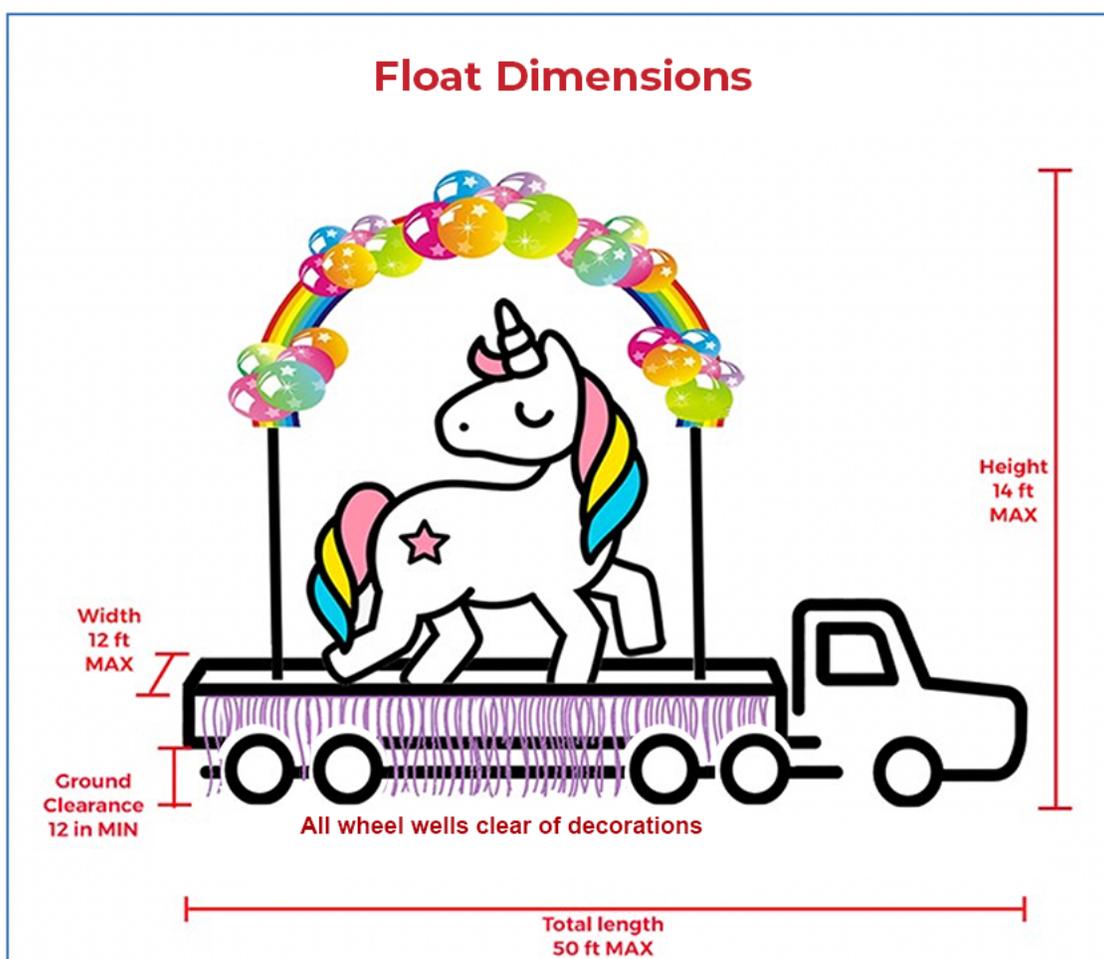




2023 PARADE FLOAT GUIDELINES

FLOAT DESIGN

Floats must be of good quality and construction. Designs are subject to approval by LA Pride and parade staff. It is encouraged (but not required) to incorporate the 2023 theme, "**All Out with Pride**" into your concept and design. Obscene or violent imagery will not be accepted.



FLOAT SIZE

Floats cannot exceed 50ftL x 14ft H x 12ft W, and must have at least 12" ground clearance.

