

# 2011 Ethnic Expo Parade Rules and Regulations



The ETHNIC EXPO Steering Committee has established the following rules and regulations. Any participant who registers and signs the entry form agrees to rules and is responsible to see that anyone included in their entry also abides by them. Your safety and the need for an "on time" parade are important and the basis for these rules.

1. All entries must be approved for size and content by the parade committee and must be fully described on the registration form. *Only pre-approved literature/promotional materials may be distributed during the parade. Pre-approval must be in writing by the Ethnic Expo Board.*
2. Any entry including minors should provide adult supervision at their staging area.
3. **Only parade participants are allowed in staging areas.** Congestion in these areas in the past has hindered our ability to organize the parade. Parents please leave your child/children with the designated adult supervisor and leave the staging area.
4. *Candy may be thrown from the parade entries. However, please throw from the side and not the back of moving vehicles.* This is a safety rule and will keep children from running between two moving vehicles. Anyone breaking this rule will be pulled from the parade by an official along the route and will be barred from further participation in EXPO parades.
5. **Horns and/or sirens** will be allowed as long as they do not disrupt bands and musical floats. If you will be using a horn and/or a siren, please note this on your application so the parade committee can line you up accordingly.
6. There will be no stopping or slowing down along the route to allow anyone to leave a parade vehicle and return. You need to keep up with the group in front of you in order to keep the parade moving.
7. Taped or live music on floats is encouraged. Please note this on your entry form.
8. Local, State and Federal Officeholders are responsible for a sign with their name (office optional) on a motorized vehicle. *The officeholders may walk but must be followed by a decorated vehicle.*
9. *Each political party may have a maximum of two entries.* Political literature or other political materials should not be distributed during the parade. Political candidates are encouraged to campaign one-on-one prior to the parade and/or during the festival on Friday or Saturday.
10. All disputes are settled at the discretion of the identified parade official. No abusive language will be tolerated.
11. A uniformed officer will be present in the parade assembly area as needed.
12. Motorized parade floats and towing apparatus shall be provided with a minimum 2-A, 10-B:C-rated portable fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator.
13. Equestrian entries must provide catch mechanism or street cleaning followers.
14. *No semi-trailer trucks will be allowed in the parade. Walkers should have banners to identify their group and/or organization.*

\*Italics indicate change from prior years.