

Light Up Bedford Parade Regulations, Rules and Agreement

Entrant Criteria and Rules- please review carefully

Entrant Criteria:

- Must have a holiday/Christmas theme.
- Content must be family-friendly and suitable for all ages.
- Floats must include at least 1,000 lights powered by a generator (exception: emergency vehicles).
- ***Walking or performing participants — including chaperones and anyone accompanying floats — must be illuminated. Illumination means battery-operated string lights, costume-integrated lights, or similar. Flashlights/glow sticks alone do not qualify.***
- The official Santa Claus appearance is reserved exclusively for the Parade Committee and title sponsor. No other entries may include Santa.
- There is no cost to participate in the parade. Applications will be accepted until lineup capacity is reached.

Rules and Regulations:

Insurance & Licensing

All parade entries must provide proof of liability insurance by the Tuesday before the parade in order to maintain their entry.

- A vehicle insurance card is not proof of liability insurance.
- Proof of liability insurance is your insurance document that confirms the amount of liability coverage. This document is required. Minimum Coverage Requirements:
- Commercial vehicles: \$2M liability insurance.
- Personal vehicles: \$1M liability insurance.
- All drivers must hold a valid license and present it the night of the parade
- All vehicles must display a valid safety inspection.

Safety Requirements

- Standing on floats only permitted with a secure handhold or harness.
- All floats must carry a fire extinguisher.
- No smoking, vaping, alcohol, cannabis, or illegal substances.
- Children must be supervised by adults.
- Participants may not get on/off moving vehicles or floats during the parade.
- At parade conclusion, participants must remain on floats until directed to disembark.

Conduct

- No promotional items, candy, or materials may be thrown.
- No unauthorized solicitations; only pre-approved charitable causes allowed.
- Walking participants must complete the full route independently (no support vehicles).

- Music/sound must be festive and at a reasonable volume. Sirens/airhorns limited to emergency vehicles.

Marshalling & Logistics

- Only registered floats may enter the marshalling area. At the bottom of Convoy Run, only float entries may turn right into the marshalling area.
- For safety and fairness, parade marshalling space is allocated strictly according to the application form. Bringing additional vehicles, groups or exceeding the listed length without prior approval may result in those vehicles being turned away.
- Halifax Regional Police will direct all other vehicles to turn left onto Waterfront Drive. Participants riding on a float or walking must be dropped off at this point and proceed on foot to their assigned entry site.
- Participants must follow instructions of Halifax Regional Police and Parade Marshals at all times.

Parade Agreement

Bedford Volunteer Event Society (also known as The Light Up Bedford Parade Committee)

The Parade Committee agrees that the undersigned Entrant may include an entry in the Light Up Bedford Parade, with the purpose of providing enjoyment to the people of Bedford and surrounding communities and promoting the public image of the Entrant.

The parade and all Entrants shall proceed in an orderly manner along the designated parade route and comply with directions given by parade marshals.

This parade will operate from 5:45 p.m., when it marshals, until 8:15 p.m.

The undersigned Entrant is responsible for providing the Parade Committee with signed copies of the Participation Agreement and Entry Application prior to the parade date. The signing of said agreement and application acknowledges that the Entrant has read and agrees to the float criteria, parade rules, and regulations as set forth by the Light Up Bedford Parade Committee.

The undersigned Entrant, including its parent company or organization and all participants, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Light Up Bedford Parade Committee from all liability, claims, actions, damages, expenses, or losses arising out of or related to the Entrant's participation in the parade.

This Agreement shall not be assigned or transferred by the undersigned Entrant.

The Entrant shall submit to the Light Up Bedford Parade Committee an entry that meets all health and safety regulations of the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Parade Committee reserves the right to prohibit any entry that, in its judgment, does not meet health or safety standards from participating in the Light Up Bedford Parade.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia.