

## **Pride Vermont Parade Policies & Procedures**

The Pride Vermont Parade will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023. There is no rain date and there will be no refunds. The parade line-up will be determined in advance and your registration number and location will be given to you when you check-in on the day of the parade. All parade participants must march in their assigned spot and are not to “buddy up” with groups assigned elsewhere in the line-up. If you wish to parade with another group, please indicate this in your registration notes so we can do our best to assign you corresponding slots in the parade order.

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

1. Fill out the registration form COMPLETELY and pay the registration fee invoice.
2. Sign and return the Pride Center of Vermont/Pride Vermont policies and procedures.

### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

1. The Pride Center of Vermont/Pride Vermont reserves the right to change the location, dates, hours, or to terminate entirely the operation of the scheduled event, at any time and without prior notice to the parade participants. Pride Center of Vermont/Pride Vermont will make reasonable efforts to provide advance notice to parade participants of any changes or cancellations. Only if the scheduled event is terminated entirely, will a refund be provided, except for cancellations due to inclement weather or any other cause beyond Pride Center of Vermont’s reasonable control, in which case all reasonable efforts will be made to offer credit for future events. Only if the scheduled event is terminated entirely, will a refund be provided. There will be no refunds due to vendor cancellations.
2. General rules for Parade participants:
  - a. No smoking on floats or other parade vehicles.
  - b. Riding on top of or outside of vehicles without safety belts or rails is prohibited; no person shall be wired or tied on. Rails must be at least 4’ in height around trailers if there is no form of safety belt available.
  - c. Fire or open flame on any parade participant is prohibited.
  - d. All drivers of floats or vehicles shall possess a valid driver’s license.
  - e. The exhaust system shall extend beyond any and all decorations so that drivers or riders are not exposed to carbon monoxide.
  - f. Compressed gasses (such as helium) shall be properly secured and safeguarded.
  - g. Drivers shall have 180 degrees forward vision.



- h. No parade groups should throw or toss materials to parade observers. Members of the parade groups may hand items directly to parade attendees, but we ask that all parade groups do not litter. We expect the space to be as clean as when we arrived. Per the City's parade rules, **NO GLITTER or CONFETTI!**
- i. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float or vehicle or on the person of any participant. Parade groups will be taken out of the lineup during the parade if there is an obvious disregard for this rule, an invitation may be withheld in the following year. **NO OPENED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PARADE ROUTE.**
- j. Gasoline may not be carried on any vehicle participating in the parade.
- k. No discharging of firearms, similar types of noisemakers, or fireworks allowed.
- l. The distance between parade groups is to be maintained at 10 feet. All groups are required to close the gap between groups when requested to do so by a parade official. All parade groups must be mindful of the distance between themselves and the entries in front or behind them and maintain proper distance accordingly. It is recommended that an individual other than the driver of all motorized entries be available to warn the driver if it becomes necessary to stop for individuals darting out onto the parade route between entries.
- m. Participants riding any type of motorcycle, four wheeler or bike are required to wear the proper helmets once they leave the parade route. They are not required along our route unless otherwise required by law, but are required once participants have completed the parade.
- n. Participants are required to have appropriate insurance coverage to cover any foreseeable form of loss, damage, or other injury associated with participation in the event **AND** Vehicle & Motorcycle entries may be asked to provide proof of auto insurance.
- o. Pride Center of Vermont/Vermont Pride and the parade Committee reserve the right to bar from the parade at any time any participant or group not conforming to the rules and regulations, or refusing to follow the instructions of the safety team or parade officials. Pride Center of Vermont/Vermont Pride may, for publicity purposes, use any photographs or information received or obtained in connection with the Pride Vermont Parade.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have completely read, fully understand, and agree to the Pride Vermont Parade Policies & Procedures outlined above.

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Primary Contact Name

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Primary Contact Signature

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Date



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