

2024



BRISTOL FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Parade Floats

Preparation Requirements

1. A completed **FLOAT APPLICATION** form must be received no later than **MAY 1, 2024**. An 8"X10" sketch and /or photograph of each intended float design **MUST** accompany the application. **WAIVER of LIABILITY** must be filled out and signed by **ALL PARTICIPATES** with the float including the **driver, walkers and riders on the float**. Applications received after **MAY 1, 2024** will be subject to an additional \$25 late filing fee. No applications will be accepted after May 31, 2024.
2. **ALL FLOATS MUST PROJECT A PATRIOTIC THEME** which relates to American Independence and its celebration. Floats which are determined to be solely mobile advertising displays for commercial and/or for-profit entities will not be accepted.
3. The patriotic float theme must appear on both sides of float and can be of any size. Sponsorship sign, if any, is restricted to the **REAR** of the float only. Not to exceed 3 X 5 feet.
4. All floats should measure no higher than 13 feet 6 inches from the ground and should be able to maneuver around sharp corners on the parade route without difficulty. (Note: segments of the parade route are only two lanes wide).
5. No one under (10) years of age may appear as part of any entry unless accompanied by an adult.
6. Sound equipped entries must specify type of equipment, sound and repertoire of songs to be used on Float Application Form. Music, or other sounds projected must be consistent with the parade's Patriotic Theme. Sound must be projected from sides only and maintained at a volume low enough so as not to interfere with bands and other marching units participating. The Committee has the right to reserve and limit the number of floats with sound.
7. Horns, Whistles and Sirens of any kind are **not permitted**.
8. There will be no distributions or fundraising by any float applicant. No objects of any kind may be thrown, sprayed or otherwise distributed to spectators from any entry (including, but not limited to candy, silly string, snappers, advertisements, pamphlets, etc.) Failure to comply will result in immediate removal from the parade.
9. **All floats must carry an approved, fully charged FIRE EXTINGUISHER that is easily accessible.**
10. **Drivers must be with vehicle at all times** prior to and during parade.
11. Floats **must** arrive at the Colt State Park float assembly area no later than 7 a.m. The **judging of floats** will begin **promptly at 7:30 a.m.** The parade will step-off promptly at 10:30 a.m. In planning for parade day, we encourage participants to bring coolers with an appropriate supply of snacks and beverages for your group.
12. All floats are limited to 25 walkers. Walkers may walk in front of or behind the float **ONLY**. Walkers are **NOT ALLOWED** to walk along the sides of the float.

Non-compliance with the above requirements may result in disqualification from float judging and/or participation in the parade, at the discretion of the Float Committee Chairman, in consultation with the Float Committee. The Parade Chairman reserves the right to remove any float during the parade that the Parade Chairman considers to be in violation of these requirements or the Parade Rules and Regulations, or a danger to spectators or other parade participants.