

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MINIMUM LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

The Festival of Lights Parade is a nighttime electric light parade. Every parade entry must meet the minimum lighting requirements!

Please note that both the towing vehicle (cars, trucks, even animals!) AND the float must be illuminated!

GENERAL RULES

1. Participation in the City of Brighton's Festival of Lights Parade is free to all interested groups. There is no entry fee. Funds which would otherwise be used for an entry fee should be used to meet **or exceed** the minimum lighting requirements!
2. Motorized Entries (including towed displays/floats): **Proof of insurance and a valid Driver's License for any driver must be submitted with each parade entry form.** The parade entry form will not be considered complete until the required insurance and license documentation are received by the City of Brighton, Events, Volunteers & Downtown Initiative office.
3. **Maximum height on all entries is not to exceed 14'. No exceptions (due to traffic lights, overhead electric lines, etc.)**
4. **THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE WATCHING THE PARADE.** Violators of these rules will **forfeit any awards** and the City of Brighton reserves the right to **deny participation in future parade events!**

➤ **DO NOT THROW ANYTHING—CANDY, TOYS, TRINKETS, ETC-- FROM ANY ENTRY!!!!** This rule is so important for the safety of children along the route. Children running in the street chasing candy and other items is a severe safety hazard, especially with the number of entries in this parade.

➤ **PLEASE, NO AIR HORNS OR HORNS LOUDER THAN THOSE ON A NORMAL PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK.** These horns scare children, animals, and the event staff who is listening for TRAINS.

5. Access to parade staging areas will begin at 2:30pm. Entries should report to parade check-in between 2:30pm and 4:00pm. Entries that have not checked in by 4:00pm will be placed at the end of the parade lineup.

6. **Each entry must provide one person over the age of 18 (walking) who will be the entry's entry number carrier. Please note that the minimum lighting requirements apply to this walker (60 lights)!** Your entry number will be given to you at check-in.

7. One person should be designated as the person responsible for each entry. This person shall remain with the entry at all times. In the event of an emergency, the responsible person must be able to move the entry.

8. Each entry is responsible for their float, vehicle, and/or group. Please keep your entry/group in order and under control!

9. Consumption of alcohol by participants during staging, along the parade route, or during destaging is strictly prohibited. Police will be notified and you and your group will be removed from the lineup!

GENERAL RULES (CONTINUED)

10. If your entry includes a musical feature, sound systems should be capable of producing high quality sound at a distance of 25 feet.

11. No wildlife breed or vicious animals.

12. The release of helium-filled balloons is expressly prohibited at any place along the parade route (incl staging/destaging areas.)

JUDGING AND AWARDS INFORMATION

1. An impartial panel of judges will judge all entries. All decisions by judges are final.
2. Any or all of the following criteria may be used by the judges in making their decision for awards: enthusiasm/performance, appearance, creativity, and uniqueness. All entries must meet lighting requirements.
3. All entries will be judged as they pass the judge's review stand.
4. Winners will be announced immediately after the parade, at the City Hall Main Stage. Winners will also be notified by phone on the Monday following the parade.
5. Awards will be made available at the City of Brighton, Events, Volunteers & Downtown Initiative Office (22 South 4th Avenue, Brighton) during the week following the parade.

CANCELLATIONS

If it necessary to cancel your entry, please call the City of Brighton Events, Volunteers & Downtown Initiative office (303-655-2218) as soon as possible. Three (3) days notice will be appreciated.

PERFORMING ENTRIES

1. Performing groups will be limited to one 30-second performing "stop" in front of the Judges' Stand. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!**
2. All performing groups must maintain forward motion AT ALL TIMES (except when performing.) No "baby steps", half-steps, reverse motion, etc.

EQUINE/LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

1. A signed copy of an "Indemnification and Release Agreement" must be submitted with each parade entry form. One signed agreement will be required for **each** rider and/or driver in the entry.
2. The Festival of Lights Committee strongly recommends that each equine/livestock entry insure their animal(s) for health and loss, and that said loss is covered by liability and casualty insurance.
3. For safety reasons, driven entries must have at least one (1) side-walker per team. **Riders under the age of 16 must be accompanied by one (1) adult walker with a lead rope!!**
4. **All animals must be cleaned up after immediately!**
5. ***Mares or Geldings ONLY, please.***
6. **All riders/drivers are responsible for** keeping their animal(s) in order and under control at all times. Riders/drivers who cannot control their animals will be asked to leave the parade route.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in the Festival of Lights Parade, by execution of this Entry Form & Rules, I, my organization & all participants (hereinafter referred to collectively as ENTRANT) hereby release & discharge the City of Brighton; the Festival of Lights Committee, their officers, directors, employees, & representatives; City of Brighton; all Governmental Agencies whose property and/or personnel are used, & anyone else connected with management of the Festival of Lights Parade from any & all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgment and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an Entrant to his/her person or property. Further, each Entrant and/or each member or participant of the Unit expressly agrees to indemnify & hold harmless the City of Brighton; the Festival of Lights Parade Committee, their directors, employees, representatives & anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Festival of Lights Parade, from any & all liability including attorney fees & cost occasioned or resulting from the actions or conduct of Entrant's guests, Entrant's Unit, whether it be motor powered, animal or animal drawn or otherwise, or any participant assisting or cooperating with Entrant, whether at the direction or control of Entrant or not under said control or direction.

Signature _____

Entry & Advertising Release:

In consideration of acceptance of this entry, Entrant agrees to permit the Festival of Lights Parade Committee to use Entrant's names and/or photographs, films, or tapes of the unit for publicity, advertising & commercial promoting, before, during & after the event and gives permission to publish or otherwise dispose of said photographs, films or tapes.

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