

# MARCHING UNIT and FLOAT COMPETITION RULES OF ENTRY

2017 Millersville Community Parade

**\*\*All judging will occur at the "Grandstand" area on S. George Street\*\***

All decisions by the judges are final

**MARCHING UNIT COMPETITION** consists of four judging categories:

- **Instrumental**  
(1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes)
- **Non-Instrumental**  
(1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes)
- **Color Guard/similar military group**  
(1<sup>st</sup> place prize)
- **Baton/Twirler**  
(1<sup>st</sup> place prize)

1. All marching units will perform THROUGHOUT the parade route.
2. Per Parade Committee, cash prizes may be awarded to paid and non-paid participants and will be mailed following the parade.

Judging Criteria for **Instrumental** groups:

1. Musical ability
2. Showmanship
3. Appearance

**\*\*There is a 3-minute performance time limit in front of the Grandstands\*\***

Judging Criteria for **Non-Instrumental** and **Color Guard** or similar **Military** groups:

1. Skill Level
2. Showmanship
3. Appearance

Judging Criteria for **Baton/Twirler** groups:

1. Skill Level
2. Showmanship
3. Appearance

Each criterion is worth 5 points for a total of 15 points per judge. All judge's decisions are final. The Parade Committee requires three units be registered for competition to occur and reserves the right to make decisions regarding the number of participating units eligible for prizes within each division.

**FLOAT COMPETITION** consists of three judging categories:

- **Commercial Float**  
(1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes)
- **Civic/Community Float**  
(1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes)
- **University Float**  
(1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes)

1. All float entries must be built on: a pick-up truck bed, farm wagon, flatbed truck, or other trailer, if approved by judges.  
**\*\*NO smaller than a pick-up truck bed is permitted\*\***
2. Float must be electric or fuel driven, have breaks and steering capabilities. Can include both a moving vehicle/team of walkers.
3. All floats **MUST** be at Penn Manor High School float staging location by **7:30 A.M.** on parade day, for lineup!
4. Float entry cannot be higher than 18 feet, measured upward from ground/street level.
5. All floats must be completed by parade kickoff. Unfinished floats will be penalized.
6. In order for judging to occur, a float entry must be representational of parade theme and decorated in good taste.
7. All float entries will receive an "Entry Number" prior to the day of the parade. This number must be displayed in six-inch (6") high numerals, plainly visible on both sides of float. Entrant supplies their own printed entry number on float.
8. All floats must display the group or organization's name.
9. All floats must travel the entire the parade route, and may not cause slowing or otherwise delay parade movement.
10. The entrant will be responsible for transporting the float to and from the parade in accordance with all highway/safety codes.
11. The number of awards presented per float category is contingent upon the number of entries.
12. Cash prizes (via check) and ribbons will be awarded to winners in each category and mailed following the parade.

Judging Criteria for **Floats**:

1. Overall Appearance
2. Depiction of Parade Theme
3. Originality
4. Utilization of Materials

Each judge will award floats up to 25 points for each of the four areas of emphasis in the judging criteria. The highest score possible for any float will be 300 points, or 100 points per judge. All judge's decisions are final.

Judges shall deduct 20 points from the cumulative score for each of the following violations:

1. Improper display of entry number
2. Inappropriate and/or offensive behavior, attire or float decorations
3. Entry name not included

**Please share all respective information with all participants (and parents, where necessary). It is strongly suggested that groups use car pools to help alleviate traffic congestion. Shuttle bus service (i.e., yellow school buses) is provided from James Street Parking Lots to/from Penn Manor High School on parade day. \*No parking in staging area or parade route. Vehicles may be ticketed or towed.**

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