

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ENTRY OF UNITS  
IN THE VENICE HOLIDAY PARADE**

***IN ADDITION TO REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY UNIT FOR SAFETY OR AESTHETIC REASONS.***

**STAGING: YOU MUST BE IN STAGING AREA NO LATER THAN 6 PM**

**AUTOMOBILES: MUST BE DECORATED! ALL AUTOMOBILES OTHER THAN THOSE SOLICITED BY THE PARADE COMMITTEE MUST BE APPROVED. DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE USED FOR TOWING FLOATS.**

**COMMERCIAL SIGNS: NO COMMERCIAL SIGNS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE DISPLAYED FROM VEHICLES IN THE PARADE UNLESS PRE-APPROVED BY THE PARADE COMMITTEE.**

**NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS: SIGNS DENOTING YOUR UNIT SHOULD BE PROFESSIONALLY LETTERED IF POSSIBLE AND PLACED ON EITHER SIDE OF YOUR UNIT.**

**DECORATION OF UNITS: ALL UNITS, INCLUDING TOW VEHICLES, SHOULD BE DECORATED IN THE HOLIDAY THEME. WE ENCOURAGE YOUR UNIT TO PLAY APPROPRIATE MUSIC IF POSSIBLE. DUE TO THIS BEING A NIGHT TIME PARADE, ALL FLOATS MUST BE ILLUMINATED IN SOME MANNER.**

**RIDERS: WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVITE CHILDREN TO RIDE ON YOUR UNIT. IF RIDERS ARE GOING TO BE STANDING PLEASE HAVE RAILINGS AVAILABLE TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM FALLING.**

**CANDY OR GIVE AWAY ITEMS: ANY ITEM GIVEN OUT MUST BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE SPECTATORS. DO NOT THROW ANY ITEM FROM YOUR UNIT. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ALMOST RUN OVER TRYING TO RETRIEVE AN ITEM.**

**SANTAS: BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION TO THOSE WHO STILL BELIEVE IN SANTA, NO OTHER SANTAS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

**SAFETY: ALL UNITS INCORPORATING GENERATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.**

**HIGH SPEED PASSES OF MOTORIZED UNITS: BECAUSE OF THE HIGH LIABILITY INVOLVED AND THE NOISE LEVEL SCARING OUR YOUNGER VIEWERS WE ARE ASKING YOU TO REFRAIN FROM HIGH SPEED PASSES OF ALL MOTORED UNITS. IN THE PAST YEARS WE RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM OUR VIEWERS AND FROM OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

**AWARDS: AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES. JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE PARADE ROUTE.**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE STAGING AREA  
OR ON THE PARADE ROUTE;**

**\* ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES \***

**\* SIRENS \***

**\* AIR HORNS \***

**\* CANNONS OR GUNS \***

**SARASOTA COUNTY HAS AN OPEN CONTAINER LAW.  
THE VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL ENFORCE THIS  
THROUGHOUT THE PARADE ROUTE AND IN THE STAGING AREA.**

**TO BETTER FACILITATE THE CONTINUAL AND STEADY MOVEMENT OF THE  
PARADE UNITS, THERE WILL BE NO IN PLACE PERFORMING DURING THE PARADE  
ROUTE. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF FUTURE INVITATIONS.**

**HAVE FUN AND ENJOY**