

Concord Christmas Parade Rules & Guidelines

1. The 95th Annual Concord Christmas Parade will be held November 18, 2023 beginning promptly at 2:30 PM. Completed Entry Forms and fees must be received by October 20, 2023. The number of entries is limited and will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis.
2. Professional Floats are rented through City of Concord by calling 704-699-1702 (*see Schedule of Fees).
3. Walking groups must continue moving forward. Please choreograph any performance to maintain forward movement.
4. Throwing or tossing of candy or other items for any vehicle is strictly prohibited.
5. There will be only one Santa Claus in the parade and will be provided by the City of Concord.
6. Weapons and firearms are not permitted in the parade with the exception of Police and/or military personnel. This includes real or fake weapon representations; i.e., pistols, long rifles, sabers, knives, paintball guns, or anything a-like.
7. American flags, military flags (Army, Navy, Airforce, Marine, Coast Guard) are permitted. Flags of the 50 states, and high school flag units are permitted. All other flags or banners will require approval by the City of Concord.
8. Horse entries will be provided a special area to unload and load. Entrants are required to clean these areas before departing.
9. All animal entries must have a member designated to immediately clean up after them.
10. There is no charge for School Band, EMS, Fire, Police or Military entries.
11. Entries that do not adhere to the guidelines stated will be pulled from the parade and will not be allowed to participate in future parades.
12. City of Concord reserves the right to reject any applicant whose participation may interfere with the safety and wellbeing of event patrons and/or the event staff.