICS

- CHECK-IN TENT – Base of operations. Located near entrance to Civic Center parking lot.
- LINE-UP ATTENDANTS –
- PARKING – Parade participants are encouraged to carpool to the parade. Drivers should deliver their passengers to the staging area first, then park in reserved lots near the end of the parade. Shuttle buses will transport drivers from the reserved lots back to the staging lot.
- BUSES – Denton City Hall parking lot is reserved for bus drop off. After passengers disembark, buses should go to Fred Moore Park and park in the lot reserved for buses and vans.
- DISPERSAL AREA – When units reach the parade's end they will be directed by Denton Police to designated dispersal locations. Do not split up, dismount, or disengage before reaching the dispersal locations.

- **FIRST AID** – If medical assistance is required, please notify the nearest police officer or parade official for help. JU suggest you assign a person within your unit to spot problems.

COMPETITIONS / AWARDS

- JU will present the Crowd Favorite Award
- Denton Juneteenth Organizing Committee will select winners of the traditional awards.
- Award winners must be present to receive an award as we do not mail trophies or plaques.

MUSIC, SOUND and NOISE

- All entries with music or sound amplifying systems must maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals. Units are expected to immediately reduce the volume if asked to do so by a JU parade official.
- Volume must all sound ordinance requirements set by the City of Denton.
- Music must be turned off when entering the Denton Square. It maybe resumed after leaving the square.
- Music may not contain profanity or content that does not conform to reasonable public taste.

CONDUCT

- All participants are expected to abide by JU's Code of Conduct.
- Conduct on the part of any unit or individuals that may embarrass parade organizers will be cause for immediate removal from parade by parade officials.
- Consumption of alcohol is not allowed during the parade or staging. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances, or in possession of such substances will be removed from the parade, immediately.
- Participants are prohibited from displaying and discharging firearms, sirens, or creating loud noises, along the parade route.