



**LIONS CLUB OF KITCHENER  
ANNUAL KW SANTA CLAUS PARADE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.**



## Rules and Regulations

We want everyone participating in the parade and watching the parade to have a great experience. To keep everyone safe and having a great time we ask that you follow a few rules.

### Personal Safety

1. Please make sure all costumes fit properly and will not trip the wearer.
2. If wearing a costume with a head piece please make sure you can see well. If you are a mascot please make sure you have an escort person with you if the head piece causes limited visibility.
3. No smoking or vaping are allowed in the parade.

### Parade Safety

1. Location of all entries in the parade will be determined by the Parade Committee. The entry must maintain their assigned position for the duration of the parade unless directed otherwise by a Parade Marshall.
2. No bicycles, rollerblades or skateboards are allowed. Any walking characters or marching entries riding a bicycle or using rollerblades or skateboards will be removed from the parade.
3. Any animals in the Parade must be approved by the Parade Committee. This includes any dogs being walked in the parade.
4. No Handouts of any kind are allowed on the parade route.
5. All walkers accompanying an entry must be uniformly dressed and keep pace with the entry for the entire parade.
6. Strollers or wagons must be approved by the Parade Committee prior to parade day.
7. Mascots that are walking must have an escort person with them at all time due to the limited visibility of the costume.
8. All signs and banners for entries must be approved by the parade committee prior to parade day.
9. Parade Officials may reject any entry on Parade Day that does not meet the regulations or conform to the description in their submitted parade entry application.
10. Any entry that slows the progress of the parade may be withdrawn at any location along the parade route.
11. All motorized entries must carry a minimum 2.5 lb. ABC Dry Chemical fire extinguisher, inspected in accordance with N.F.P.A. Art 10 within the last year, charged, sealed and tagged to indicate date of last service. The extinguisher must be readily accessible and the operator familiar with its operation. Please refer to special regulations for FLOATS.
12. It is the responsibility of the entrants that the design and operation of their float is safe The Lions Club of Kitchener assumes no responsibility in connection herewith and makes no representation as to safety by reason of compliance with its parade regulations.
13. Drivers of all motorized entries must have a valid driver's license.
14. All vehicles **MUST** be in good mechanical condition and properly serviced prior to the parade. Special attention must be paid to cooling and exhaust systems, brakes, steering and tires.
15. All motorized entries must have a provision for emergency towing (e.g. tow hook, tow chain or other such devices.)



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16. Hitches on tow vehicles must be equipped with two safety chains.
17. Entries are required to supply their own fuel and drivers. Fuel tanks should be topped off just prior to the parade. Cans of fuel are NOT to be carried on any parade entry.
18. Drivers and other persons on all entries must have a means of RAPID ESCAPE in an emergency.
19. All riders on/in motorized entries must have appropriate individual seat belts, body supports or other body restraints approved by the committee.
20. Equestrian units MUST provide their own clean-up crew.
21. All decorative materials must be fire retardant.
22. For safety reasons, participants shall not mount or dismount from floats or other entries unless the entry has come to a complete stop.
23. All sound systems must have the prior approval of the Parade Committee.
24. Parade Officials and Parade Marshals reserve the right to remove any entry, at any time, whether for a safety concern, or interference with the Parade's progress.
25. For safety reasons, no material may be thrown from any entry or distributed along the parade route.
26. Alcoholic beverages, [cannabis](#) and prohibited drugs are forbidden. Participants whom Parade Officials believe have consumed alcohol, [cannabis](#) or prohibited drugs prior to or during the parade will be ejected from the parade.
27. No Cellular Telephone use is permitted while on the Parade Route.
28. All instructions of Parade Marshals and Officials must be obeyed. Failure to do so may result in removal from the parade and jeopardize participation in future parades.