



New York Carnival Mas Band Rules and Regulations

NY CARNIVAL PARADE IS A COSTUMED BAND PARADE ONLY

1. LOGISTICS

- 1.1. Date: LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2026
- 1.2. Time: 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
- 1.3. Location: EASTERN PARKWAY - UTICA AVENUE TO GRAND ARMY PLAZA

2. BANDS

Only Bands with a permit issued by WIADCA will be allowed to participate in the Parade.

- 2.1. **All bands must be costumed.** Traditional country costumes are permitted. T-shirts are not deemed costumed for purposes of parade Mas Band participation
 - 2.2. The following type of entities are excluded from participation in the Parade:
 - 2.3.1. Artist Trucks
 - 2.3.2. Advertising Trucks
 - 2.3.3. T-Shirt Bands
 - 2.3. All bands will be visited by WIADCA Officials and NYPD before final registration
 - 2.4. NYPD will provide escorts to Parkway to registered bands ONLY!
 - 2.5. Only paid band revelers and properly identified band security and personnel are allowed in costumed bands.
3. Band Leaders should be prepared to present their permit to the Police or any authorized member of WIADCA upon request
- Band Leaders must ensure the safety of their band members by providing at least 10 Marshals per 100 masqueraders during their participation on the parade route
- 3.2. Promotional items should not be thrown from the truck (e.g., t-shirts, CDs etc.).
 - 3.3. Band Leaders must restrict the participation of non-masqueraders
 - 3.4. Bands are not allowed to play loud music on the way back to Mas Camps!

4. DISQUALIFICATIONS/PENALIZATIONS

- 4.1. There is a zero-tolerance policy for nudity and indecent exposure. Bands will be disqualified and escorted off the parade route for nudity, indecent behavior and exposure by any individual, in or out of any band. Failure to comply with any of the rules stated in this document may result in removal from the Parade
- 4.2. NO STRINGS, NO THONGS, NO G-STRINGS, NO FULL BODY PAINT, NO C-CUP (panties), NO WIRES (lower body). HOWEVER, WIRE BRAS UP TO D-CUPS ARE PERMITTED
- 4.3. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be sold, carried, and dispensed on parade route



5. SPECTATORS

- 5.1. Spectators are not permitted to enter the parade route. No Crossing on Eastern Parkway until there is a gap in the procession of floats and bands, at the specifically designated blocks.
- 5.2. Adults must be vigilant of small children at all times
- 5.3. **All non-costumed persons in any band must move completely out of the bands before BEDFORD Avenue. Only costumed members may be on Stage for Judging**
- 5.4. All spectators, non-spectators and non-costumed persons must stay behind police barricades at all times

6. INSURANCE

- 6.1. Each band will be provided a specimen of the Acceptable Insurance Certificate for all trucks and floats that will be participating in the Labor Day Parade along Eastern Parkway
- 6.2. All vehicles taking part in the Parade must be insured separately with the policy naming both WIADCA and the City of New York as co-insured
- 6.3. Insurance coverage can be purchased at any insurance firm; however, insurance certificates must provide exact coverage as stated in the specimen provided
- 6.4. Upon submission of insurance certificates, WIADCA reserves the right to verify coverage with their own insurance company

7. VEHICLES

- 7.1. Trucks or Floats must have Proper Registration and must pass Highway Inspection to enter the Parade. No one (artist/performer) is permitted to ride on top of the truck cabs
- 7.2. Floats and all other vehicles must have WIADCA Permits, Registration and (one) day Insurance Stickers to enter the Parade Route. New York State Highway Police will be conducting thorough inspections of all vehicles before entry on the Parade route.
- 7.3. All vehicles must be registered **three (3) weeks** in advance at WIADCA's office
- 7.4. Trucks and floats with corporate advertising that are not registered with WIADCA will not be allowed to enter parade route
- 7.5. Vehicles are to display only the banners which have been approved and authorized by WIADCA
- 7.6. Band Leaders are allowed a maximum of two (2) vehicles and one (1) Food truck on the parkway. No more than 12 adults will be allowed on any truck during the parade
- 7.7. Band Leaders and/or drivers must not allow anyone to ride on the side of tucks or floats. Band Leaders will be held responsible for any injuries caused by such action



8. VEHICLE OPERATIONS

- 8.1. All Operators/Drivers must have a valid license to present to Highway Inspectors
- 8.2. All Vehicles must have valid inspection stickers
- 8.3. Operator/Driver should have proof of valid insurance
- 8.4. Brake lights and Tail-lights must be clearly visible at all times
- 8.5. Brake lights must be in proper working order
- 8.6. The coupling device (if applicable) must be in proper working order
- 8.7. Tires should be in good condition
- 8.8. Vehicle load (speakers) must be safely secured
- 8.9. No object shall extend past the front, back or sides of the vehicle
- 8.10. WIADCA & NYPD advise utilizing 18-Wheeler Low Bed Trailers
- 8.11. No flammable liquid may be carried or stored on floats or trailers
- 8.12. Floats must have protective coverings the length of trailer to cover wheels (front to back)
- 8.13. Sound trucks/floats shall install mirrors that eliminate blind spots around the vehicle
- 8.14. Only persons affiliated with the music shall be permitted on any float or sound truck
- 8.15. No person may board a moving sound truck, float or other parade vehicle
- 8.16. No person may distribute promotional items from floats or trailers that are either moving or stationary on route
- 8.17. No one is allowed to "throw" gifts to spectators AT any TIME or PLACE! Anyone doing so will be fined by NYPD
- 8.18. Children under 16 years old are not permitted on floats.
- 8.19. Safety marshals must be easily identified by wearing distinctive clothing.
- 8.20. All Bands must have an adequate number of MARSHALS for BAND SIZE 10 Marshals per 100 Masqueraders
- 8.21. Supply vehicles to maintain a safe distance between themselves and the parade float.
- 8.22. Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited on trailers and parade route
- 8.23. All floats and Music Trucks must have guards on all wheels, properly secured and have constructed railings that do not obstruct the driver's view.
- 8.24. Load Height - Nothing higher than 13.6 feet from Street level will be allowed
- 8.25. To facilitate turning corners, hinged covers are to be built where car wheels join flatbed trailers.
- 8.26. All truck-cabs must be properly cordoned-off for safety reasons
- 8.27. Railings built around truck-trays must be strong and secured with specifications as per the instructions of the NYPD and Highway Police.
- 8.28. For safety/security reasons ONLY persons relating to music and performances will be allowed on trucks by NYPD.
- 8.29. FOR ASSISTANCE, CONTACT NYPD PERSONNEL WEARING BLUE JACKETS OR WHITE SHIRTS.
- 8.30. **ABSOLUTELY NO PARTY BUSES**
- 8.31. **NO REFUNDS ON REGISTRATION FEES ONCE PAID!**