

2026 PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

PIBA – BAREFOOT MARDI GRAS PARADE

1. Parade line-up and staging will begin Saturday, February 28, 2026 in the Briscoe King Parking lot. Parade to start at 11AM. Parade entries will generally appear in order of arrival at the staging location, and are at the sole discretion of the Parade Marshall. The parade route will begin on the beach at Padre Balli Park Road, and will continue North to Beach Access Road 3a (South Packery Channel). The parade will end by turning west onto Beach Access Rd 3A. Float Parking/ breakdown will be at Whitecap and Windward drive. Float owners are solely responsible for removal of their float and float related trash from the parking area.
DO NOT dispose of float trash or materials in the parking lot or on the beach.
2. All participants operating motorized vehicles must provide Barefoot Mardi Gras with proof of auto liability insurance **by including a copy of their insurance card with their application.**
3. A mandatory Parade Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:30pm at Island Presbyterian Church (14030 Fortuna Bay Dr)**. One Krewe member MUST be present to participate in the parade. **Deadline for Entry: February 23, 2026**
4. **All entries must be decorated** and for a **family atmosphere**, constructed and driven in a safe manner, and not present a health or safety hazard to the participants or the general public. Pulling units must be decorated and should be made as much a part of the float as possible. **Floats cannot be higher than 20' due to over-head lines.** For safety reasons, no stopping or changing of Krewe members during the parade is allowed.
5. All floats including live music of any kind shall indicate it on entry form. All music shall be family friendly and appropriate for the event.
6. The person responsible for any animal or group of animals is required to have a cleanup crew immediately following and immediate pick up of animal waste is required.
7. Parade entries may only advertise a business, corporation, or service if they are registered and paid under the correct category. If promoting multiple businesses on a single float, float must be registered as such and pay the \$250.00 entry fee. **Barefoot Mardi Gras Parade Marshall reserves the right to refuse any parade entry for any reason.**
8. Judging will be based on originality, creativity and theme reflection - trophies will be awarded following the parade and the tally of judges' votes at the Barefoot Mardi Gras judging area.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE

Questions - call John Vaughn (361-779-0477) or Bob Paulison (361-563-2888)