

2010 Lincoln Days Parade Rules

1.) **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES CAN RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THE PARADE. These rules apply to all participants in the Lincoln Days Parade. No person is permitted to participate unless they are willing to follow and be bound by these rules.**

2.) The Parade Committee recognizes the following classes of participants:

a.) *Official Parties*

Units representing Lincoln Days, its activities, and invited guests;

b.) *Lincoln Days Sponsors*

Individuals and businesses listed at <http://www.lincolndays.org/sponsors/> or parade sponsors;

c.) *Government and Public Sector*

Government officials not in a campaign status, units representing institutions of government, and public schools;

d.) *Individuals*

Individuals whose participation is purely personal, such as car entries;

e.) *Walking Groups*

Walking units not representing a Commercial interest;

f.) *Commercial*

Any unit whose participation involves advocating a commercial interest, political campaign (issues or candidates for office), regardless of whether organized as a profit or non-profit entity as well as **all floats**

determined by the parade committee not to be constructed in the spirit of the parade theme (2010: "Made in Kentucky");

g.) *Military and Veteran Organizations.*

3.) **Entry fees will be required at the time of check-in on parade day.** All checks should be made payable to Lincoln Days Celebration, and may be mailed with the registration form. Entry fees are as follows:

a.) **No entry fee** shall be required for Official Parties, Lincoln Days Sponsors, Government and Public Sector, or Military and Veterans Organization participants--period;

b.) **No entry fee** shall be required for federally chartered organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or groups of similar civic/community nature, provided the unit does not engage in activities of a Commercial nature;

c.) **No entry fee** shall be required for a walking unit not engaged in Commercial activity or float constructed in the spirit of the parade theme;

d.) **No entry fee** shall be required for registered participants in the Lincoln Days Car and Tractor shows;

e.) **No entry fee** shall be required for marching bands;

f.) **\$10 entry fee** will be required for all other auto units, tractor units, and animal units that are not Commercial entries;

g.) **\$60 commercial entry fee** will be required for all Commercial units.

4.) Any float entry required to pay a registration fee that is determined to by the Parade Committee to be constructed consistently with the spirit of the parade theme (2010 - "Made in Kentucky") and other float rules shall have the full amount of the entry fee returned by check from Lincoln Days following the festival. **The Parade Committee's decision is final.**

5.) All participants must sign a general release waiving liability against Lincoln Days Celebration, Inc., its officers, and its volunteers. No person may participate unless they have signed the release; a parent or legal guardian has signed the release on their behalf; or they are participating as part of a group (e.g. a school band, social organization, church, or business) and such group has authorized an individual to sign a release on the behalf of the entire group. In such cases, the authorizing individual must attach a list of names of participants to the back of the general release.

6.) All units must be registered with the parade committee, no later than Friday, September 24, 2010.

7.) All units must be checked-in by Noon, Saturday, October 2, 2010, and lined up in their assigned spot by 1:00 PM. No unit will be permitted to line up after 1:00 PM, unless granted advance permission by the Parade Chairman.

8.) Floats must be checked-in and lined up by 10:30 AM in order to be eligible for judging. Judging will occur between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

9.) **Nothing is to be thrown or passed out by parade participants, including candy and brochures. Violations of this rule may result in the immediate withdrawal of the unit and a permanent ban from future participation. This is a safety rule.**

10.) **FLOATS**--Accompanying walkers shall not approach a float during the parade. All riders should be secured. Children must be accompanied by adults. No rider shall be picked up en route.

11.) **ALL DRIVERS MUST PRESENT A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AT CHECK-IN. NO EXCEPTIONS! VALID INSURANCE MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN FOR ALL AUTOMOBILES.**

12.) There must be one seat per person on all vehicles. All automobiles must be at least 25 model-years or older unless specifically invited to participate by the Parade Committee or they are convertibles used to transport dignitaries.

13.) All-terrain vehicles are expressly prohibited unless operated by fire, police, or similar agency or entered as pooper scoopers.

14.) Coggins papers are required for animal entries. Helmets are required for minors. Minors riding solo must be lead by rope.

15.) Any questions or judgments should be directed to the Parade Chairman and the Chairman's ruling shall be final. The Chairman shall have the authority to make any changes or exceptions to these rules at any time he believes such changes or exceptions will promote safety or better facilitate the conduct of a successful parade.