

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

## RULES AND INFORMATION

**ENTRIES:** All entries must submit an application for approval. When the application has been approved, the authorized contact person will receive a letter of acceptance and a Section and Position designation for the parade. We suggest you bring your packet with a copy of your line-up position with you to the staging area.

**FLOATS:** All float and vehicle decorations and construction materials must be flame retardant. A fire extinguisher (type 2A: 10 BC pound "all purpose" should be with the licensed driver of all float vehicles. Towing vehicles should also be decorated. Float vehicles with limited visibility for the driver may require an escort by the Police Dept.

**BANDS AND MARCHING UNITS:** Units should wear the uniforms of their schools or clubs. All units with children under 12 years of age must have adults marching with them. Please provide water to keep marchers hydrated during the march. Groups may perform short routines on the parade route; however we discourage performances at the reviewing stand due to the proximity of moving traffic on Market St. Banners identifying the group are allowed. Please try to maintain the spacing designated by the marshals.

**ANIMALS:** All animals (e. g. dogs and horses) must at all times be attended, guided and led by individuals responsible for these entries. Clean up or scooper crews must follow animals to keep the parade route sanitary.

**DECORATIONS:** Costumes and/or vehicle decorations should be appropriate and colorful, should express the parade theme and should identify the group or unit. Vehicles entering the parade line-up must display the **VehiclePass** which is included with this packet and available on line

**AWARDS:** **Entries are judged in the parade staging area. If your unit wants to participate in the judging, they must be in their designated position , ready to perform for the Judges by 9:15 am** Due to the number of units participating, there is less than an hour and a half to review all the entries, present awards and provide the results to the Reviewing Stand. We appreciate your preparedness and understanding. The judges are looking for originality in theme presentation, color and creativity in costuming and spectator appeal.

**PARKING:** There are several parking lots near Alamo and Brooklyn where you can park while dropping off parade participants. There are also parking lots on So. St. Mary's St., Nueva St. near the disband area where you can meet marchers after the parade which ends at Nueva between Presa and St. Mary's St. Animal trailers or buses should proceed beyond the disband area after delivering participants and are not permitted to return to the staging area.

## **OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION**

City Law does not allow items such as candy or novelties to be thrown to the crowd along the parade route

No political banners, slogans or sign are allowed

Sound Systems for music must be at an appropriate level.

There will be a portable potty on Avenue E near 3<sup>rd</sup>. St.