



VIRGINIA
CARNIVAL
BEACH

**MAS BAND
PACKAGE**



Dear Competing Bandleaders, Float Designers and Non-Competing Entries,

We hope this finds you well. We are taking the pleasure of cordially inviting you and your mas band to come and play mas in the Virginia Beach Carnival, which will take place July 22nd, 2023 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the 24th Street Stage. The parade route will take place from 8th Street to 24th Street, with concert commencing at the park starting at 6pm through 11pm.

This event is Culture oriented and Soca approved! We are looking forward to seeing you in the event. Your presence will make this event even more special and lit.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours Truly,

VB CARNIVAL TEAM

1ST Annual Virginia Beach Carnival

Entry Deadline: APRIL 3rd, 2023

WEATHER DATE: TBA

Please submit pages (3 -5) with registration fee and keep copy for your records.

PARADE REGULATIONS & RULES

01 **Date: July 22nd, 2023**

02 **Assembly: 7TH Street**
Va Beach VA 23456

Parade Start: 11 am

03 **Parade Route:**
8th Street – 24th Street

TRUCK REGULATIONS

Music trucks bed not to exceed 26-feet in length and 13-feet in height. Trailers maximum total length 35 ft. (includes tow rig & trailer) and width of 12ft.

BAND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Band check-in, on Saturday, July 22nd will be at 9:00 AM. **The truck driver and band leader** (or pre-approved representative) must be present at time of check-in. **\$25 penalty will be assessed from the band deposit for failure to check-in on time.**
- **Bands must be fully operational and in position by 10:00 AM.** Any band that is not ready to start at their correct time/number will have a minimum of **10 pts** deducted and a **\$50 penalty** will be taken from band deposit.
- Bands are required to have identifiable internal marshals (one for every ten (10) masqueraders) to ensure an orderly process and good conduct along the parade route.

EMCEE SCRIPT

An Emcee script is to be provided by Bandleader or designated band representative. Please keep in mind that the information will be used to introduce your Unit/Band/Troupe/Float to the viewing audience.

Please type or neatly write out the Emcee script and provide with application.

Payment by Cashier's Checks, Money Orders, CashApp (\$vabeachcarnival) or Zelle (vabeachcarnival@gmail.com), payable to Virginia Beach Carnival or mailed to the below address. **Payments to be made with Package submittal.**

Virginia Beach Carnival
P.O. BOX 6072
Chesapeake VA 23323

****ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED****

CATEGORY OF GROUP/REGISTRATION FEES/PRIZES - THIS APPLYS TO MAS BAND ONLY

To participate in the parade and to be judged in the various categories, the following registration fee and refundable deposit are required:

Competing Group/Mas Band Registration Fee:

- All bands/Troupe Entry fee - **\$300 (non-refundable)** with a \$100 refund if no penalties are incurred as specified above.

Please note: The entry fee does not include entry into the park. When pricing for your band costumes please include a \$50 fee for individuals on registration form who would like to enter the park. The Total to enter the park shall be collected June 1st – wrist bands shall be distributed, for you to distribute at your discretion. Bandleaders Only - \$30 entry fee to the park.

*****ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!!*****

Judging and Scoring

Mas Bands competing are judged on five categories: Visual Impact, Presentation, Creativity, Craftsmanship, and Choreography. Total Points distribution in each category are as follows:

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| • Visual Impact | 35 points |
| • Presentation/Choreography | 25 points |
| • Creativity/masquerader participation | 15 points |
| • Craftsmanship | 15 points |
| • Theme | 10 points |

For a total of 100 points.

Judging will be done by three judges. In the event that there are two bands having the same total score, creating a tie for 1st place, there will be no 2nd place, if there is a tie for 2nd place there will be no 3rd place, if there is a tie for 3rd place the judges will have to determine a clear winner for that third place since VIRGINIA BEACH CARNIVAL will only payout for the prizes indicated above.

Mas Bands shall be competing for the following prizes.

Prizes: 1st Place - \$1,000 & Trophy 2nd Prize - \$500 & Trophy 3rd Prize – Trophy

The score to be awarded will be the aggregate points of the judges. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.

Prize Distribution:

- If the number of entries is less than five (5) in each category, trophies will be awarded.
- If the number of competing entries is five (5) or more in each category, then cash awards will be considered as well. Checks will be made payable to the registered contact individual on application.
- Winners would be announced, and prizes will be awarded on the Main Stage at 24th Street Stage the day of the event, unless otherwise notified by VA Beach Carnival Festival Officials.

Note: Virginia Beach Carnival Committee reserves the right to reduce/increase/terminate the amount of prize money accordingly.

