



# Sequim Irrigation Festival

## GRAND PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules are to ensure reasonable safety to life and property in the operation of parade floats; automobiles; and similar conveyances within the city limits of Sequim. The rules, regulations, and number of entries are subject to change based on state of Washington, Clallam County and City of Sequim guidelines.

PLEASE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE RULES. BY SIGNING YOUR PARADE APPLICATION, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND EVERYONE INVOLVED IN YOUR ENTRY WILL UPHOLD ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE SEQUIM IRRIGATION FESTIVAL. **NON-COMPLIANCE WILL RESULT IN ELIMINATION FROM THIS YEAR'S PARADE AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PARTICIPATION.**

1. PARADE ENTRIES MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF ALL PARADE OFFICIALS.
2. An entry may not include any image or content that includes nudity, profanity, lewdness, illegal drugs, violence, obscenity, hate, racism, or that is vulgar or sexually explicit, insulting, or offensive to any ethnic, religious, political, or other identifiable group or individual, as determined by a parade official. Any entry advocating, opposing, or depicting any political party or controversial social issue will not be permitted to participate in the Parade.
3. Entries must be appropriate for a FAMILY AUDIENCE.
4. Improper use of the American flag is not permitted. Proper use of the American flag is based upon U.S. flag policy set forth in the U.S. Code.
5. All wheels of motorized vehicles must always stay in contact with the ground – NO WHEELIES!
6. Materials used in construction, decoration, etc. must be flame retardant. Materials such as straw or hay must likewise be treated.
7. Where a person is within a float, such as a driver, there shall be no combustible material within five feet of his/her exit way.
8. Motorized floats, or floats pulled by a motorized vehicle, automobiles and go carts shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a classification of at least 2A 10BC. (When vehicle and trailer are connected as a single unit, one extinguisher will meet this requirement.) Bicycles, motorcycles, and boats are not required to carry extinguishers.
9. Horse-drawn wagons and other non-motorized conveyances using straw or other combustible materials shall carry extinguishers as prescribed above.



10. There shall be NO SMOKING allowed on any entry and no person shall cause or permit any open flames upon or within the area of any entry including open fires, torches, matches, flame throwing, fire starters, lanterns and no burning of any object whatsoever is permitted.

11. No combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than two (2) vehicles. Vehicles towing trailers must be equipped with a tow bar or coupling device of sufficient strength to hold the weight of the towed vehicle upon the street when operated.

12. Vehicles towing trailers must be equipped with safety chains, connected to the towed and towing vehicle and to the tow bar to prevent the tow bar from dropping to the ground in the event the tow bar or coupling device fails. No one shall be allowed to walk or stand directly behind between the back of the towing vehicle and the front of the towed trailer.

13. Safety chains shall have no more slack than is necessary to permit proper turning.

14. An entry may not exceed 50 feet in length and 13 feet in height. All walking entries, other than marching bands, are asked to keep their entries to a maximum of 50 feet in length.

15. All entries shall stay in their assigned position in the parade and staging area.

16. Operators of vehicles shall not have their vision obstructed. Each operator of a motorized vehicle shall have a current Washington Operators License permitting the operation of such vehicle.

17. Persons riding on floats shall be located on the main part of the float and positioned in such a way so as not to obstruct the vision of the operator.

18. Persons shall remain on the unit to which they are assigned to the end of the parade route, except in case of emergency. **NO JUMPING ON OR OFF ANY MOVING UNITS OR OBJECTS.**

19. The drinking, display or possession of alcoholic beverages, or other intoxicants or controlled substances, is absolutely prohibited. City ordinances and state laws will be enforced.

20. The display or discharge of real or facsimile firearms, fireworks or other explosive devices is prohibited, other than official parade color guard, active military and uniformed law enforcement. Violators will be prosecuted.

21. **NO THROWING OF ANY ITEMS FROM MOVING VEHICLES.** Any entry wishing to distribute candy, balloons or small items MUST have a person walk alongside of the moving vehicle or entry to hand out such items. The throwing of any object or substance, or spraying of any liquid (INCLUDING WATER), into the crowd is prohibited. The Parade Marshal or his/her delegate has the authority to remove from the Parade, either at the assembly area or after the Parade has started, any entry which does not conform to any rule or regulation of an order from a Parade Official or Police Officer at the assembly area or on the Parade route.

22. No animals will be permitted unless under the control of a trainer or experienced handler or rider. All animals other than horses must be on a leash. No animals may be mistreated or hit in any fashion, and no spurs may be used on any horse. Participants with animals must provide and carry implements for removing animal waste and must clean up their animal waste immediately, before the following



parade participant reaches the waste. No animal shall be permitted to get within ten feet of any spectator or any parade participant other than a participant in the same parade entry as the animal. No more than two horses can travel down the parade route side by side in the middle of the street.

23. Each motorized vehicle shall have current liability insurance in compliance with Washington State law, with recommended coverage of 100/300,000 liability and 100,000 property damage.

24. Every vehicle, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be equipped with operating brakes in good working order and shall not emit any "Backfire" or "Explosions" or sparks, flames or combustible gasses.

#### FLOAT JUDGING

Judging will start at 10:00 am. Please have your riding personnel on the float at this time. Float riders should be available for the benefit of the judges and photographers. A parade official will indicate when judging is completed. After judging, all Royalty and Festival Dignitaries are invited to join the Sequim Irrigation Festival Royalty Court at Key Bank for a reception hosted by the Soroptimist International of Sequim. This is an "Invitation Only" event for the visiting Royalty, their float support and Festival Dignitaries.

#### BAND JUDGING

The marching bands will be judged in front of the announcing stand at Thomas Lumber on 3rd and Washington and will be announced the following week on [www.irrigationfestival.com](http://www.irrigationfestival.com), our Facebook page and Instagram.

#### DISBAND AREA

The parade ends on West Washington in the south parking lot of West Washington and 7<sup>th</sup> St. (the old JC Penny Parking lot). **Do not stop to unload passengers until directed by parade marshal or when you're out of the parade traffic stream and it's safe to unload your passengers. Your royalty/support vehicles should be nearby.**

THE SEQUIM IRRIGATION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE AN ENTRY FROM STARTING THE PARADE, OR TO REMOVE AN ENTRY AFTER IT HAS STARTED DOWN THE PARADE ROUTE.

**Grand Parade Sponsored By:**

**The Grand Parade is organized by the Sunrise Rotary Club:**



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