

# The 55th Annual Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival Parade Entry Application

Dear Parade Enthusiast,

The City of Delray Beach and Delray Beach Fire Rescue invite you to participate in the 55th Annual Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 12:00 pm in downtown Delray Beach.

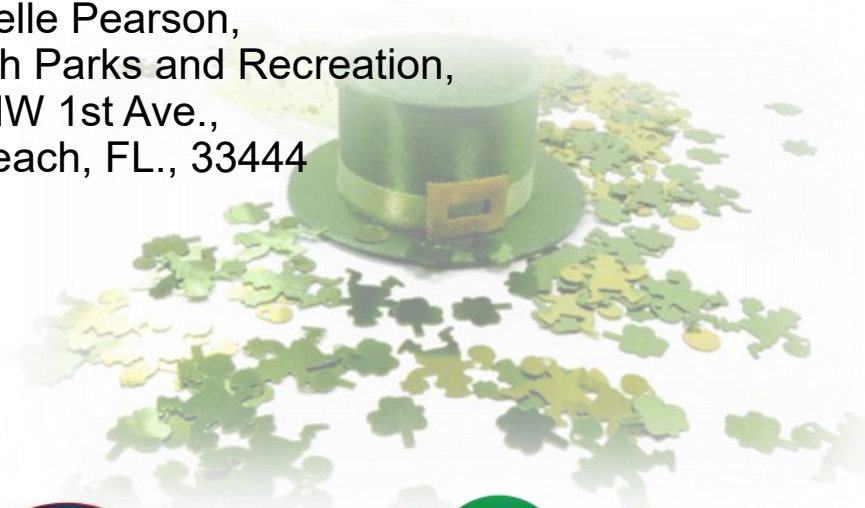
Enclosed is your application packet to participate in this year's parade. This application packet includes the following:

- ♦ application
- ♦ participation fees
- ♦ parade rules
- ♦ parade float safety guidelines
- ♦ judging criteria
- ♦ parade route map

Thank you and we hope to see you at the parade. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Danielle Pearson at (561) 243-7250 ext. 6042, or by email at [Pearson@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:Pearson@mydelraybeach.com).

Please mail your application and payment  
**(no later than March 3, 2025)** to:

Danielle Pearson,  
C/O Delray Beach Parks and Recreation,  
50 NW 1st Ave.,  
Delray Beach, FL., 33444



# The 55th Annual Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade Rules

**Application Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2025**

**Parade Participants, please remember that this is a community event and is intended for viewing by families of all ages. Dress and behavior should reflect a "G" rating.**

- **All must attend the MANDATORY Captain's Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 pm,** at the Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444.
- Non-profits: Must provide proof of 501C3 status. No other entity, including for-profit businesses, can apply under a non-profit's name.
- All applicants must accurately represent their status as marked on the application. The named organization must be the sole participant in the parade.
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- **Participants must respect and obey the requests and instructions of parade staff at all times. Verbal abuse, disrespect, or disruptive behavior towards staff members will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal from the parade.**
- Drivers: Copies of your driver's license and vehicle insurance are required and must be submitted with the application. Your application will not be accepted without it.
- For safety reasons, children under the age of 6 must ride on a float/vehicle, or be secured in a stroller.
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on floats, in the line-up area or during the length of the parade. Consumption of such beverages will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the parade and future events thereafter.
- The parade will begin at the Intracoastal, proceed west on Atlantic Avenue to NW 5th Ave . A map showing starting positions and parade route is enclosed.
- Parade Staging area location and staging time to be provided once approved for entrance into the parade.
- Judging for all entries will take place at the Judging Area/MC located towards the west end of the parade route. Dance/Cheer Groups will have the opportunity to a 20-second stationary performance. Stopping will not be permitted anywhere else along the parade route. **If you create a gap between entries, you will not be judged.**
- **Police safety rules prohibit** throwing candy or other items from cars, floats, etc. and city ordinance prohibit consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- "Silly String" and "snap 'n pops" are prohibited.
- **MYLAR CONFETTI IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Failure to comply with this requirement may result in denial of participation in future parades.



