

# ARVADA HARVEST FESTIVAL

## ***PARADE RULES***

These rules are for the safety and well-being of both the participants and spectators.

**Agreement to the rules is a requirement for applying.** On the day of the parade, parade units found to be in violation of parade rules may be excluded from judging, may be removed from the parade and/or may be barred from future participation in the Arvada Harvest Festival Parade.

**THE ARVADA HARVEST FESTIVAL HOLDS  
NO LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES AND/OR INJURIES**

1. Only vehicles that are part of your Parade entry will be allowed into the staging area; all others must park elsewhere.
2. Vehicle drivers must hold an adult driver's license and be in compliance with all state requirements related to their vehicle.
3. Vehicle drivers must always remain with their vehicle.
4. Dignitaries and politicians must supply their own convertible vehicles.
5. After forward motion of your unit has begun; no one may move on or off the vehicles.
6. Units must only drive forward; no backing is allowed.
7. **Do not encourage spectators to approach your vehicle.**
8. Standing float riders must be provided with a hand hold or other support.
9. For spectator safety, handouts of any kind (including candy) must be ***passed hand-to-hand from parade walkers to spectators AT THE CURBSIDE.*** A good rule of thumb is four walkers on each side (11 years old, or older), with the ability to keep up with the pace of the unit; need at least 5,000 units of your handout. **NO THROWING HANDOUTS TO THE CROWD.**
10. Bicyclists, motorcyclists, skateboarders, inline skaters, and those on scooters must wear helmets.
11. Equestrian units must have only one rider per horse. If you would like to be moved up in the parade line up you must provide someone to pick up after your horses.
12. Inflatable balloons 10' or larger, must be handled by persons 18 years of age or older; who are physically capable.

13. Vendors must pre-register. **Sales are prohibited along the parade route without the express written approval of the parade committee;** and the vendor will need to procure a Special Event City Sales Tax License and a Jefferson County Health Permit.
14. Actions that may surprise spectators must be pre-approved by the parade committee.
15. Sound checks prior to the parade are limited to five minutes. This does not apply to High School Bands.
16. Sound amplification must be adjustable and not audible beyond 30' from the unit.
17. To gain maximum exposure, stay 25' from the entry in front of you.
18. One unit may not double up with another.
19. Political entries are **only** allowed if the entry has registered and has paid the \$400 fee **per** issue, candidate, topic, etc. Political t-shirts, signs, banners, etc., exhibited by anyone other than those that have paid the \$400 fee are **not allowed**. Spectators come to a parade to be entertained; please practice good judgment and keep it pleasurable for all.
20. **Confetti and/or glitter are prohibited; because they are very difficult to clean up.**
21. No alcohol, illegal substances, smoking or inebriation is allowed in the pre-parade staging area or on the parade route.
22. Parade units violating any of these rules will not be judged and may be removed from the parade; this is at the discretion of the festival executive committee, parade chair/committee or event coordinator. This disqualification may also result in the suspension of future participation.
23. The festival executive committee, parade chair/committee or event coordinator reserve the right to grant written approval for any exceptions to these rules.

**PARADE WILL GO ON RAIN OR SHINE**

\*\*\*\* **PLEASE NOTE:** PARADE CHAIR IS UNAVAILABLE ON PARADE MORNING \*\*\*\*