



## **Phoenix Pride Parade Rules & Guidelines**

Phoenix Pride Parade Rules and Guidelines are a combination of local regulations and information designed to keep all our participants and spectators safe while still having an enjoyable time.

Please make sure you read and adhere to all Parade Rules and Regulations. We may be required to deny entry to any party who fails to follow these guidelines.

### **General Rules**

#### **Entry Orientation**

- A representative of each Parade entry is asked to attend a Parade Meeting. This is the time to ask specific questions directly to the parade team who will be running day of operations and is to assist in a smooth and joyful experience during the on the Parade route.
- Date and Time TBA. (This will be a virtual meeting!)

#### **Day of Registration & Line-Up**

- Parade registration and line-up begins on **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, at **6:00 AM and ends at 8:00 AM.**
- The Parade starts promptly at **10:00 AM.**

#### **Entry Marshal**

- Please designate one person in your entry to do the following:
  1. Monitor the safety of the entry, specifically keeping the area in front of your vehicle or float clear of pedestrians.
  2. Assist in movement and pacing in the parade of all vehicles and/or marchers belonging to their unit to ensure your entry is paced appropriately with the entry in front of them.

#### **Sponsoring Organization**

- Sponsoring organization must agree to all Parade Rules & Guidelines herein. Your acceptance of the rules in the online Parade Participant Application / Agreement serves as a waiver of liability and an indemnification agreement between all participants in your contingent and Phoenix Pride. It also serves as your agreement to make all participants in your contingent aware of all the rules & guidelines.

- Sponsoring organization agrees to support the goals of Phoenix Pride as described in its Mission Statement.

#### **Doubling Up:**

- “Doubling Up” is not allowed: Please note that every banner-carrying organization must submit separate applications and separate fee payments, if applicable, regardless of affiliations within a group(s).

#### **Special Requests**

- Any requests for specific placement or special needs during the Parade need to be requested in advance. If you have a special request, please email the Parade Director at [Parade@phoenixpride.org](mailto:Parade@phoenixpride.org). All requests are subject to the approval by the Phoenix Pride Parade Director. If the requesting organization does not attend the contingent orientation the special request may be denied.

#### **Personal Safety**

- Please make **ALL** entry participants aware of possibility of heat exhaustion and/or stroke hazards associated with marching and participating in the Parade (Approximately 1 mile).
- All Parade entries are encouraged to bring water or replenishing fluids for participants.
- Phoenix Pride does not assume or accept responsibility for the health, wellbeing, or safety of any Parade participant.

#### **Alcohol and Illegal Substances**

- Parade participants are not permitted to consume any alcoholic beverage, nor use any illegal or controlled substances on any part of the Parade route, staging or de-staging areas.

#### **Participant Dress and Behavior**

- All clothing, costumes or other apparel worn in the Parade must comply with the Obscenity Statutes of the State of Arizona and Public Decency Ordinance of the City of Phoenix. Genitals (and nipples if female or portraying female) must be fully covered. Parade participants wearing skirts, kilts, sarongs, or the like, must wear undergarments.
- The following are expressly prohibited from use in the Parade: sexual paraphernalia, genital or phallic representations, sexual acts, and simulated sexual acts.
- Phoenix Pride requests all Parade participants to show respect for all sexes, ages, races, cultures, creeds, and sexual orientations. Please refrain from anything that would demean any segment of our community. Phoenix Pride urges all entrants to maintain a high degree of sensitivity to and compassion for the feelings, values, and views of others.

#### **Item Distribution**

- Items may be distributed to Parade spectators by a person who is handing them out along the Parade Route
  - **DO NOT** throw items to Parade spectators. An entry throwing items will be removed from the Parade. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- Political campaign literature may not be distributed.

- **DO NOT** distribute any sexually explicit or sexually suggestive materials.
- Condoms may only be distributed to persons readily identifiable as being over the age of 18 years.

#### **Trash and Clean-Up**

- No confetti, streamers, glitter, other types of festival materials, bottles, cans, or other types of trash may be thrown on any part of the Parade route, staging or de-staging areas.
- Littering is in violation of the criminal statutes of the City of Phoenix and the State of Arizona. Any party found littering is subject to fine and/or arrest.
- Each Parade entry shall carry plastic trash bags, as prescribed by the ordinances of the City of Phoenix, for depositing all trash and other litter accumulated by their Parade contingent.

#### **Extreme Weather Policy**

- In the event of extreme weather, including but not limited to monsoon wind or rain, Phoenix Pride reserves the right to cancel the Parade. Notice of cancellation will be announced by the Phoenix Pride web site at [www.phoenixpride.org](http://www.phoenixpride.org).
- This announcement will be made no later than two hours before the scheduled Parade time.
  - in the event of a cancellation, Parade fees will not be refunded.