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- All entries using sound amplifying devices shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries.
- Maximum Float Height Restriction: 15 feet from the ground.
- No Monster Trucks
- The Parade Producer and Delray Beach Police/Fire Department retain the right to prohibit any unsafe vehicle or trailer from participating in the parade.
- All vehicles must have a valid license plate as required by law and functioning horn, headlights, brake lights and parking lights.
- All flatbed trucks or trailers with riders must have a railing at least 12" above the float platform using wood, metal or a substantial substitute. Consultation with professionals experienced in construction techniques shall be done to ensure the railing will withstand the force imposed upon it by the persons on board.
- No sharp or unfinished edges should be exposed.
- Floats being towed with people on board should have at least one accessible 2A-10BC extinguisher on the float. Each standing float rider must have an approved body support. All seating on towed vehicles or floats must be properly secured.
- All floats must have a minimum of four wheel walkers (adults) stationed on the four "corners" of the float, including tow vehicle. Entries must provide their own walkers.
- No person shall be allowed to get on and off a float after the parade begins, except for emergency reasons. In the case of an emergency, the float should pull to the curb and stop. The person involved in the emergency will be removed and the float may re-enter the parade.
- All groups must march to the end of the parade route, which is NW 5th Ave. Note: immediately upon making the turn onto NW 5th Ave., your performance has ended. Music and performances must stop.
- All floats must be fireproofed. See parade float safety guidelines.
- Solicitation of funds or selling of merchandise during the parade is not permitted unless approved by the Parade Committee.



# Delray Beach Fire Rescue

Division of Fire and Life Safety

## DELRAY BEACH PARADE FLOAT SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Decorative material used on parade floats shall be flame resistant.
- A minimum of one (1) ten-pound multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguisher is required for each float. The fire extinguisher must be in an accessible location, be currently certified and maintained in operable condition and present at the time of float inspections.
- A generator or battery must power all electrical appliances.
- All wiring and wiring connections must be located where they are not exposed to physical damage, secured to float, and maintained in a safe condition.
- All generators must be uncovered, and exhaust discharge not located within 3 feet of combustible materials.
- Generators shall not be in enclosed spaces or the passenger compartment of vehicles. (Ex. Hatchback vehicles with the hatch open in not an approved location for a gas-powered (generator).
- All heat sources (lights etc.) must be located away from all combustible materials.
- Safety chains must be affixed to the float and towing vehicle. Chains must be present and affixed at the time of float inspection.
- No open flames are permitted on floats or vehicles.
- Individuals riding on the float must be situated in a secure location, (Seated or provided with a secure handhold e.g. railing, pole, handle).
- Normal unobstructed vision to the front, sides and rear of the towing vehicle must be provided to the vehicle operator.
- All safety devices must be in place and operational at check-in time.

### NFPA 1 Fire Code sections regarding parade floats

#### 10.17 Parade Floats.

##### 10.17.1 Permits:

Permits, where required, shall comply with Section 1.12.

##### 10.17.2 Fire Protection:

Motorized parade floats and towing apparatus shall be provided with a minimum 2-A:10-B:C-rated portable fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator.

**Please sign and return along with your application or email to:**

**Danielle Pearson**

[Pearson@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:Pearson@mydelraybeach.com)

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing and returning this document, I acknowledge that I have been notified of and agree to adhere to the City of Delray Beach parade float safety guidelines. I understand that Delray Beach Fire Inspectors may inspect a float at any time prior to or during the parade to address any safety issues.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_



- ♦ Maximum 4 vehicles of any type allowed per entry
- ♦ All entry level types include the following:  
*Parade entry, review stand mention, ability to hand out flyers at parade.*

Please select from the following: ☐ \$400 +tax (\$428.00) Corporation/Business  
☐ \$200 +tax (\$214.00) Political  
☐ Free Non-Profit/Education, must show proof  
☐ Free Marching Band/ Military/Uniformed Personnel

