
Westerner Days Parade Rules & Regulations

In order to ensure a safe and rewarding Parade Day experience for both participants and the audience, the Westerner Days Fair & Exposition Parade Committee, in consultation with the Westerner Park Management have developed, and will enforce, the following rules and regulations.

Please read the following documentation carefully and completely and ensure that all members associated with your entry are familiar with these rules and regulations.

Members of the Parade Committee can be identified on the morning of the parade by the orange safety vests and will be monitoring entries to identify issues that are deemed to be in direct conflict of these rules and regulations.

The parade route is approximately 3.4 kilometers in length and takes approximately 1 hour to complete. No entries in the main parade will be permitted to perform maneuvers or stunts on the parade route that will interfere with the constant forward motion of the parade. Participants are asked to stay 3 - 5 feet from the curb and maintain a forward motion.

Risky activities that could lead to injury or an accident will not be permitted on any entry. These include, but are not limited to, the use of water guns, excessive activity, and dispensing candy or any other items to the crowd that will entice observers onto the parade route. If it is felt that an entry is posing a risk to anyone by activities occurring on, or affiliated with the entry, they will be asked to discontinue such activities.

Members of the parade committee reserve the right to remove any entry, at any time, based on their assessment relating to concerns for safety, interference with the progress of the parade or any other reason that is deemed appropriate. Failure to comply with the request shall result in removal from the parade and the entry will be subject to a minimum one-year suspension from participation in the Westerner Days Fair & Exposition Parade.



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1. To ensure space allotment, we require the completed application form and supporting insurance certificate(s) be received by the Westerner Park Administration Office **no later than 4:30 PM on June 16, 2025**. This will allow time for review of the entry application and issuance of a permit upon acceptance.
2. All applicants will assume all liability relating to or arising from their involvement in the Westerner Days Fair & Exposition Parade. The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Westerner Exposition Association, Westerner Park and The City of Red Deer of any claims, actions or causes arising from his or her participation. The proof of insurance form(s) provided with your Parade Application must contain prohibition against cancellation or material change that reduces or restricts the insurance except on 30 days prior notice to Westerner Park, naming **The City of Red Deer and The Westerner Exposition Association** as additional insured under your public liability policy. This form must be completed and remitted to Westerner Park for the application to be considered.
3. If the applicant is self-insured, the applicant must provide written proof of coverage.
4. If you have not received your permit and confirmation package by July 8, 2024, please phone Westerner Park at 403-343-7800.
5. **All entries must be decorated and in the marshalling area by July 16, 2025 by 8:45 am. Security for the marshalling area will be provided from 6:30 pm on July 15, 2025 to 6:30 am on July 16, 2025.**
6. All entries must enter the marshalling area on 48th Avenue and will be escorted to the respective area via the 43rd Street entrance to the arena grounds. Only actual entries (no additional support vehicles) will be allowed in the marshalling area and all materials needed to complete the entry must arrive with the entry itself.
7. Parade position will be assigned by members of the parade committee.
8. The number of separate units in any non-livestock entry may not exceed two (2).
9. To ensure the comfort and safety of spectators viewing the Parade, bubble machines, water guns, or any apparatus that shoots water or other material(s) are strictly prohibited.
10. No material may be handed out or thrown from any parade entry along the parade route. Distribution of gifts, merchandise, literature, candy, or other material at any time along the parade route is strictly prohibited.
11. All vehicles must be clean and decorated to a minimum of 80%. Float tow vehicles must be clean and decorated tastefully (not necessarily 80%) to compliment the rest of the entry. Any vehicle, which does not meet decoration requirements, will not be permitted to enter the parade route.



