



# Houma Police Department

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## PARADE RULES (FLOAT RIDERS)

1. Float riders are required to be in full mask and costume during the entire parade.
2. Riders should not move from their assigned positions except in case of an emergency. Riders found riding on the very top of their float will be removed from the parade by the police.
3. Unless you're the King/Queen returning a toast, drinking should be held to a minimum on the floats, both before and during the parade.
4. Both the floats and your costume are made of flammable materials as a safety precaution Please DO NOT Smoke while on board.
5. Try to disregard abuses, verbal or otherwise from the crowd.
6. Do your throwing when the parade is in progress. Throwing in the formation and disbanding areas is forbidden.
7. Avoid throwing directly in front and back of the floats, aim at the back of the crowd. Do not throw to those near the bands, drill teams or horses. Throwing of obscene fruits, vegetables or seafood is prohibited.
8. Riders should not add nails or other sharp objects to the float to hold throws. Do not throw objects, which could harm the people below you.
9. Glass containers of any type are not allowed in the floats.
10. Float riders are not allowed to wear obscene articles of any type.
11. Your permit does not allow you to throw boxes or plastic bags from the floats. All trash is to be removed from the floats prior to the parade or in the disbanding area.
12. No trash is to be thrown on the streets at the formation area. A trash truck will be at the formation site and a glider dumpster will be at the disbanding area.
13. Car pool as much as possible – vehicles in the formation area will be kept to a minimum.
14. Float riders must be on your float one (1) hour prior to the start of the parade.
15. No cars will be allowed in the loading area.
16. Remember, no throwing is allowed until your float reaches the corner of Bayou Gardens Blvd. and West Park.
17. Profane music will not be allowed, first offense – summons, second offense – arrest.

**For more information, contact:**

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