



2026 Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc. Participant Guidebook

Welcome!

Bienvenidos! We're thrilled to have you join us in celebrating Puerto Rican heritage, culture, and community pride. This guidebook is designed to help you participate safely, respectfully, and joyfully in the parade.

✔ Do's: What You Should Do

- **Register early** Secure your spot by completing all registration forms and submitting any required fees before the deadline. Incomplete applications may result in denial of entry.
- **Represent Puerto Rican culture proudly** Wear traditional attire, wave the Puerto Rican flag, and showcase music, dance, and art that reflect our heritage.
- **Respect parade volunteers** Follow instructions from parade officials to ensure a smooth and safe experience for everyone.
- **Stay in your designated area** Each group or float has a specific lineup position. Stick to it to avoid confusion or delays.
- **Keep it family-friendly** This is a community event for all ages. Costumes, music, and behavior should be appropriate and inclusive.
- **Hydrate and prepare for weather** Bring water, sunscreen, and weather-appropriate clothing. Parade days can be hot and sunny!
- **Clean up after yourself** Help us keep the streets clean by disposing of trash properly and leaving your area tidy.
- **Celebrate with respect** Cheer, dance, and engage with the crowd—but always be mindful of others' space and safety.

Don'ts: What You Shouldn't Do

- **No alcohol or drugs** Consumption or possession of alcohol or illegal substances during the parade is strictly prohibited.
- **Don't arrive late** Late arrivals disrupt the flow and may result in exclusion from the parade lineup.
- **No offensive or political messaging** Avoid signs, chants, or attire that could be considered divisive, disrespectful, or unrelated to the celebration.
- **Don't block emergency routes** Keep parade paths clear and avoid obstructing emergency access points.
- **No reckless driving** Floats and vehicles must be operated safely at all times.
- **No loud music during lineup** Volunteers need to communicate clearly with participants. Please keep music off until the parade begins.
- **Don't throw objects into the crowd** Candy or giveaways must be handed out safely—never thrown.

Vehicle Participation Guidelines

- **Car/Jeep Clubs**
 - Up to 5 cars per club are permitted.
 - Each car must display a tag on the rearview mirror for identification.
 - Vehicles must be decorated according to the parade theme.
 - Two people must carry a banner in front of your group, with two additional walkers to identify your club.
 - Applications must include pictures and a description of your organization and vehicle decorations.
 - Incomplete submissions will be denied.
- **Motorcycles** Motorcycles are not permitted in the parade.



Cultural Etiquette & Parade Spirit

- **Honor the flag** Display the Puerto Rican flag with pride and respect. Do not allow it to touch the ground or alter it with unrelated items.
- **Celebrate diversity within unity** Puerto Rico's culture is rich with African, Taíno, and Spanish influences. Embrace the full spectrum of our heritage.
- **Be a cultural ambassador** Whether you're Puerto Rican or an ally, your participation helps educate and uplift our community. Represent with dignity!

Logistics & Safety Tips

- **Arrival time** Arrive at least an 1 hour to 1 1/2 before your scheduled lineup time.
- **Parking**
 - Park at Seaside Park.
 - Take the bus to Central High School.
 - Arrive early if you need to carry equipment.
 - No cars may be left at Central High School.
 - Once the parade exits, gates will close and remain locked until Monday morning.
- **Emergency contacts** Parade officials will provide a list of emergency numbers and first aid stations.
- **Lost & found** Located near the main stage or information booth.

⚠ Enforcement & Compliance

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in removal from the parade or denial of future participation. Parade officials reserve the right to enforce all rules to ensure a safe and respectful event.

Stay Connected

- **Questions?** Contact us at: prpfc2023@gmail.com
- **Share your experience!** Use the hashtag **#FairfieldPRParade** on social media to celebrate and connect with the community.

Final Words

The Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County is more than a celebration—it's a statement of pride, unity, and resilience. Your participation helps keep our traditions alive and visible. Let's make this year's parade unforgettable!

Parade Participation Application

The parade will take place on Sunday, July 12, 2026. All participants must submit their applications by the deadline of June 20, 2026.



Important-Deadline for submission is June 20, 2026

Official Name of Organization\Group:			
Address:			
Contact person:			
Phone #:		Cell #:	
Email:			
CATEGORIES (Type of organization) (check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Community	<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Union
<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Org.			
DESCRIPTION OF CONTINGENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Bond Float (Includes Generator)	Please send an email to: prpfc2023@gmail.com with your logo for the Float. You must provide your own DJ, music or band		
<input type="checkbox"/> Self built Float(This is a float built by you) You need to provide your own DJ, music, band, etc.	Float Size: Length:	Height:	Width:
Theme of Float:			
Type of Music on the Float:			
Vehicle/Car Club/ : please provide a make and model of your 5 vehicles: 1 2 3 4 5	Please provide the theme or the town in PR you will be representing. Please provide a copy of your logo Do you have a banner? ___Y___N Do you have 2 walkers for the banner ___Y___N		
Dance Group:	Type? ___Y___N	Will you have a vehicle?	
# of Participants: _____ (Including Children)			



Brief description of the organization/group and include name and title of lead person:

Cashier's Checks are made payable to PRPFC Inc. and mail to:
 Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc., P.O. Box 447, Bridgeport, CT 06601-0447 for additional information contact:
 Milta Feliciano *203-685-2932* prpfc2023@gmail.com
Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc.