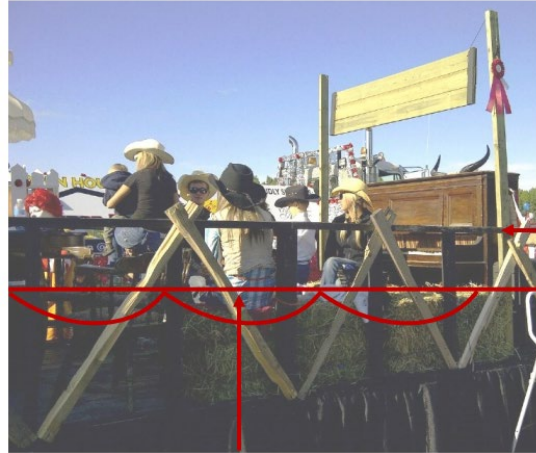
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12. Motorcycle entries must be 80% decorated in such a way that it does not impede the safe operation of the unit. Limit of 5 per group. Motorcycles may be displayed undecorated as a float entry (flat deck with tow vehicle). All decorating rules pertaining to floats will apply. Float tow vehicles must be clean and decorated tastefully (not necessarily 80%) to compliment the rest of the entry.
13. Wrapped vehicles must be decorated to a minimum of 80% in addition to their "wrap". Murals, wrapped vehicles and custom paint jobs may be incorporated into the design of the decoration but are not considered decorations.
14. Protective equipment, especially helmets, must be worn for motorcycles, rollerblading, biking, and skateboarding.
15. Livestock participants under the age of 16 are required to wear protective helmets.
16. Adequate supervision of children and youth must be provided, prior to and during the parade. For any entry with "walkers" (ie. staff members, volunteers, kid/adult sport organizations, etc. that are walking with/without a float), must be supervised, and adhere to the additional walking guide provided during Route. Minimum: one (1) adult to every five (5) children.
17. All drivers must have a valid driver's license. All entries must allow drivers a 180-degree view of the route at all times and emergency exit accessibility must be available, if required. All entries, detached or otherwise, should have direct communication with the driver.
18. Adequate ventilation for exhaust systems is required and all non-livestock entries must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.
19. The blowing of horns, sirens and playing loud music will only be allowed on the parade route, not in the marshalling area and must be kept to a reasonable level while on the parade route. Acceptable noise levels will be determined by members of the parade committee and any requests to adjust sound levels must be adhered to.
20. No entry or activity affiliated with the entry may be higher than 14 feet or exceed a length of 53 feet (total overall length). Only one towed unit per entry.
21. In accordance with the City of Red Deer Smoke Free Bylaw, there will be no smoking allowed in the marshalling area.



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22. All units carrying people must be equipped with adequate restraining devices that can reasonably be considered capable of stopping anyone falling from the unit. Anyone riding on the unit must be properly braced and seating properly anchored. All units carrying people must be equipped with adequate restraining devices that can reasonably be considered capable of stopping anyone falling from the unit. Anyone riding on the unit must be properly braced and seating properly anchored.



Good Example of railing height and strength to ensure safety. Height of 36" - 42" is recommended.

It is recommended that an additional railing be placed here to ensure safety. Rope, wood, or metal may be used but must be securely anchored.

23. No one riding on a vehicle shall extend his or her arms outside of the entry and no one shall be permitted to ride on the trunk of open vehicles and must be seated inside the vehicle.
24. The name of the sponsor may be displayed in a size appropriate to the entry, however, no additional audio or print advertising will be allowed.
25. All livestock entries must exhibit proper disposition and be in control without assistance at all times. Livestock must be well groomed, healthy, and free of any wounds or sores. All livestock entries must be "parade-wise", and in proper condition to safely complete the parade route.
26. All tack associated with livestock entries must be in good working order and properly fitted to the animal. Draw pins on all harness entries must be properly secured.
27. All livestock entries are responsible for ensuring the parking area is clean of animal excrement upon departure.
28. If control should become a problem with any livestock entry while on the parade route, members of the parade committee will pull the entry off the route at the first appropriate location.
29. Once the parade has commenced, all entries must follow the parade route to completion, rain, or shine, barring any technical difficulties.
30. In the case of an emergency with participants or the audience, parade participants must move to the right of the parade route to allow clear, unhindered access for emergency vehicles which are normally located in the marshalling area.

Please retain these rules for the float operator and ensure all participants with entry are aware of these rules.