Height: Stabilized props on a float are not to exceed **14 feet in height** (from the ground). Other design features may exceed 14 feet, only if they can be easily maneuvered or lowered to avoid encountering traffic lights, power and phone wires, trees, street signage, and spectators.

Width: Float should not exceed **12 feet in width**. Design features may not protrude beyond the 12 feet width max.

Length: Including tow unit, floats must not exceed **50 feet in length**. The float must be designed to turn corners along the parade route without delaying the forward motion of the parade or causing potential hazards.

Clearance: Floats must have at least **12 inches of ground clearance** from the frame. Nothing can drag on the roadway from the float.

Proper clearance of materials from around all wheels and wheel wells must be monitored at all times to avoid any materials being caught in them.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Fire Extinguishers: All floats must have at least one U.L. approved, current dated, multipurpose, dry chemical 2A10BC fire extinguisher on board, and located in an easily accessible location. All drivers and float personnel must be familiar with the location and correct use of the fire extinguisher.

Smoking and Open Flame: No smoking is allowed on or near any floats at any time. No using lighters or flame for any reason is allowed on or near any float.

INSPECTION

All floats may be subject to inspection by Fire Department or Parade staff on parade day before the start of the parade.

DECORATED MATERIALS

Decorated materials must be flame retardant and waterproof. Avoid materials like hay (unless treaded), straw, dried flowers, tissues, paper napkins, or other materials that have to be fireproofed. Substitute with floral sheeting, paint, or other fire and weather resistant materials. Live flowers or organic materials are allowed. Paints applied must be U.L. approved fire retardant or water based.

GLITTER is not allowed in any form by order of the Sanitation Department.

FLOAT DRIVERS

All drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and be adequately trained to drive their float. Drivers must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

Once the float is position in the staging area, a driver and representative must attend to it all times.

The use of cell phones is prohibited while driving the vehicle on the parade route.

FLOAT VEHICLES

All float vehicles must be properly registered and insured.

Tractor-trailer cabs not recommended. Float beds must be sturdy and capable of carrying the weight to be imposed.

All exhaust systems must be clear of decorative materials and properly vented.

Floats must be escorted to and from the parade site. If unescorted, proper running lights should be attached to the float vehicles.

The float vehicle must be properly serviced for gasoline, water, oil, brakes, tires and battery prior to entry into the parade. NO extra gasoline, other than in the vehicle's tank, can be carried on the float vehicle.

PORTABLE GENERATORS

Portable generators used on the float must be securely mounted on the vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of 12 inches clearance must separate any part of the generator from decorative materials.

Generators must be equipped with firmly attached metal exhaust lines, installed so to terminate either at a common exhaust serving both vehicle and generator or to the exterior of the float in the same manner as the vehicle exhaust.

ELECTRICAL WIRING

A professional electrician should do all float wiring.

Electrical wires and devices must be of sufficient gauge for the use intended. Wiring must be properly secured to the float to avoid mechanical damage and injury to float riders.

FLOAT RIDERS

All passengers standing or sitting on the float **MUST** be wearing a safety belt or have handholds or other support while the float is moving.

No riders allowed riding on the edge of the float. Any float with riders or articles hanging over the edge of the float any time before or during the parade.

No children under the age of 13 will be allowed to ride on a float without adult supervision.

No one is allowed ride the float as it is being transported to and from the parade site.

MUSIC/SOUND

The applicant must notify the Parade staff if the use of music or sound is intended. A description of this must be provided on the application. Music must maintain a volume that will not interfere with other parade contingents. LA Pride is boisterous, but please be respectful of the groups in front of and behind your float.

FLOAT SIGNS

Signs on the float are for identification purposes. They may state the float sponsor name and/or the “title” of the float. Permissible sign locations are: one on each side of the float, or one sign attached to the front of the float..

Sponsor sign size should be in a reasonable ratio to the float and not oversized. Parade staff recommends that all parade banners be 10 ft L x 2ft H to allow for consistency among contingents.

**Thank you for making the original and iconic
LA Pride Parade
a memorable and safe celebration!**

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