2026 WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of this participation opportunity in the 2026 Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc. the organization, company, business or group, I represent hereby waive any right or case of action arising as a result of our organization, company, and or business participation in said parade from which any liability may arise against the Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc. or any of the members of the Board of Directors, trustees, honorary board of Trustee or any individual providing leadership in connection with such said parade. I hereby declare that the organization, company and/or business assumes all responsibilities for any liabilities that may arise during our participation of parade events, with-out limiting the generality of the foregoing, I/We agree that this waiver shall include any rights or causes of action resulting from personal injury to members of our organization or property damages sustained in connection to our participation in the parade.

This waiver executed on the _____ day of _____, 2026

Participant's Name: _____

Signature of Representative: _____

Name of Witness: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Name of Parade Official: _____

Signature of Parade Official: _____

MANDATORY WAIVER
If waiver is not signed, participation will not be granted



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2026 PARADE FEES

	Bond Floats (If registered BEFORE June 1, 2026) (If registered After June 1, 2026)	\$2,325.00 \$2,425.00
	Self-Build Float(a float that is built by the person or organization)	\$325.00
	Dance Group & Nonprofit Marching Group	\$125.00
	Government Representative(walking with 1 vehicle)	\$150.00
	Advertisement (Business owners)	\$150.00
	Car Clubs (\$50.00 per vehicle, 5 vehicles maximum plus 2 walkers with banner	\$275.00
	Total	

- The amount of vehicle clubs is limited so it's on first come basis
- No personal checks nor cash accepted

Business Check # _____ Cashier's Check # _____ Money Order # _____

If you prefer to pay by Credit Card fill in the square:

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE DATE PERSON'S SIGNATURE RECEIVING PAYMENT
DATE

Checks are made payable to PRPFC Inc. or mail to: P.O.Box 447, Bridgeport, CT 06601
For additional information
contact:
Milta Feliciano * 203 685-2932* prpfc2023@gmail.com

Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc.
2026 PARADE RULES, REGULATIONS & POLICIES

REGISTRATION



- Participants must submit a complete parade application form by Monday, June 1, 2026. No exceptions. No walk-ins permitted on parade day.
- Participants are to submit a \$25.00 application fee for consideration of participation, which is non-refundable. Application fee does not guarantee parade participation until approved by PRPFC.
- Only those participants who have submitted an application, plus all other forms necessary along with a full payment and approved by PRPFC will be allowed to participate on parade day and will be assigned a line up group.

REQUIREMENTS

- Organizations who build their own floats must provide a copy of their insurance policy to PRPFC prior to commencement of the parade, deadline, June 1, 2026
- Participants must identify our Puerto Rican heritage, culture, pride throughout the parade.
- Participants must have a banner in front of their group to identify them and the town and city they are representing.
- Participant's attire and behavior shall be in "good taste", no profanity or vulgarity will be allowed, and "good taste" is at the discretion of PRPFC.
- PRPFC may expel any participant, group, or organization on the day of the parade for cause including but not limited to violation of any rules and regulations listed and/or to follow the directions of PRPFC. No refund of payment made in the event participant is expelled.
- Registered participations who are no show on the day of the parade will officially forfeit, and any monies paid will not be refunded.
- All vehicles in the parade must be in good working order and must comply with State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicle laws. Your registration, insurance etc. may be requested by PRPFC at time during line up.

NOT PERMITTED

- No artwork or other symbols are to be displayed on the Puerto Rican flags on parade route. The Puerto Rican flag must be properly displayed and in its natural state. Check with PRPFC for proper displaying of flag protocol.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted during line up or along the parade route.
- 18 wheeled vehicles, Monster trucks are not permitted in parade due to road restrictions safety and the safety of parade attendees.
- No auxiliary vehicles are permitted to accompany marching groups, only approved decorated vehicles are allowed.
- No political or electoral advertisement or signage may be displayed by any contingent, whether on a float, in a vehicle or marching.
- No Third Party will be allowed to march with original group with applicant to march with original group participating and its signature on the application.
- To ensure the safety of parade spectators, it's prohibited to throw any objects into the crowds that may harm spectators along the parade route.

FLOATS

- All Bond float fees will be \$2,300.00. It includes one business advertisement (\$150.00) in the Gala Ad Book to be held September 2025. For additional advertisement fee, see Parade Fee list.

ON PARADE DAY



- Participants must check in on the day of parade at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Taft Avenue (via Capitol Avenue) look for the Parade Registration Table for specific lineup instructions.
- Check Line-up starts at 7:30 for all other participants. You will receive notification of assigned time and section. Anyone arriving after designated arrival times will not be guaranteed their place in line and may be subject to be placed at the end of parade line.
- The PRPFC Inc. does not guarantee or promise specific places in the lineup. Line up placement of participant is at the discretion of PRPFC based on safety and other factors.

The undersigned hereby agrees and accepts terms and conditions of the Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc. for participation in the Puerto Rican Parade. The undersigned hereby declares that he/she has read the above rules, regulations & policy of the PRPFC and adheres to the above.

Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County, Inc.

Applicant' Signature or Authorized Representative & Title:

Signature

Date

PRPFC Official Signature

Signature

Date