## **General Guidelines**

- As it is impossible to anticipate every situation that may arise, no conduct that violates any statute of the State of Arizona or any ordinance of the City of Phoenix will be tolerated. Any entry violating applicable law will be prohibited from participating in the Parade.
- Phoenix Pride cannot accept responsibility for any loss of any kind due to fire, theft, crowd, nature, or other cause.
- All contingents must be pre-registered. No individuals may enter the Parade from the sidelines and are subject to immediate removal from the Parade route by any Phoenix Pride representative.
- Contingent size is limited to 75 participants, **unless prior approval** is obtained in writing from the Phoenix Pride Director of Programs, please email [Eva@phoenixpride.org](mailto:Eva@phoenixpride.org) . (*SPONSOR entries email [Landen@phoenixpride.org](mailto:Landen@phoenixpride.org)* ).
- All participants must carry a current picture identification card from a recognized government entity.
- All drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and present it for inspection at check-in.
- Proof of registration and vehicular insurance must be provided for all vehicular units at Parade check-in. Any contingent in non-compliance shall not be allowed to enter the staging area for the Parade.
- In the line-up area, all entries with vehicles must have someone always

- present with a key to the vehicle in the event the vehicle must be moved.
- Along the Parade route, the entire Parade entry may be no longer than 100 feet. No single vehicle may be longer than 50 feet, wider than 8 feet, or higher than 13.5 feet. No vehicle may have wheels that extend beyond fenders or other guards. All large entries / floats / vehicles with tow shall be inspected and must receive approval prior to step-off by a Phoenix Pride representative.
  - All vehicles in each Parade entry are required to be in good operating condition. All vehicles must be able to navigate the entire Parade route and make all turns required without difficulty.
  - All Parade entries must be able to travel at a speed of at least two miles per hour for three miles.
  - Any vehicle entry that becomes disabled or delays the Parade shall be immediately removed from the Parade route by the responsible entrant. Any fees associated with towing/repair, or tickets issued by law enforcement agencies for abandoned vehicles, shall be the responsibility of the entrant. Phoenix Pride is not responsible for any damage to any entry before, during or after the Parade.
  - Phoenix Pride reserves the right to remove persons from any vehicle that it determines to be overcrowded to the extent that it may break down or cause injury to Parade participants or spectators.
  - Vehicles pulling tow must be decorated to incorporate the look of its tow.
  - Entries are required to display their identity and decorate through a variety of visual media, such as signs; banners in the front and to the sides; balloons; flags; t-shirts; etc. so that judges and spectators can easily identify the entry and enjoy the Parade. Entries may be excluded from the Parade that do not contribute to the color, visual experience, and expression of the Parade, solely at the Parade Director's discretion.
    - Entries are encouraged to utilize music and participant enthusiasm as part of the Parade to get spectators involved in the spirit of the activities. Cheering, clapping, chanting and other such appropriate acts that promote enthusiasm are welcome. In the determination of any Phoenix Pride representative, any Parade entry, or their participants whose actions are deemed to be degrading, obscene or improper shall be removed from the Parade.
  - **All animals shall be leashed, harnessed, or otherwise restrained throughout the Parade, AND BOOTIES HIGHLY ENCOURAGED! The pavement can be hot, so please protect our furry family members! If you have animals as a part of your entry, you will be responsible for providing a clean-up crew for those animals.** NOTE: NO animals will be allowed on the festival site, so plan accordingly.
  - Failure by a participant to obey any Police Officer or Parade official will be cause for that entry to be removed from the Parade.

#### Rules Enforcement

- The Parade Rules & Guidelines above are subject to the interpretation

of the Phoenix Pride Parade Director and will be enforced by Phoenix Pride.

- Phoenix Pride reserves the right to refuse any application.

**Awards**

- Phoenix Pride will present the following awards to units chosen by a panel of judges:
  - Best of Parade Award
  - Best Parade Vehicle Award
  - Best Walking Group Award
  - Best Float Award\*\*Phoenix Pride reserves the right to edit these award names as necessary to reflect parade entries.
- Judging will take place along the Parade route at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Osborn. Judging will be based upon originality, color, presentation, showmanship, and use of theme. Award winners will be announced at the annual Phoenix Pride Awards Reception Date TBD.

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERMS**

Any Parade participant who fails to comply with ANY of the provisions outlined herein shall be subject to exclusion from participation in future events. Any violation of the rules and regulations outlined herein will be grounds for revoking this LICENSE TO PARTICIPATE and Phoenix Pride reserves the right to retain application fees.

I hereby warrant and confirm that the information provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct, and further certify that I have read all the information provided in this application and agree to comply with the Terms & Conditions provided.

It is agreed and understood that the completion of this application shall not be binding either to the proposed Parade participant or to Phoenix Pride, until accepted in writing by Phoenix Pride.

Company / Organization Name

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Contact Person:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: /\_\_\_\_/