

# 2018 POTEET STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY RULES Parade Date: APRIL 14, 2018



## **POTEET STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE RULES** (Please read carefully)

1. **Final deadline for entries in the parade will be March 25, 2018.** Entries must be in by this date.
2. Entries should be lined up by 9:30 a.m. The parade begins promptly at 10:00 a.m., **rain or shine** on April 14, 2018. (parade route, map, your parade number/position, etc. will be emailed to you)
3. Judging – If your entry elected to be judged you will need to be ready by 8:00 a.m. Judging begins at 8:15 am and All entries must be in place, setup, and riders must remain in place until all judging is completed. Entries will not be judged if participants are not in place.
4. Judging will be a point system involving general appearance, artistry, originality, animation and costuming.
5. **5. Holders of a political office are welcome. However, no political candidate running for office may enter the parade and no campaigning of any kind by any parade participant will be permitted (distributing cards, banners, requesting votes, etc.)**
6. Autos and large vehicles must be driven by a licensed driver. Small vehicles (mini-bikes, small tractors, etc.) may be operated by a person age 14 or older.
7. **Alcoholic beverages consumed by drivers or any participants before or during the parade is expressly forbidden.** If a driver or participant is seen consuming alcohol while driving the parade route, it will result in removal from parade formation and will affect future invitations.
8. **No articles whatsoever (gum, candy, flyers, etc.) may be thrown, handed, or passed from any float or vehicle. This includes silly string, poppers or snappers. This is a safety rule and will be strictly enforced.**
9. All bands shall be uniformly dressed and accompanied by an adult leader. High School Bands who participate are invited and encouraged to bring their Junior High Bands either to march with them or as a separate unit. Please indicate number of units on the return entry form. Leaders name must be submitted with acceptance.
10. **Parade participants are not permitted to leave vehicles to demonstrate in the street or to stop or slow the forward movement of the parade in any way. There are no exceptions.**
11. When disbanding, units shall not block flow of traffic for participants behind them. Parade officials shall direct the disbanding.
12. Each youth group shall be represented by an adult supervisor who shall be responsible for his/ her group following all parade rules. Adult groups shall name a contact person. Names of supervisor or contact person must be submitted with acceptance.
13. All car clubs wanting to participate will be limited to 2 vehicles per entry.
14. All truck clubs wanting to participate will be limited to 2 vehicles per entry.
15. All parade drills shall be limited to those, which will keep the parade in forward motion. Vanguard units will proceed at own pace prior to parade time. Appropriate intervals will be allowed for drills in the vanguard.
16. All riders in cavalcade groups (horses, trail riders, etc.) are encouraged to have a common attire or costume for the group. Example for a youth group: blue jeans, western shirt, cowboy hat, and neckerchief.
17. Exceptions to these rules may be made only with approval of the PSFA Parade Committee.
18. The Poteet Strawberry Festival Association is very proud of its long-standing reputation for quality and family oriented entertainment, therefore, the Parade Committee retains the right to refuse entry of float, unit, or individual not conforming to the high standards of the PSFA. Failure to comply with the parade rules may result in removal from the parade formation and will affect future invitations