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Your confirmation will be emailed to you, please print neatly.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants & age range: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide exact measurements below for each vehicle or float in your entry. (For example, If you have 2 vehicles, please include the length and width of each vehicle.) Height max 15'.**

**Length of Entry:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Width of Entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Check all that apply to your entry:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance/Dance (# of people?):_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer (quantity?):_____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lights?_____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group (# of people?):_____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tow-truck** (quantity?):_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Music? _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi Truck** (quantity?):_____         | <input type="checkbox"/> Car** (quantity?):_____       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Amplifying Device? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up Truck** (quantity?):_____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Cart** (quantity?):_____ | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUV/Van** (quantity?):_____            | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles (quantity?):_____    |   |

**\*\*All drivers must submit copy of Driver's License and Insurance\*\***

**NOTE: (All entries must maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries.)**

**Please select one award category that best exemplifies your entry.**

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Amateur Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Professional Float     | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Marching Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Dance/ Cheer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Festive Marching Group |   |

### Return Application & Payment to:

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50 NW 1st Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444  
pearson@mydelraybeach.com



Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a short paragraph about your entry that will be read by the parade commentator as your group passes by the stage:

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\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH**  
**100 NW 1ST AVENUE**  
**DELRAY BEACH, FL 33444**

**ACTIVITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In Consideration of participation in the Sports Program/Class/Activity ("Program"), I, \_\_\_\_\_ (adult participant) or \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian for minor participant) of \_\_\_\_\_ (minor participant) hereby knowingly, freely, and voluntarily assume all of the risks associated with participation in the Program, including but not limited to, any risks that arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers (collectively the CITY). I, for myself, family, guardians, child, children, heirs, executors and administrators, agree to release, waive, discharge, and acquit the CITY of any liability, claim, and cause of action I have ever had, now have, or hereafter can, must, or may have, against the CITY in connection with or arising out of participation in the Program or use of facilities or equipment associated with the Program including but not limited to any claims caused in whole or in part from the negligence of the CITY.

I, for myself, family, guardians, child, children, heirs, executors and administrators, further agree to indemnify and hold the CITY harmless from and against any claim, demand, or cause of action of whatsoever kind or nature including attorney's fees, costs, and expenses resulting from losses sustained by third parties arising out of participant's participation in the Program or use of facilities or equipment associated with the Program including but not limited to any claims caused in whole or in part from the negligence of the CITY.

I further acknowledge, understand, and agree that to the best of my knowledge, that participant is in Good Physical Condition and has no disease or injury that would prevent participant from safely participating in the Program.

At various times, the City of Delray Beach videotapes and photographs events/programs that may be submitted to the local media. By participating in the Program, I authorize the CITY to reproduce, copy, exhibit, publish, broadcast, or distribute any and all such tapes or photographs.

The undersigned has read all of the above information and understands that the undersigned is voluntarily giving up certain rights by signing this waiver and release of liability form.

Printed Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18 years, Parent or Guardian must also sign)

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





# **The 55th Annual City of Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade Awards and Judging Criteria**

## **Best Amateur Float**

Presented to the most outstanding non-professionally decorated float. Floats will be judged on Theme, Craftsmanship/Lighting, Animation/Special Effects, Proportions/Presentations, Ingenuity/Originality

## **Best Professional Float**

Presented to the most outstanding professionally decorated float. Floats will be judged on Theme, Craftsmanship/Lighting, Animation/Special Effects, Proportions/Presentations,

## **Best Marching Band**

Presented to the most outstanding marching band. Bands will be judged on Band sound, Band formation, Animations/Special Effects, Proportions/ Presentations, Ingenuity/

## **Best Dance/Cheer**

Presented to the most outstanding dance/cheer group. Dance and cheer groups will be judged on Animation/Special Effects, Proportions/ Presentations, Ingenuity/Originality

## **Most Festive Marching Group**

Presented to the most festive marching group. Marching groups will be judged on Animations/Special Effects, Proportions/ Presentations, Ingenuity/Originality



# 55th Annual Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade Route and Assembly Area

