

Grand Miners Parade Code of Conduct

To ensure a safe, enjoyable, and respectful experience for all participants and spectators, the following Code of Conduct applies to all individuals and organizations participating in the parade.

General Guidelines

Respect and Courtesy: All participants must treat parade staff, fellow participants, and spectators with respect and courtesy at all times.

Compliance with Rules: Participants must follow all instructions from parade officials, including lineup procedures, pacing guidelines, and safety directions.

Timeliness: All entries must arrive on time and be ready to participate at their designated staging area. Late arrivals may be excluded.

Theme Appropriateness: All decorations, costumes, music, and messaging must align with the parade theme, if applicable, and must be appropriate for a family-friendly audience. No nudity, divisive symbols, or divisive flags are permitted.

Minors: All minors must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Safety Guidelines

Vehicle Safety: All vehicles and floats must be inspected for safety, including secure decorations and safe operating condition. A designated adult driver with a valid license is required for all motorized entries. Participants are responsible for inspecting their own entry and vehicle before the parade.

Driver Conduct: Drivers must remain attentive at all times and may not use handheld devices while participating in the parade.

Walking Participants: Walking participants must stay clear of moving vehicles and maintain a safe distance from spectators along the parade route.

Speed and Spacing: All entries must maintain a safe, steady pace and adequate spacing as directed by parade officials. Sudden stops, speeding, or unsafe maneuvers are prohibited.

Riders and Passengers: Riders must remain safely seated or otherwise secured while an entry is in motion. No person may ride on the edge of a float, trailer, tailgate, hood, or other unsafe area.

Throwing Items: Throwing candy or other items from floats or vehicles is prohibited to avoid safety hazards. Items may be handed out by walking participants only.

Fire and Pyrotechnics: Open flames, fireworks, or other hazardous materials are strictly prohibited.

Alcohol and Substances: The use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or other controlled substances by participants during the parade is strictly prohibited.

Smoking and Vaping: Smoking, vaping, or similar use of tobacco or nicotine products is prohibited by participants during the parade.

Appearance and Behavior

Family-Friendly Conduct: Participants must refrain from using offensive language, gestures, or inappropriate behavior. This includes signage, decorations, symbols, flags, or messaging with offensive, divisive, sexually explicit, or political content that violates community standards.

Nudity is not permitted.

Costume and Decor Standards: Costumes and decorations must not obstruct a participant's ability to walk safely or operate their entry safely.

Noise Levels: Amplified music or sound must be kept at a reasonable volume and must not disrupt other participants, parade officials, or safety communications.

Political or Advocacy Messaging: Parade officials reserve the right to prohibit signage, symbols, flags, messaging, or displays that are political, inflammatory, divisive, or otherwise inconsistent with the family-friendly nature of the event.

Animal Guidelines (If Applicable)

Animal Control: All animals must be under control at all times, with appropriate restraints such as leashes or reins.

Waste Management: Participants with animals are responsible for cleaning up any waste left by their animals along the parade route.

Animal Safety: Animals should only participate if they can safely and comfortably handle a crowded and noisy environment. Do not bring animals that may be aggressive or easily frightened.

Environmental Responsibility

No Littering: Participants are responsible for ensuring their staging area and parade route are free of litter. Pack out any waste generated by your entry.

Eco-Friendly Practices: Use environmentally friendly materials whenever possible to reduce waste and pollution.

Disqualification and Removal

Compliance Enforcement: Parade officials reserve the right to remove any participant or entry from the parade for violating this Code of Conduct.

Right of Interpretation: Parade officials have final authority to determine whether any costume, display, decoration, symbol, flag, message, music, or behavior is offensive, divisive, political, unsafe, or otherwise inconsistent with the family-friendly standards of the event.

Emergency Situations: In the event of an emergency, participants must follow the instructions of parade officials, law enforcement, or emergency responders immediately.

Future Participation: Violations may result in immediate disqualification from the parade and may result in exclusion from future events.