



Pittsburgh Saint Patrick's Day Parade
March 17, 2018
Rules for Participants

1. The theme of the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade is always ***a celebration of the region's Irish heritage honoring the holiday of Ireland's patron - Saint Patrick.*** This primary theme is provided to all participants as guidance on the Parade Committee's expectation that all of their activities and communications will respectfully support and not detract from this over-arching theme in the spirit as intended. All participant messaging and themes that are tied to participation in this event must be subservient to the singular theme of celebrating the region's Irish heritage.
2. The purpose of the parade is to unite the community in a positive fashion under its one theme, on the inclusive premise that everyone can be "Irish for a day."
3. Because the Pittsburgh Saint Patrick's Day Parade is a platform solely for the celebration of the region's Irish heritage, it is not a platform for participants to use for public protest, political speech, social commentary, labor-management relations, government or legislative lobbying, special interest advocacy, or any issue or message theme unrelated to the region's celebration of its Irish heritage. In laymen's terms, in order to achieve a sense of common unity and fellowship, the parade maintains a "leave your issues at the curb" policy for all participants in the parade.
4. The Pittsburgh Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee operates as part of the Irish Society for Education and Charity, Inc., a private, 501 (C) 3 not-for-profit organization that accepts no public funding. All parade participants are considered to be invited guests of the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Any violation of Parade Rules as determined by the Parade Chairman and the Parade Committee may result in the suspension of invitations to participate in future parades.
 - a. The Pittsburgh Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee does not discriminate based on race, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability, and does not deny entry based on any of these criteria.
 - b. Preference is given to entries that have participated in the parade in the past, having demonstrated respect for all rules of conduct; Irish groups; individuals and organizations that exist to celebrate the region's Irish heritage; and selected individuals, groups and businesses from the community that demonstrate pride in the region's Irish heritage or provide certain entertainment value.
 - c. The Parade Committee reserves the right to deny participation to any individual or organization that does not meet its criteria for participation as set forth by these rules and includes meeting all requisite deadlines, and parade capacity limits.
5. Because the Parade does not accept public funding, participants, sponsors and donors should not provide payment from public funding sources.
6. To promote the safety of our participants and spectators, the throwing of any items by marchers or from any vehicle in the parade route is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, beads, candy and "silly string." Only curbside distribution is permitted.
7. Check-in time is as follows:
 - a. Vehicles 8:30 a.m.
 - b. Marchers 9 a.m.
8. The Parade will start promptly at 10 a.m.
9. Parade entries should limit the number of vehicles in their groups to a maximum of two (2) per group, unless special permission is received from the Parade Committee.
10. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted among participants at any time, from the staging area, along the parade route, and/or in any vehicle or float. More specifically, the Parade Committee emphasizes that



PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. The Parade Committee is not responsible for negligence or damage caused by you/your organization.
2. Please remember, do not block exits or entrances for parking lots or buildings. Do not block fire hydrants or handicapped-accessible parking spots.
3. City of Pittsburgh Police officers and Parade Marshals will be available to assist you.