



# 2017 JACKSON CHRISTMAS PARADE

## Parade Rules:



**By submitting an application, all applicants are deemed as having agreed to abide by the following parade rules and the direction of parade officials. The Jackson Christmas Parade reserves the right to exclude or expel any participants from the parade for violation or infraction of the rules.**

- ▶ **Vehicle Insurance:** Drivers of all vehicles must provide proof of liability insurance for the vehicle they are driving in the parade, along with a copy of their valid TN driver's license.
- ▶ Please see that your parade vehicle is in good running condition, with ample fuel before the start of the parade.
- ▶ **Speed Limit:** All motorized units shall not exceed 10 miles per hour while on the parade route. No motorized units shall be driven in a reckless manner or leave the route at any time during the parade. Absolutely no revving of engines or burnouts allowed; violators will be immediately removed from parade.
- ▶ No stopping on the route while the parade is underway *unless* directed by police or parade officials.
- ▶ All entries shall be decorated in a manner that reflects the holiday spirit and/or theme of the parade. If decorations or attire on parade night is judged to be not appropriate, you will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
- ▶ **Santa Costumes:** No live Santa impersonators or persons in Santa suits allowed; there will be only one "official" Santa selected by the Parade Committee to ride in the parade. Anyone dressed in a Santa-like costume will be asked to change or they will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
- ▶ **Animals:** Horses, dogs or other animals are not allowed to walk or march in the Christmas Parade.
- ▶ **Intoxicating Beverages /Tobacco:** There shall be no open display or consumption of intoxicating beverages or tobacco products by parade participants. No person operating a motor vehicle within the parade shall consume intoxicating beverages during the parade, or at any time eight hours prior of the parade, or be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance at any time during the parade.
- ▶ **Candy/Favors:** Throwing materials or objects into the crowd, such as candy or other favors, is not allowed; items must be handed to spectators at the curb. Any activity which might be construed as encouraging or enticing spectators to enter the parade route is not allowed.
- ▶ For the safety of participants and spectators; free-standing dancing, acrobatics, stunting, etc. are not allowed on parade floats.
- ▶ **Performance Entries: (Bands, March, Cheer, Dance, etc.) No stopping to perform along the parade route. Please stop and give a brief performance in front of the Judges Stand only; performance not to exceed 30 seconds.**
- ▶ **Conduct:** **No floats, units, or persons in the parade shall display any vulgar, suggestive, offensive or obscene action, dance, gestures, or language during the parade.**
- ▶ **Trophies /Awards:** Trophies for winning entries will be awarded in the Lobby of the Civic Center immediately following the parade. Decision of the judges will be final.
- ▶ **Any violation of these rules shall result in immediate expulsion from participation in the 2017 Parade, and possibly future Jackson Christmas parades.**

If you have any questions about any of the above Jackson Christmas Parade Rules, please call Sandy MacDiarmid at 731-425-8316 for more information.

*Please keep this sheet for your reference, and make sure everyone in your group is aware of the Parade rules.*