

THE IRISH SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE – MARCH 10, 2012
RULES & GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The following rules and guidelines are designed to produce a safe and enjoyable Parade for all participants and spectators..

- 1 - All applications for participation in the Parade must be approved by the Parade Manager; all applicants will be advised concerning the status of their application.
- 2 - All Parade participants must agree to abide by all Parade rules, and follow the directions of the Parade Marshals.
- 3 - The Parade is designed to celebrate traditional Irish culture, as well as the Irish – Canadian culture of the greater Ottawa area, The Ottawa Valley, and Western Quebec; Parade entries are encouraged to reflect this theme.
- 4 - **All participants must ensure the personal safety of all personnel involved with their entry. All floats (flatbeds, trailer, etc.) must have protective guardrails on both sides and at the rear of the float.** Also, protective skirts must be installed on both sides of the float. To ensure the safety of both participants and spectators, all entries must have a member of their group walk along both sides of their entry.
- 5 - **All floats must carry a certified fire extinguisher in good – working order.**
- 6 - All entries involving animals must ensure the safety of their personnel, other Parade participants, spectators, as well as their own animals, and other animals involved in the Parade.
- 7 - **Participants or spectators must not mount/dismount moving floats, vehicles, etc.**
- 8 - **The consumption of alcohol by Parade participants is not allowed before or during the Parade.**
- 9 - **Floats may NOT be more than 3.6 metres (12 feet) in height** to allow clear passage under the Queensway at Bank Street. This measurement is from the pavement to the highest point of the float.
- 10 - No material, including candy, is to be thrown from Parade floats, vehicles, etc.
- 11 - Sponsor signs and banners should not be a dominant feature of an entry. It is recommended that each entry have two people walk in front of the entry carrying a banner identifying the entry, and the sponsor, if any.
- 12 – All entries will be assigned numbered cards by the Parade Marshals; cards are to be placed on each entry, at the front left side.
- 13 - Commercial vehicles are permitted only as a secondary component of an entry.