

## General Rules for Elkader Sweet Corn Days Parade Entries

The Elkader Fire Department will be inspecting the floats the day of the parade to ensure the safety requirements are met.

Inappropriate behavior, comments and/or attire during the parade may result in removal from the parade lineup.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR THE USE OF ILLEGAL OR NON-PRESCRIBED DRUGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Parade participants who are noticeably intoxicated will be removed from the parade lineup.

Throwing large, hard items to the crowd during the parade is strictly prohibited.

All units are required to maintain a forward motion.

Any activities encouraging spectators to shake hands or otherwise participate in the parade, thereby impacting parade time-lines and flow of parade, are not allowed.

All entries having music or sound amplifying systems shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals. If a unit is informed that the noise generated by their unit is too loud; they shall immediately turn the volume down.

The maximum height for entries, including moving parts at any point, is 12 feet high. This is measured from the ground to the top of the entry. Any entries exceeding 12 feet high from the ground and 9 feet wide by the time of lineup will be pulled from the parade lineup.

When choosing materials for constructing a float, we suggest using materials that are flame resistant or flame retardant whenever possible. Use non-flammable finishes such as latex and watercolor paints. Oil-based paints, lacquers and enamels are much more flammable. Use tag board or poster board instead of materials containing inner voids such as corrugated cardboard, cornstalks and straw. No part of the float should drag or touch the ground or street, which could result in items getting entangled in the wheels and/or potential fire hazards. All parts of the float should be a reasonable and safe distance from the ground, wheels, and/or any other part of the float that could entangle them.

Floats, displays and decorations should be structurally sound and designed to withstand adverse weather conditions.

There shall be no open contacts, exposed wires or unprotected, exposed bulbs on the float.

No devices employing flames or heating devices (e.g., candles, kerosene or gasoline lanterns, torches, space heaters, heat blowers) will be permitted on floats.

The float unit must be securely hitched to the towing unit; the attachment will include an approved hitch or safety pin which is to be secured to assure that it cannot fall out or become loose.

Pin hitches should be secured by the pin and a retaining clip to prevent its accidental release. No one is permitted to stand or ride on the float tongue, tractor bars or hitch assembly.

Windshields of any vehicle being used as a towing unit must be clear and unobstructed.

The driver of the towing unit must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance coverage at the time of float inspection on the day of the parade.