

# **PARADE STANDARDS and RULES**

## *Rowland Heights Buckboard Days Parade*

The following rules are to ensure that everyone attending the parade, whether a participant or spectator, has an enjoyable, accident-free day. We are here to help you complete your part successfully, so you can enjoy the wonderful parade & festival we have planned for you and all our visitors. These rules will be strictly enforced. Non-compliance will result in elimination from this year's parade and possible future participation.

1. **Solicitation, Distribution, and Throwing of Materials - is prohibited.** ABSOLUTELY NO SOLICITATION, of any kind, is allowed in the assembly and dispersal areas or along the parade route by any parade entry or third party. For safety reasons, DO NOT throw or distribute items of any kind. This includes candy, gum, novelties, or other materials.

2. **Animal Entries** must arrange for someone (a scooper) to clean up after your animals along the parade route, unless arrangements have been made in advance with the Parade Committee. As all equestrian owners know, it is suggested not to feed or water the animal immediately prior to the parade. If your entry includes any dogs or other animals, please ensure they are confined, or on a lead or leash to protect them & others along the route.

3. **This is a moving parade. Please do not stop for activities.**

All entries must stay in their assigned numeric placement to maintain proper order for the announcer, media, & bystanders. Use the "cobra head" street lights as distance markers: as the entry in front of you passes a street light, you should be passing the next street light in line. This will keep the entries spaced 100 feet apart for both safety, & to eliminate entertainment conflicts. No person shall join or participate in the parade unless they are formally part of the group, and will not impede or in any manner interfere with parade progress. No parents "tagging along" or others just walking with groups unless they are assigned and dressed to participate. PLEASE OBEY PARADE STAFF TO KEEP THE PARADE MOVING SMOOTHLY.

4. **Performance** - DO NOT stop to perform or perform any type of actions that would endanger spectators along the street.

DO NOT use any obscene gestures or language.

DO NOT stop unless the entry in front of you stops. There will be plenty of time for you to be judged, if applicable, & reviewed by the media

5. **Noise (other than bands)**--For safety reasons there will be NO firecrackers or loud, popping noises allowed in the parade.

6. **Political candidates** and their supporters must participate in good taste. **We ask that all candidates remember that this is not a political parade. It is a community parade for families and children. You may include a neat sign** on the door of your vehicle, but no separate campaign posters or banners in the parade. Please do not distribute written flyers or papers along the parade route.

7. **Scripts** The Parade Committee has the right to alter scripts to make it more entertaining and informational and to fit within the announcer's time.
8. **Trash** Please clean the area around you prior to departing down the parade route; and discard all trash in appropriate receptacles. This is important to our future and a courtesy to all that have allowed us the use of their property(s).
9. **Alcohol/Drugs or other Illegal Substances** - are not allowed prior to or during participation in the Parade. Possession, use or consuming of alcoholic beverages/drugs or other illegal substances will not be permitted in assembly and dispersal areas, or along the parade route. No one will be permitted to enter the parade under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any illegal substances.
10. **Decor**
  1. Decorations are to be family friendly and in good taste.
  2. Automobile vehicles and other conveyances, pushed, pulled, peddled, and may be decorated with streamers, flags, pompoms, flowers and/or other festive items (in good taste).
  3. Entries will identify themselves with name and assigned number. This includes autos with signs, posters or banners easily identified by spectators on both sides of the street.
  4. Automobiles must be well painted and in good overall condition, licensed, insured and must meet all California Vehicle Codes, and must have insurance.
  5. In the event that an entrant wishes to display the flag or emblem of a foreign country, each and every foreign flag or emblem must be matched by display of the American flag of at least equal size. The American flag must take prominence in height over those of other countries or organizations.
  6. Due to overhead encumbrances, such as street lights & traffic signals, the maximum height of any entrant is 12 feet.
  7. Judging entries--to be considered for a prize the entry must incorporate the theme. Floats will be judged on what is on their floats, not walking along with the float.

Your participation will be a great asset in making this year's Buckboard Day's Parade another wonderful success and we thank you for your cooperation. Please share this with parents and groups.