

2026 Agricultural Exhibition Parade

Rules and Regulations

The *Agricultural Exhibition Parade* is an annual event coordinated by the **Agricultural Exhibition Committee (Ag Ex)** which is a subcommittee of the Eastport Peninsula Arts and Heritage Society.

GENERAL SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES

Participants are expected to assemble at the time and location communicated by the Ag Ex Committee in advance of the event.

Parade organization is as stated by the parade Marshall at time of assembly

- Parade officials determine the location of all entries and positions must be maintained unless otherwise directed.
- Instructions from parade officials are required to be followed.
- Emergency response vehicles will be staged at either the front or rear of the parade. In the event of an emergency response, the parade will be temporarily halted and all parade participants will yield to the emergency response vehicles.
- Officials reserve the right to remove any entry at any time due to:
 - Safety concerns
 - Interference with parade progress
 - other reasons deemed appropriate

Community Standards

- The parade is a community event. Inappropriate music (profanity, degrading content) or attire unsuitable for family viewing is not allowed.
- Noisemakers near animals is forbidden
- Music must be at appropriate levels;
- Horns and sirens may only be used during parade times and at reasonable levels.

Fuel and Items

- Fuel tanks should be topped off prior to the parade. **Open fuel containers must not be carried on any entry.**
- Items distributed in the parade must be personally presented and **NOT** thrown on the street. (Edible items are recommended to be wrapped and peanut-free.)

Float and Passenger Safety

- Passengers must stand or sit away from the edge of the float. Safety rails are encouraged.

Decorating and Music Requirements

- All participants, including drivers, are encouraged to be festively attired.
- All vehicle entries must be clean including towing vehicles.
- Decorations must be securely attached, no visible duct tape.

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Vehicle and Float Regulations

- Entries should arrive 30-45 min prior to the start of the event to allow time for proper line-up sequencing
- Tractor trailers/18-wheelers are **not permitted**.
- Semi-trucks are allowed alone or with a flat deck trailer of 10 m maximum length.
- Protective equipment must be worn while accompanying your entry.
- Mascots are encouraged.
- Vehicles must be in good mechanical condition; brakes, steering, lights, horns, cooling, exhaust, and tires must be checked.
- Drivers and passengers must have a means of quick, safe escape in case of emergency.

Animal Guidelines

- Animals should have a clean-up crew; waste must be disposed of properly.
- Animals should be leashed, sheltered, and have access to food and water.

Alcohol, Smoking, and Behavior

- Alcohol and controlled substances are **forbidden** on any float, vehicle, or participant. Any violators will be removed and reported.
- Smoking is **NOT** allowed in the parade.
- Once the parade starts, participants must remain on their float until the end unless there is an emergency.
- Once floats reach the Parade end at the Memorial Grounds area, participants are encouraged to wait until the end of the Tree Planting Ceremony and the presentation of Parade Awards.
- Participants should behave responsibly and respect volunteers, and community members.

Float Mechanical Requirements

- Towing vehicles should be mechanically sound.
- Safety chains and trailer lighting should connect towing vehicles to float.
- Tires, brakes, steering, and headlights must be in proper working order.

Float Safety Requirements

- No sharp projections that may cause injury.
- No candles or open flames.
- Generators must be safely placed away from flammable materials.
- First aid kit and tagged fire extinguisher suggested for all entries.
- A spotter must ride with each vehicle

Insurance Requirements

Participants in the **Agricultural Exhibition Parade**, are encouraged to check with their insurer. **Important:** The participant's insurance is primary in the event of a claim.

The Agricultural Exhibition Committee assumes no responsibility or makes no representation regarding the safety of any parade entry solely by compliance with these rules.

Participant's Signature
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Date
