

FRUITPORT LIONS CLUB

Old Fashioned Days Parade Rules and Regulations

(Revised March 27, 2025)

All parade applications are subject to final approval by Fruitport Lions Old Fashioned Days Parade Committee which reserves the right to deny any applicant for any reason. All entries must comply with the following parade rules and regulations:

1. The safety of both parade participants and spectators is our uppermost consideration and goal.
 - a. All parade units must be soundly constructed and properly maintained to insure safe operation. All units must be driven and/or operated in such a manner to ensure the safety of both parade spectators and participants. Operators must have a valid and current Operators License for the class of vehicle or motorized unit being operated.
 - b. A fire extinguisher and first aid kit must be accessible on every parade exhibit, float, or unit.
 - c. Tossing or throwing anything from floats or out of vehicles during the parade is prohibited. Items may be handed out to spectators by parade participants walking along the edge of the roadway. Spraying water or liquids from the floats and parade units at spectators is prohibited.
 - d. Maintain an assured safe interval between parade units while striving to eliminate gaps in the parade.
 - e. Burnouts, racing, various vehicle stunts and other unsafe or unlawful behavior and activities are prohibited. Law enforcement officials are present along the parade route and can issue tickets for such acts.
 - f. Once started on it, parade participants must complete the entire parade route. Plan for, and have, adequate water, refreshments, and ability for your parade unit participants to complete the parade.
 - g. Animal units must be accompanied by their own clean-up unit, and all animals in the parade must have adequate care for the duration of the event. Unless other arrangements are made, all animals must ride in a vehicle or on a parade float for the duration of the parade.
2. Because the community and people of all ages are watching and participating in this parade:
 - a. Floats and unique entries will be given a preference in the final selection of parade participants.
 - b. All units must be clean and/or appropriately decorated to honor Memorial Day and enhance the image of the Old Fashioned Days Parade and its host The Fruitport Lions.
 - c. Persons walking along-side of the parade entries are encouraged to wear matching clothing or costumes to make them an integral part of the unit.
 - d. Parade participants are announced from the reviewing stand near the intersection of Pontaluna Rd. & 3rd Streets. Prominently display your registration ID number toward the reviewing stand so they can identify and announce your parade entry. Musical entries are encouraged to continue playing while passing the reviewing stand.
 - e. If music or sound is to be used, please indicate this on your application in your unit's description and provide information about what you plan to broadcast to the audience.
3. There may be a limit placed on individual vehicle entries. For vehicle and car clubs, vehicles will be released 2-abreast into the parade. Please maintain this configuration.
4. All political campaigning, and promotion of a political party or elected and appointed political officials is prohibited within the OFD Memorial Day Parade.
5. Commercial Entries are loosely defined as a for-profit entity / business, whose participation in the parade would be considered publicity or advertising, and as such, they are required to pay the Commercial Entry parade fee. For example, advertising can take form of distributing information and fliers or displaying business entity signage and symbols. If the entity is the Official Old Fashioned Days Festival Sponsors it is exempt from this fee.
6. Participation Agreement:
 - a. Submittal of an application for parade entry acknowledges that the applicant has read, understands, and agrees to comply with the Old Fashioned Days Rules and Regulations.
 - b. All parade entries must be covered by appropriate insurance.
 - c. Failure to comply with the Old Fashioned Days Rules and Regulations is cause for being ejected from the parade and denied participation in future Old Fashioned Days parades.
 - d. Indemnification - By applying for and/or participating in the Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Parade all applicants and participants agree to hold harmless (indemnify) Lions Clubs International and the Fruitport Lions Club, their officers and members from any claims, actions or damages resulting from participation in this parade.