



SOMERSET PULASKI COUNTY Chamber of Commerce

Rules and Regulations for the 2025 Christmas Parade **All participants must agree to abide by all rules listed below.**

Thank you for your participation in the 2025 Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Please take a few minutes to thoroughly review the below rules & regulations before you sign the release waiver. If you or your organization have questions, please call the Chamber at: 606-679-7323.

Parade officials will designate "Santa Claus." Any other Santa Claus (including Mrs. Claus) will **not be allowed**. This avoids confusion for small children. Any violation of this rule will result in your group being asked to leave the Parade. Stuffed or fake Santa's are acceptable.

Floats & Vehicles:

- Participants must have a leader designated to check in with parade coordinators.
- Group leaders are responsible for all vehicles, equipment, and individuals participating in their entry
- Each Parade participant must present evidence of liability insurance for each entry including, but not limited to, all motor vehicles, trailers, and any individual assigned.
- All floats, vehicles and entries must have a person of the age of 21 or older as a participant and/or driver.
- **A Parade entry is defined as having no more than 3 vehicles participating. Additional vehicles will result in additional fees for your organization.**
- Vehicles, which aren't street legal, can only be driven in the Parade.
- Float assignments are made based upon information given on the forms that you have filled out. That is another reason why it's important to be as accurate and informative as possible.
- No semi's or tractor trailers will be allowed to participate in the Parade. There are multiple turns where the turning radius is too tight and poses a risk to bystanders watching the Parade.
- The maximum height of Parade floats will be 12.5 feet.
- All items on floats and vehicles must be properly secured to not cause a hazard to any participant or spectator.
- No Parade participant may ride with feet hanging over the side of the float
- Entries should not stop along Parade route for any reason except if the Parade stops or in the event of an emergency.
- All floats that use a flat-bed trailer are encouraged to provide some sort of skirting around bottom to keep individuals from falling underneath the float.

- **No candy or other items may be thrown from floats or vehicles.** Information and candy may be handed out by parade participants directly to parade attendees if they're able to do so safely, while keeping pace.
- Non-Commercial & Commercial vehicles including Fire Trucks, Ambulances and Police Cars are asked to use discretion and not excessively blow their horn or sirens throughout the Parade route. The noise detracts from the judging of entries and the music of the Parade.
- At the conclusion of the Parade, floats should be unloaded at the Pulaski County Judicial Center.

Operating A Vehicle:

- All drivers must have a current driver's license and a copy of a valid vehicle insurance verification at the time of the Parade.
- No person operating a vehicle or other moving equipment shall be permitted to operate a cellular device, including no texting, while in the Parade route.
- Drivers must always have complete control of moving equipment.
- Each entry shall have a spotter in the cab of the vehicle, who is 18 years of age or older, viewing the float at all times. (In addition to the driver)
- Participants may not be added or removed from floats during Parade. (Except during emergencies.)
- Entries must maintain steady movement along designated Parade route only, with a 20-30 foot cushion between entries.
- Entries experiencing difficulties must move out of the Parade route.

Parade Line Up:

- Parade begins promptly at 5:00pm in the Meece Middle School Parking Lot.
- **Non-Parade vehicles are not permitted into the staging area.** Groups should establish a meeting place outside of the Parade area to meet and then walk to their float or use the designated "drop-off" area to safely offboard Parade participants.
- Line up begins at 1:30pm. Please be patient as we get all floats in their designated location.
- Entries not in position by 5:00pm will not be allowed to participate and will forfeit their participation. Due to the high volume of traffic, we strongly recommend planning extra time for arrival.
- Any misconduct during line up shall result in your entry not participating in the Parade. There will be no fighting amongst entries over any subject matter.
- Parade volunteers will be treated with respect. Any violation of this rule will result in the immediate removal of you from the Christmas Parade.



No Drone Zone:

- Only authorized drones are prohibited at the Somerset-Pulaski County Christmas Parade.
- All other drones are prohibited.

Weather / Cancelation & Refund Policy

- In the event of inclement weather, the Parade will continue as scheduled unless City of Somerset Police deem the weather to be extreme and raise safety concerns.
- Your attendance in the event during inclement weather is at your discretion. However, if you choose NOT to attend, please email the Parade Committee by 2pm the day of the event so we can adjust.
- There will be no postponement or rescheduling of the Parade.
- Because there are required expenditures that will not be refundable, even in the event of a cancellation, we must maintain a “no refund” policy for sponsors & parade entries.

Judging:

- All entries must be in place and ready to be judged at 4:30pm.
- Judges will judge each entry, and awards will be handed out to the floats that demonstrate the best use of creativity and ability to stick to the theme of the parade.
- We will tally up the judge's points and announce the winners prior to the start of the Parade. We will also post the winners on the website no later than Monday following the Parade.

Lost and Found:

- All items that are turned into a Chamber of Commerce volunteer during the Parade will be taken to the Chamber Office (236 E. Mt. Vernon Street – Somerset, KY 42501) for the owner to pick up beginning Monday, December 4th at 9:00 AM.

Alcohol:

ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED. The presence of alcohol creates huge liabilities. If you are found with alcohol before (line up) and during (while in route) the Parade you will leave and your participation in the Parade will cease. No alcohol in coolers, disguised with koozies, in buckets, etc. Remember that you are being watched by thousands but most especially by children. We also want to keep the Parade a safe one for all.

**AGREEMENT TO RULES,
AND RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND CLAIMS**

I (we) wish to participate in the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

I (we) understand the importance of following all rules and regulations relating to this activity, including the instructions of the person or persons supervising this activity and/or the requirements of the person or entity responsible for the area where the activity takes place. I (we) agree to follow and comply with all such rules, regulations, instructions and/or requirements.

I (we) understand that it is important that I (we) be in good physical condition when I (we) engage in this activity, and I (we) understand that it is my responsibility to maintain an activity level that is compatible with my physical condition and skill level.

I (we) hereby assume the risk of any physical injury or other loss that I (we) might sustain as the result of participating in this activity and any transportation related thereto. I (we) further understand that there may be a risk of injury in traveling to and from the area where the activity will take place.

I (we) also expressly waive and covenant not to sue on any claim I (we) might have against the City, or any officer or employee of the City, or any volunteer, or the estate or representatives of such persons for any personal injury or loss I (we) might sustain as the result of engaging in any activity relating to this program whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or otherwise; except that this waive shall not apply to any claim I might have against the City (or its agents) for any such personal injury or loss I (we) might sustain arising out of the gross or wanton negligence of any such person or entity.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, I for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs and assigns, hereby release and discharge all sponsors and associates for all claims of damage, demands, and/or actions whatsoever in any manner, arising or growing out of my participation in said event. By signing this document, I expressly waive my right to make a claim against the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, its members, associates, or others working on their behalf.

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations and the Assumption of Risk and Waiver.

(Organization)

(Authorized Signature)

(Date)