

## 7 Nations Celtic Club St. Patrick's Day Parade Parade Facts, Policies and Regulations

As a participant in the 7 Nations Celtic Club St. Patrick's Day Parade, all participants agree to the following:

In consideration of being included as a participant in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and other valuable consideration as may apply, the participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the 7 Nations Celtic Club and its members, agents, performers, and/or volunteers from any claims, demands, costs or judgments arising from the participant's involvement in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

All mechanical equipment to be used by parade participants must be in sound mechanical condition, and be in formation position ready for inspection by the Parade Committee, and any other officials required by any regulating authority. All parade entries must be covered by adequate insurance.

No commercial advertising of any kind is allowed without approval from the Parade Committee. All signage is to be approved in writing by the Parade Committee. No objects of any kind are to be thrown at the parade spectators. All participants planning to use sound-equipment must specify type of sound equipment, and intended use of said sound on their parade application.

No philosophical, political, or religious messages may be incorporated into the signs or used on any entry in the parade without permission of the Parade Committee.

All vehicles to be entered must be decorated and distinctive and/or occupants in said vehicle(s) in appropriate costume.

**NOTE:** The sole purpose of the parade is to celebrate our Celtic heritage and to demonstrate positive community spirit. Appropriateness of all parade units shall be at the sole discretion of the official Parade Committee. For further information feel free to call Lee Daily at 740-352-8057 or email [parade@theportcitycafeandpub.com](mailto:parade@theportcitycafeandpub.com).

Please read all the rules and insurance release form listed below:

The Parade is open to all non-profit organizations, cheerleading and drill teams, marching bands, schools, neighborhood associations, International organizations etc. There is no fee for non-profit corporations. The fee for a commercial business is \$25. The fee for political persons, private organizations, and other entities, not specifically exempted by the Parade Committee, is \$100. The Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application for any reason.

All fees are payable to *7 Nations Celtic Club*, and should be mailed to P.O. Box 971, Portsmouth, OH 45662, and must be postmarked by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

You are not registered to march until both your application and registration fee (if required) are received. Parade participants shall gather at the 5<sup>th</sup> & Market Street assembly area on the date, and at the time, specified by the Parade Committee. No unit or individual shall be allowed to participate without checking in with Parade Registration Officials at the assembly area.

The Parade will proceed on time, regardless of weather conditions. No refund of fees for any reason will be considered.

### Parade Rules

With the exception of military, police, fire, EMS, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the Parade is limited to those units specifically approved by the Parade Committee. Organizations and units participating in the Parade are subject to restrictions of the following activities, which shall be prohibited in the line of march, at the sole discretion of the Parade Committee:

- Any presentation or representation, either immoral or in bad taste, which could bring dishonor to the Celtic Nations and Celtic culture.
- Drinking, or simulated drinking, of intoxicants. Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
- Use of water pistols, electric shocking devices, etc.

- Throwing of any souvenirs (such as beads, candy), promotional, or advertising materials from floats.
- Firecrackers, and any other explosives, unless specifically authorized by the Parade Committee.
- The use of any sign, banner, or any advertisement advancing any political or social cause.
- Organizations and units participating in the Parade are permitted to carry a banner identifying their organization by name and place of origination.
- Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the Parade immediately.

#### Insurance Waiver

The applicant and his/her organization shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Portsmouth, the 7

Nations Celtic Club St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, their officials and employees, from any and all loss, costs (including reasonable attorney fees and court costs), damages, expenses and liability arising from the use or occupancy or anticipated use of any City of Portsmouth area. The above named groups and entities accept no liability for any actions that may arise. Any insurance protection which may be necessary during the event is the sole responsibility of the applicant as agent for his organization.

#### Parade Day Instructions for Participating Marching Units.

- Only approved participants may march in the parade. All participating units must register with Parade Officials before taking positions in the staging area.
- Parade position assignments are at the sole discretion of Parade Officials. Your complete cooperation is appreciated.
- All participating units must enter into the check-in and staging area from 5th Street or from the north on Market Street ONLY. Attempts to

enter the staging area from other directions will only create confusion and retard the orderly assembly of the parade. For the safety of those marching, only vehicles that will be used in the parade will be allowed into the staging area. Other vehicle parking is not provided.

- Parade Officials will direct arriving units to the appropriate staging position. Once in place, all units
- must remain in their assigned location unless instructed otherwise by Parade Officials.
- Unauthorized shifting of assigned position may result in loss of position or ejection from the parade.
- During the Parade all marching units must maintain designated spacing (a minimum 20 feet between units), following the preceding unit at a safe distance. No unit may stop, or otherwise retard the parade's progress, except in an emergency, or as directed by law enforcement or Parade officials.

The Parade will get underway at the time specified, and will follow the route authorized by the Parade Committee. The parade will take place regardless of weather conditions.

