

## PARADE POLICY

Community

### PREAMBLE

This policy recognizes that the Halifax Pride Parade derives its origin from a 1988 protest march where members of Halifax's 2SLGBTQ+ community rallied in response to growing concern over widespread injustice, prejudice, and discrimination.

This policy further recognizes that the parade is a key Festival event and is seen as a symbol of the Society and the broader 2SLGBTQ+ community.

This policy further recognizes that the parade helps to celebrate the advancements of rights and liberties for 2SLGBTQ+ peoples, honour our history of grassroots activism, and demonstrate against injustice, prejudice, and discrimination.

This policy further recognizes that the Society's first priority is to ensure the safety of all parade participants, volunteers, and spectators, and to ensure that they comply with all municipal and provincial health and safety regulations.

This policy further recognizes that entry into the parade provides the entrant with a valuable opportunity to market and promote their organization and demonstrate their commitment and support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and the Pride movement.

### DEFINITIONS

**Applicant Organization** means any organization or group that has submitted the registration form for entry into the Halifax Pride Parade.

**Deadline Date** means the last date to register for the parade as per [www.halifaxpride.com](http://www.halifaxpride.com).

**Entrant/Entry** means registered ticket holders and all affiliated with that organization or group.

**Marshalling Grounds** means the Department of National Defense parking lot.

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**Parade Marshal** means individuals responsible for supervising Entrants and spectators along the parade route, to ensure the Parade proceeds safely and on time.

**Parade Day** means the date of the Halifax Pride Parade as stated on [www.halifaxpride.com](http://www.halifaxpride.com).

**SCOPE**

All Entrants must comply with the following policy.

**POLICY**

The Society reserves the right to refuse entry into the Parade if:

The Applicant Organization’s conduct, policies, or public statements are found to be inconsistent with the Society’s values and priorities;

The Applicant Organization, whether directly or indirectly, discriminates against, prohibits, or otherwise restricts the rights of individuals because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

The Applicant Organization fails to submit an entry form and the applicable entry fee to the Society on or before the Deadline Date.

All Entrants are responsible for ensuring all members of their organization or group are aware of, and adhere to, this policy.

All Entrants must attend the Marshalling Grounds at least one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the Parade.

All Entrants are prohibited from throwing candy, promotional material, or any objects at parade spectators along the parade route.

Entrants may pass candy, promotional material, or objects hand-to-hand along the Parade Route.

All Entrants are prohibited from the consumption of alcohol while on the Parade Route and the Marshaling Grounds.

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All Entrants are prohibited from smoking, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, marijuana, e-cigarettes, cigars while on the Parade Route and the Marshaling Grounds.

All floats are encouraged to be decorated and should incorporate the parade theme.

Entrants are encouraged to play music. All music must be able to be turned off quickly and easily. At approximately 1:45 p.m. on Parade Day, the silencing of music and excessive vehicle noise will be required to allow for a moment of silence. Details about the moment of silence will be distributed to Entrants prior to Parade Day.

Entrants that include horses and/or other live animals must have a clean-up person following their entry to remove any animal waste.

All Entrants must maintain forward motion, unless otherwise instructed by the Parade Marshals.

The size of each float must fall within the following guidelines: 13' wide X 24' – 32' in length with a maximum height of 13'.

Children (below the age of 16) who are part of an Entry must be supervised by an adult at all times.

All Entrants must ensure that the design and operation of their float is safe and reliable.

All Entrants using vehicles on the parade route must be able to present proof of insurance. Failure to present proof of insurance may result in the removal of the entry.

Floats with generators or other possible fire hazards must provide suitable fire-extinguishing equipment onboard.

All refuse/garbage generated by the Entrant on the Marshaling Grounds are the responsibility of the Entrant and must be removed by the Entrant or fines will be incurred.

All non-parade vehicles on the Marshaling grounds must be registered with the Parade Marshal.

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All Entrants must follow the instructions of a Parade Marshal in regards to being directed to parking areas or on the Marshaling Grounds (cordoned off area).

Non-registered vehicles are subject to removal.

All guest vehicles may park in the designated parking area.

All passageways between cordoned off areas within the Marshaling Grounds must be kept clear of vehicles and materials used by Entrants for health and safety reasons. Any obstructions to these passage lanes will be removed immediately.

Entrants will not be permitted to enter Marshaling Grounds off of Cornwallis Street. All entrants must enter via Valour Way from Barrington St.

All Entrants must follow the direction given by any Military Police personnel, Halifax Regional Police Officer or Emergency Services Personnel at all times. In the event of any emergency, the aforementioned authorities, in cooperation with the Parade Marshal(s), will be active responders and direction will be given to Entrants by them.

The Society reserves the right to refuse a previously-approved entry on Parade Day if:

The Entrant fails to comply with this policy.

The Entrant differs from its approved entry form.

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