

IMPORTANT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Parade Rules and Regulations (LA Pride Parade ONLY)

Insurance & Driver's License

Each vehicle that enters the parade line-up area and/or participates in the parade must have liability insurance, and a valid driver's license; copies of which will need to be provided upon parade check in.

Emergency Traffic Lanes

Sheriff and Fire Departments emergency traffic lanes must remain open at all times. These lanes are in both the staging area AND on the parade route and are clearly marked. It is unlawful to park vehicles, decorate units, practice routines, wait or encumber these emergency lanes in any manner at any time.

Drugs & Alcohol

Drugs and open alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in the entire pre-parade assembly area, as well as on the parade route. Participants who are found to have any drugs or open alcohol in their possession OR found to be under the influence, will be removed from the parade. Please discourage your participants from consuming any alcohol or drugs prior to or during the parade.

Throwing Items from Your Unit ("Float")

Due to the impending danger of physical injury, insurance requirements and littering problems, all parade participants are forbidden to throw anything from their unit. Do not in any fashion encourage viewers to come onto the parade route by way of throwing any sort of swag or distributing said swag from the interior of the parade route.

Performances

Performances that require your unit to stop, or slow down, due to performance are subject to the following restrictions:

1. **Performances can only occur at a designated location** (to be provided to you in advance in your confirmation package)
2. **Performances cannot last longer than thirty seconds.**

Violations of these restrictions are cause for removal.

Overcrowded Vehicles

Christopher Street West Association, Inc (CSW) reserves the right to remove persons from any float or vehicular unit, which is determined to be overcrowded, to such an extent, that the unit may break down or cause injury to participants, volunteers or spectators.

Indemnify & Hold Harmless

All applicants are responsible for any and all acts and/or omissions on their part, or on the part of their agents, volunteers and/or employees that may result in the injury or damage to themselves their agents, employees, or to third parties. Applicant specifically agrees to indemnify and to hold CSW and its agents, servants and employees free and harmless and to defend it from any and all claims arising out of any such acts or omissions.

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Nudity & Obscenity

Nudity & obscenity will not be permitted as defined by California State Code, title 17.04.480. Any unit, or participants, therein not in compliance, will be removed from the parade route and subject to intervention by law enforcement officials, as well as, forfeiture to participate in future parades.

Noise

Due to noise abatement laws, units are limited to a **5-minute** sound check while in the Parade staging area. We also ask that units be considerate of nearby residents. Shouting and/or revving of engines should be kept to a minimum while staged in West Hollywood's residential neighborhoods.

Signs & Banners

In order to better facilitate parade announcements and live broadcasting, a banner providing the name of the organization/business must precede each entry participating in the parade or the entry should have the name prominently displayed on their vehicle. Banners must be 10' long by 2' wide for all marching contingents and floats. The parade position number presented during check-in must be displayed your banner or vehicle front window to ensure visibility to announcers and camera operators.

Marching Together

Groups desiring to march with in tandem with other groups must make this known to CSW's Parade Manager in advance. All requests for such arrangements will be met to the best of our ability but, are not guaranteed. No unit is allowed to participate alone or as part of another unit without registering on the LA Pride website and being approved. Any person(s) caught unit "crashing" at the parade will be removed immediately.

Preparing for Step-Off

All units must be ready to move on cue into the parade or the next unit will proceed. The delayed unit will proceed only at the next convenient time as determined by CSW, or a CSW volunteer.

Vehicle Breakdown

In the event a unit's vehicle breaks down while in procession, CSW will guide the unit to the nearest exit off the parade route. If the vehicle has to be towed, towing charges will be at the applicant's expense.

Parade Flow

All entries/entrants are required to maintain a continuous forward motion during the parade. No stopping unless directed by CSW staff or at designated performance areas, then, and only then, for one and a half (1 ½) minutes. Parade route monitors will assist in maintaining a consistent flow of traffic for the duration of the parade. CSW asks that all units prevent gaps between parade contingents by remaining no more than 20 feet away from each other at any given time during the procession.

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Wheel Walkers / Liaisons

All units are required to supply liaisons to CSW. Contingents with moving vehicles must supply four (4) wheel walkers for each unit; one for each wheel of the vehicle. Marching contingents must supply 2; one on each side of their unit. Their role is to:

1. Assist in safety measures, specifically keeping areas in front of wheels clear of pedestrians
2. Assist with forward movement and pacing in the parade of vehicles and marchers belonging to their unit
3. Facilitate in the progress and safety of the parade in general. See section entitled Designated Parade Wheel Walkers / Liaison in your advance form for additional responsibilities. Wheel Walkers/liaisons will report directly to CSW. Any unit without designated wheel walkers/liaisons will not be able to participate.

Removal of Participants

CSW reserves the right to remove any person(s) or unit from the pre-parade assembly area of the parade that, in CSW's opinion, is considered offensive, a hindrance to the progress of the parade, places other participants or spectators in physical danger or violates any regulations in this application.

CSW Rights

CSW presents the LA Pride Parade for the public as an educational & entertainment event and reserves all rights as producers. Any reproduction, broadcast, or commercial use of any portion of the event, without the express written consent of CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST, in whole OR in part, is strictly prohibited.

Animal Units

All animal units must provide clean-up for all waste created by animals. Waste cannot be left on streets.

No Corporate Advertisement with Non-Profit Entries

If your entry is a non-profit and you paid the non-profit rate there can be no advertisements of any business, local or national, within your entry. If your organization becomes in violation of this regulation you will be billed the small business, or national corporation, rate. Corporate rates start at \$5,000.00.

Safety Workshops

All units are **REQUIRED** to send at least one liaison to participate in a in person or virtual Safety Workshop: CSW will announce the location, and/or online details, via email to all liaisons and the primary contact for your parade entry once we secure the date, time, and/or location.