

**Peninsula Celebration Association  
Invitational Independence Day Parade Rules**

The Annual Independence Day Parade is presented for entertainment purposes only. It is not designed as a forum for political, social, religious or economic ideas or doctrines. Therefore, no such entry will be permitted. The parade committee shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether an entry is appropriate for this parade. The parade committee reserves the right to reject any entry if not in an established category of uniformity set forth in the guiding rules.

**Failure to comply with all rules could cause penalties and/or disqualification.**

<b>All Classes</b>	No parade participant, vehicle, float, etc. shall carry, display, or transport any sign, poster, or printed message. A banner carried in front of the entry may be permitted to identify the unit or group and all such banners must be approved in advance by the parade Committee.
<i>Disqualification</i>	A commercial entry must enhance the parade.
<i>Disqualification</i>	Junior units (Non Equestrian) are ages 8 to 13. Senior units are ages 14 and older.
<i>Disqualification</i>	No one under six (6) years of age may appear as an entry (on a float or in a vehicle) unless they are accompanied by a person 18 years or older at all times.
<i>Disqualification</i>	Minimum age to <u>march</u> in our parade is <u>eight</u> years old.
<i>Disqualification</i>	No alcoholic beverage of any type will be allowed.
<i>Disqualification</i>	No type of abusive language will be allowed.
<i>Disqualification</i>	For safety reasons, all living things on a moving entry must be secured. No one is allowed to ride on running boards, hoods, roofs, or fenders.
<i>Disqualification</i>	No unit may re-enter the parade route more than one time for competition, regardless of any changes made.
<i>Disqualification</i>	If a unit is removed from the parade route for specific reason, it is not allowed to re-enter.
<i>Disqualification</i>	Any entry not completing the parade route will not be eligible to receive a prize.
<i>Disqualification</i>	Units with animals must maintain control of them at all times. The animal must enhance the entry.
<i>Disqualification</i>	Units with sound or noise must note this on the written application, and must maintain a set decibel level as to not interfere with other units. This setting will be calibrated in the formation area with meter. The set level for sound is 85db at 50 feet. Boom boxes are not effective in the parade environment.
<i>5 Point Penalty</i>	All persons riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards must wear helmet and protective gear
<i>5 Point Penalty</i>	All new parade entries must attend a parade workshop.
<i>10 Point Penalty</i>	All Parade officials must be obeyed.
<i>10 Point Penalty</i>	Any entry not completing the parade route under its own power will be penalized.
<i>10 Point Penalty</i>	All units must perform throughout the entire parade route, and continue in FORWARD MOTION at all times.
<i>25 Point Penalty</i>	No loaded weapons or discharging of firearms will be allowed.
<i>25 Point Penalty</i>	No objects are to be handed out, thrown, sprayed, or discharged in any way or at any time along the parade route.
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<b>Bands</b>	
<i>10 Point Penalty</i>	All bands are <b>required</b> to play continuously along the parade route
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<b>Banners</b>	Identification banners are encouraged for entries in the parade however must be for entry identification purposes only. Listing of telephone numbers, addresses or statements on a banner or sign will not be allowed.
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<b>Drill Teams &amp; Military</b>	
	A non-equestrian color guard must consist of at least four persons. A non-equestrian color guard must carry a National Flag and one other flag.
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<b>Drill Teams</b>	Individual majors/majorettes must be a member of a participating unit.
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<b>Equestrian</b>	No bareback riders will be accepted.
<i>5 Point Penalty</i>	All equestrian entries must be prejudged. Any entries arriving after set prejudging times will be judged at the discretion of the judges.
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<b>Floats</b>	Each float and each tow vehicle must carry at least one ABC fire extinguisher. 2-A:10-B:C, with current certification or purchased within the last 90 days of Parade, receipt required day of parade. All float decorations must be flame resistant and built according to the Fire Department Regulations. The float entry that receives the Sally Morrison Grand Sweepstakes Award (highest overall point total) wins the assigned cash prize and trophy, and is removed from competition in their entered category. All new float entries must attend a float workshop.
<i>5 Point Penalty</i>	Float or tow driver must remain with float in the formation area at all times. Must have a valid California drivers license and provide proof of insurance with application
<i>5 Point Penalty</i>	All float entries must have <u>Float Fire Permit</u> and be inspected by the Fire Department. Any entries arriving after set inspection times will be inspected at the discretion of the Fire Department.
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<b>Vehicles</b>	All antique vintage carriage entries are subject to parade approval on a first accepted, first entered basis. The number of antique vintage carriages will be limited. All new antique vintage carriage entries must submit a photo with their application. All drivers Must have a valid California driver's license and provide proof of insurance with application.

# Peninsula Celebration Association 2011 PARADE PROCEDURES

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*PLEASE READ RULES AND PROCEDURES BEFORE SIGNING ENTRY APPLICATION, **YOUR ENTIRE GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INFORMATION***

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1. Unit leader must inform all participants which street they are to form up on. Your group will be notified of its Parade Number on the day of the parade when you check in with the Parade Marshals. Your formation street will be posted at [www.parade.org](http://www.parade.org) and mailed to your person in charge.
2. Howland Street is to be kept clear at all times. Howland is used for traffic to exit out of the formation area. It is indicated on the map accompanying your formation information that you will receive.
3. Designate one person in your group as "Parade Day Leader", who will walk with your group. If you have any problems on the parade route, please contact a parade official on the street to assist you. Parade officials will be wearing a Peninsula Celebration Association Blue T-Shirt.
4. Support personnel who are Leaders or Safety Monitors who accompany the group must be dressed uniformly with their unit, i.e., in a band with multiple colors, use one of the colors for your support personnel.
  - a. Support personnel ratio: 1 per 10 participants
  - b. Support personnel must be carrying health & safety equipment, i.e. water, first aid kit, water mister, etc. using a backpack or small wagon.
  - c. Only support personnel are allowed on the parade route. All others are invited to wait at the end of the parade route for your group.
5. No participant, support personnel or staff with the unit will be allowed to march with, push or carry infants in strollers or wagons.
6. If your entry contains a vehicle, check tire pressure, oil, water, transmission fluid, brake fluid and clean all windows. Do not cover the radiator area with decorations or banners.
7. **No signs** of any kind will be allowed. Banner Text must be pre-approved by entries committee. Banner Text can only describe/name your group.
8. All floats must apply for a Float Fire Permit to enter the parade. Forms included in this packet.

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## **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

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THE PARADE STARTS AT 10:00 AM.

You will be notified of which Division you are in by advance Email the second week of June. This same information will be posted on our web site [www.parade.org](http://www.parade.org).