

Dutchess County ST PATRICK'S parade committee

Float Regulations

Any organization that wishes to enter a float in the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade must file a float theme and design with the parade committee for approval. Float Entries must display an Irish Cultural theme and not be obscene or derogatory in nature. Music should reflect Irish Heritage. A full description of the float must accompany the application. **The float must arrive by noon on parade day.** All floats are subject to a safety inspection by a parade committee member. All floats must adhere to the NYSDOT and DMV rules and regulations for road and travel. The view of the Driver must not be obstructed. It is recommended that safety personnel walk alongside the float for the drivers benefit. **On approach of an emergency vehicle, all units must give way and move to the far right as quickly as possible and stop.** Each organization must have a representative check in at the registration truck to pick up a number which must be prominently displayed on the float. Floats without a visible number will not be judged. If a float leaves the line of march, they must use a safety person while reentering.

All organizations and operators of floats MUST adhere to the Parade Rules and Float Regulations

- The View of the driver must not be obstructed.
- Grab bars or handles should be placed for riders.
- The float must be structurally sound so that there is no risk of collapse during the parade.
- People on the floats MAY NOT hang over the side at any time.
- Consider fire danger and carbon monoxide hazards.
- You must provide safety persons on the street at the front, rear and sides of the float.
- Please do not throw anything from the floats.

For additional information, call Theresa Maher (914) 204-1582

*TROPHIES for the best Irish Cultural Floats
to be awarded immediately after the parade at the
VFW all, 8 School Street, Wappingers Falls, NY*



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Registration Form for Floats

Mail to: DCSPPC, Attn: Theresa Maher, 50 Gold Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Phone: (914) 204-1582

E-mail: Tee99mah@gmail.com

Please Print in Full, the name of your organization, address, and phone number. A contact person must sign this form and return it to the Parade Committee as soon as possible. **Parade registration OPENS January 1st, 2026 and the deadline to register is February 15th 2026.**

Organization:

Corporation:

School:

Name:

Address:

Address2:

City: **Zip:**

Contact Person:

Contact Phone #:

Contact E-mail: *This e-mail will be used for line-up updates*

Signature:

Number of Marchers: Number of Cars:

Number of Fire Trucks: Number of Floats:

NOTE: If you put more than one vehicle in the parade a fee will be charged. Fire apparatus is exempt. \$50 for Second Vehicle, \$100 for third, etc.

Color Guard: Yes No Special Requirements: Yes No

Music: Yes No Banners: Yes No

**Note: Please see regulations concerning float entry and operation on previous page.*

Float Theme:

Float Design: