

Washington Parish Fair Parade Rules and Guidelines 2016

The dates of our fair this year are October 19-22, 2016. On October 19th, we will officially begin with a parade at 10:00AM that flows through the middle of town and into the fair grounds.

The Washington Parish Fair Association has established a set of rules to govern its parade. Please read these rules carefully before entering the parade. These rules are designed to protect parade entrants and the Fair Association. The rules are as follows:

- 1. NO ADULT DANCE TEAMS ALLOWED (only schools)**
- The parade will consist of marching groups, floats, automobiles, trucks, horses, and tractors, all dedicated to promoting the goodwill of the Washington Parish Free Fair. All entries must be decorated, including cars and trucks (except antique vehicles), to participate in the parade. Tractors do not need to turn in an application, as they will congregate and ride just prior to the parade (9:30AM). Fire Trucks will ride right after tractors. (9:45AM).
- The parade will begin at the corner of Washington Street and 15th Avenue. The map for the parade Line up route will be followed. **15TH AVE IS ONE WAY ONLY. NO TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER OFF OF WASHINGTON ST. TO LINE UP. YOU MUST ENTER ON BICKHAM BY THE CHEVRON. SEE PARADE LINE UP.**
- All entries must be in line as specified by **8:00AM** on the morning of the parade.
- Judging of the bands and marching groups will begin at **8:00AM** in front of Jack Brown's grocery store. Cheerleaders are judged in the farmers Market Area. All other entries will be judged in their line-up position in East Acres subdivision. (Maximum performance time is 4 minutes). **Only in parish groups will be judged due to time constraints and number of participants.**
- Parade entrants must register with a member of the parade committee **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016. FAILURE TO MEET THIS DEADLINE FORFEITS YOUR ABILITY TO PUT AN ENTRY IN THE PARADE. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- All float entries must be decorated to reflect the fair's theme. This year's theme is: "The Fair: Past, Present and Future".
 - Automobile and truck entries will be limited to antique vehicles (20 yrs. or older) and groups sponsored by school or civic organizations.
 - Each school will be limited to 3 float entries and marching groups. Homecoming Queens and/or other school royalty will be allowed one additional float, if needed. The parade committee requests that only the assigned contact from each school call with questions. This will eliminate duplicate answers and misinformation. Any calls regarding school entries that are not from the assigned school contact will not be addressed. There will be stakes placed with numbers in the order that they need to line up.
- Groups performing without a band must provide their own music. **The Parade Committee will not provide music.**
- Groups participating in the parade will be allowed one support vehicle to follow their group along the parade route.

12. Golf carts, four wheelers, ATV's, go-carts, and 18-wheelers WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the parade. An exception will be made for the Shriners.
13. Queens and royalty from other Parish and Statewide Fairs, Festivals or Pageants may ride in a car or on a float. The Parade Committee WILL NOT provide these cars or floats, and only one car or float is allowed per fair/festival/pageant in Parish or Not..
14. Individuals seeking public office will not be allowed to enter campaign entries in the parade.
15. Elected public officials representing Washington Parish residents will be invited to participate in the parade as a representative of their current office. No campaign material will be allowed to be thrown during the parade.
16. Business and commercial entries are prohibited from advertising, must represent the fair theme only.
17. All participants riding horses will be required to REGISTER BEFORE 10AM BY THE CHEVRON the morning of the parade with their horse and proof of coggins in hand. Once registered, participants should proceed to the designated area. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian's signature. **Any riders wishing to be judged MUST pre-register no later than October 7, providing the rider's name. Children under the age of 12 must also provide their age and sex.** The pace of the horse ridden must be a slow walk. Any pace other than a walk at any time prior to, or ¹during the parade will result in immediate expulsion of the horse and rider. Additionally, riders may not purposely STOP their horses or lag more than 5 yards behind the riders ahead.
18. Community entries are limited to 2 entries (churches, athletic association, etc.).
19. When lining up prior to the parade, the entrants are held responsible for the cleanliness of nearby homeowner's yards. No music will be played prior to reaching the start of the parade route.
20. The parade route will continue **THROUGH** the fairgrounds.
ALL UNLOADING/DISMANTLING MUST BE CONDUCTED AT THE END OF THE PARADE IN KNIGHT FIELD ONLY. IF NOT COULD LOSS ABILITY TO RIDE THE NEXT YEAR. THIS WILL BE MONATORED.
21. All entries must be pre-registered. Entries that arrive on the morning of the parade without prior registration WILL NOT be allowed to participate.
22. It is at the Parade Committee's discretion to determine whether or not entries are appropriate for participation. Entries must check-in on the morning of the parade with decorations and theme complete. Any behavior not in keeping with a family atmosphere before or during the parade will result in immediate expulsion.
23. Adequate port-a-potties will be available throughout the area.

Any questions or situations not explained in the rules listed above will be answered or handled at the discretion of the parade committee.

Judged Categories

Prize Structure: 1st, 2nd and 3rd (Trophy)

1. Bands
 - a. High School
2. School Dance Teams/Color Guards (Live or Recorded Music)
 - a. High School
 - b. Jr. High School
3. School Cheerleaders
 - a. High School
 - b. Jr. High School
4. Dance Academies
5. Horses
 - a. Boys Under 16 (1st & 2nd)
 - b. Girls Under 16 (1st & 2nd)
 - c. Men (1st place only)
 - d. Women (1st place only)
 - e. Group (1st Place Only)
 - f. Wagon/Carriage (1st place only)
6. Antique Vehicles
7. Floats
 - a. Overall Theme (1st place only – Grand Prize for parade info)
\$150.00
 - b. Schools (1st, 2nd and 3rd place)-\$100, \$75 and \$50
 - c. Originality and Beauty (1st, 2nd and 3rd place)-\$100, \$75 & \$50.