2023 REGISTRATION FORM – PARADE OF BANDS

Please complete all information requested. If some information is not applicable, please indicate by entering N/A. Return original of all signed copies with Registration Fee.

Name of Mas Band: _____

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Website: <https://www.>_____

Category Entering:

Dimensions (in feet) of Truck/Trailer: Height: _____ Width: _____ Length: _____

Theme: _____

Number of Participants in Mas Band (include marshals, DJ, and driver): _____

Emcee Script Information (print please)

Please provide your theme of your mas band and give a description of your and/troupe/king/queen. Please attach your emcee script to the completed application or use the back of this page, if necessary. *Please make script legible.*

PARADE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

THIS INDEPENDENT UNIT/BAND/FLOAT/INDIVIDUAL ENTRY AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") dated as of _____ 2023 (the "Execution Date") is entered into by and between VIRGINIA BEACH CARNIVAL Committee and (the" Unit/Band/Float").

WHEREAS the VIRGINIA BEACH CARNIVAL is the organizing body of the Annual VIRGINIA BEACH CARNIVAL to be held on 22ND JULY 2023 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

WHEREAS the parties desire to set forth in this Agreement the terms and conditions under which a Unit/Band/Float will participate in the Parade of Bands for the Virginia Beach Carnival on July 22nd, 2023.

- Bands agree that nothing shall limit the right of Virginia Beach Carnival Parade Committee to photograph, record, film, videotape, and broadcast and to transmit via the Internet the performance of the said presentation at any event produced by Virginia Beach Carnival or to utilize them in the marketing and promotion of Virginia Beach Carnival. It is expressly agreed that Virginia Beach Carnival. May employ or authorize any third party, including the media, to exercise these rights on its behalf.

The parties hereby represent and warrant that:

- a) It has the right and authority to enter into this agreement
- b) Execution and performance of this agreement will not violate or conflict with the provisions of any agreement by which it is bound.

Release, indemnification and hold harmless: Unit/Band hereby agree on behalf of all members of my band, to hold harmless the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach Carnival. And all of its individual employees, volunteers, and members, and their respective agents and employees, the Virginia Beach Shops, eateries, restaurants, its owners, employees and agents, and waives any claim against them, jointly or severally, and hereby agree to defend, indemnify, save and hold them harmless from and against any and all claims of any nature including but not limited to bodily injury or death to myself or others, damage to property, attorney fees and costs, and otherwise, occasioned by my/our participation in any Virginia Beach Carnival 2023 activities.

Our participation is completely voluntary, and I/we assume all risks and hazards incidental to the activity or event in which I/we are participating.

Independent Unit/Band/Float Status. The relationship between Virginia Beach Carnival Committee and the Unit/Band shall be solely as independent Unit/Band Contractor and neither party shall be deemed a joint venture, partner, agent, representative or employee of the other.

Unit/Band is solely responsible for securing; at his/her sole cost any insurance as may be required by law.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and merges and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements between the parties relating to this Agreement's subject matter. This Agreement may not be modified or terminated orally, and no modification, termination, or attempted waiver of any of the provisions shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party against whom it is sought to be enforced.

AGREEMENT OF THE RULES & GUIDELINES.

As the Band Leader and on behalf of my band participants, I have read the rules and guidelines for participation, and I understand and agree to adhere to and comply with all the rules and guidelines set forth in this agreement. The Virginia Beach Carnival committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application without explanation. Failure to comply with the rules and guidelines or on-site instructions will be cause for disqualification and/or removal from the parade and/or competition.

Governing Law. This Agreement is made and executed and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Virginia, without regard to its conflicts of laws principles.

(Participating Group Representative Signature): _____

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2022.

**2023 REGISTRATION FORM – NON-COMPETING
ENTRIES**

GENERAL PARTICIPATION

To participate in the parade and to be judged in the various categories, the following registration fee and refundable deposit are required:

Non-Competing Groups/Individuals Registration Fee:

Registration Fee - \$35 per person – This fee applies to the following:

- **Steel Bands**, T- Shirt Bands,
etc.
- **Dance Troupes**
- **College Bands**
- **Pageant Contestants**

Please sign all applicable areas and include registration fees with application no later than **April 3rd, 2023 – No later than May 1st, 2023**. Application will not be processed without the appropriate fees. Make check/money order payable to:

**VIRGINIA BEACH CARNIVAL
P.O. Box 6072, Chesapeake VA 23323**

For more information, email Virginia Beach Carnival Team at vabeachcarnival@gmail.com.

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