

**Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival
Parade
Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9:30 am**



We have had some complaints regarding the parade with **vulgar music, inappropriate dancing and parade throws.**

Please remember, this is a FAMILY-KID friendly parade.

By signing the Parade application, you are stating you have read ALL rules and will follow them.

Anyone who does not adhere to these rules will be banned from participating in the Strawberry Festival Parade.

****PARADE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 29, 2024!!**

Thank You,

2024 Parade Chairman

**Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival
Parade Rules and Regulations
Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9:30am**



The parade is limited to two hours.

*The Strawberry Festival Parade begins at the Ponchatoula Lion's Club (750 E Pine St) and ends at Ponchatoula Kiwanis Park (201 W Magnolia Street).

***You must be lined up by 9:00am and will NOT be allowed to enter lineup after 9am.**

*Floats and float vehicles will lineup at the Lion's Club parking lot. Marching groups will line up on North Baronne Street AND South Baronne Street.

***Only vehicles in the parade will be allowed to turn into the Lion's Club parking lot.**

*A copy of your vehicle's insurance and the driver's license of the person driving the float must be provided with the application.

*Have your throws and riders loaded when you arrive. Please notify persons riding on your float of this ahead of time. They may NOT be dropped off in the parking lots, they must walk to the designated area.

***No personal vehicles, ATVs, motorcycles, or "monster" type trucks may enter the parade. Personal trucks may only be used to pull a float or provide sound systems for marching groups. The only exception will be vehicles used by The Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Board.**

*Eighteen wheelers are allowed, but there must be a three (3) foot solid side around the entire trailer. Four (4) people are required to walk along side of the trailer to keep the crowd back.

*NO persons will be allowed to ride on vehicle roofs. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate removal from parade. This will also result in forfeiture of parade fees paid.

*All floats must have a two (2) foot barrier except 18 wheelers.

*Throws must be tossed; no handing throws off the side of the float or vehicle. This is to protect people from getting too close to moving vehicles.

*For every five (5) children on a float, there must be one (1) adult.

*No alcohol will be allowed on any float or any vehicle in the parade. Any operator of any float or vehicle that is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to participate. Groups may also be disqualified. Any operator caught consuming alcohol while operating the float will be pulled from the parade.

*Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Royalty are the only persons allowed on the official Strawberry Festival Float.

*Only queens invited by the Strawberry Festival Board will be allowed on the Visiting Queens float.

*Queens and Kings may only ride together on an organized float sponsored by the festival or fair their represent. No queen or king of any kind is allowed to ride alone.

*Marching groups are not permitted to stop at the judges' stand for judging or stop anywhere along the parade route. Judging will be pass and review. A violation will receive a score of zero.

***Music, inappropriate dancing, and parade throws must not contain any profanity and must be in good taste.**

*The Strawberry Festival Board has the right to refuse any application to the parade and may limit the size and length of any entry.

****Anyone not in compliance with these rules is subject to removal from the parade and may be prohibited from future participation. Parade fees will not be returned.**