

# **2011 SPIRIT OF WATSONVILLE PARADE RULES**

1. The Parade Chairpersons/Marshals will be in charge and reserves the right to dismiss any entrant who does not abide by parade rules. Entry to the parade is invitation only. The Parade Marshals have the right to accept, reject, reclassify, or remove any unit which does not follow the Parade Rules or the decisions of the Parade Chairpersons.
2. The general rules are those adopted by the Parade Sponsors of Northern California, Inc., California State Horsemen's Association and the Spirit of Watsonville Parade Committee.
3. The parade will be a **FORWARD MOTION** parade No stopping to perform. All entries must complete the entire route.
4. **NO MATERIAL MAY BE THROWN, DISCARDED, DISTRIBUTED OR SPRAYED** by or from any entry. No Honking Horns. Entries shall be removed from the parade route by a Parade Marshal if found violating this rule.
5. Parade Marshals will be assigned to each division and will complete the route with that division. They will be clearly identified and their authority must be respected.
6. All entries must indicate if they have music at time of registration, sound amplifying systems and shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries. If amplified sound is not approved prior to parade it will not be allowed. Violators will be subject to ejection.
7. If you are attending another parade before our parade please indicate on your entry form.
8. No entry may enter the parade route more than once unless pre-approved by the Chairpersons.
9. You will receive your parade route map and placement one week prior to the parade.
10. Entries having children under age 18 must provide parents or other adult chaperones to walk alongside and supervise.
11. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN STAGING AREAS OR DURING PARADE.**
12. For safety reasons, all living things on a moving entry must be secured. No one is allowed to ride on a running board, hood, roof or vehicle fender.
13. Units having animals must maintain control of them at all times. No firearms shall be fired, and no open flames allowed. All floats must have a 2A-10BC rated fire extinguisher on board for safety reasons.
14. Only Business entries may display a company name, all others must be covered with decorations.
15. No political slogans or materials displayed or distributed.
16. Entries must start at appointed started place and complete entire parade route or be disqualified.
17. **Hydraulics or airbags are illegal to operate prior to, during or after the Parade.**
18. **All traffic laws will be in effect at the end of the Parade route (Rodriquez and 1st Street). This means that everyone must abide by all seatbelt laws (no riding in the back of a truck or on a float back to your vehicles. If you do not have seatbelts you must walk along the sidewalk or be subject to a moving violation from Watsonville Police Department or California Highway Patrol. The Marshal in your division can answer any other additional questions at the Parade.**

*We reserve the right to revise the placement of all entries.*