



PARADE SAFETY POLICY

***** Note: Parade will start at 10th Street and Parkerson Avenue*****

**All Participants must enter at the checkpoint on Parkerson and Northern Avenue.
A Parade Committee Member will direct you from this point.**

1. The signed **PARADE AGREEMENT** and **ENTRY FEE** must be turned into the IRF office located at 303 N. Parkerson Avenue in Crowley. A **PARADE PASS** will be given at the time of registration. No vehicle will be allowed to enter the parade route without the official parade pass!
2. The festival will limit the ages of those taking part in the Grand Parade to **16 and OLDER!** All minor children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult!
3. The festival will limit the ages of those taking part in the Children’s Parade to **15 and UNDER!**
4. **ONLY** Children’s Junior Kings and Queens may ride in individual cars. **NO RUNNER UPS** with the exception of organizations that purchase festival floats and have their courts, which would mean having a king, queen and her court. This rule does not apply to the official participants of the IRF such as the Honoree, Farmer, Jr. Farmer and contestants directly associated with the festival.
5. **NO WALKING WILL BE ALLOWED during EITHER parade with the exception of SCHOOL MARCHING BANDS!**
6. All throws must be limited to wrapped candy, beads, plastic cups, etc. No live, sharp or sexually explicit throws will be permitted. All throws must be thrown from the side to side, as far away from the float or vehicle as possible. No throws can be thrown unless the parade is in motion, nor can they be handed to anyone approaching the float or vehicle. **DO NOT THROW UNTIL YOUR FLOAT OR VEHICLE REACHES THE CROWD!**
7. Riders must keep arms and legs inside the float at all times.
8. Drivers must proceed with caution keeping one car length behind the entry ahead of them and follow all state and local laws concerning traffic and alcoholic beverages for the safety of all. **POSITIVELY NO DRINKING BY THE DRIVER!!!!**
9. No horses, donkeys, or mules allowed in the parade or any live animals allowed on floats or in vehicles. (Government Officials exempt)
10. All floats or vehicles must have a sign identifying organization, person, etc. All signs must be readable from a distance. **BIG BOLD LETTERS** are to be used.
11. **VERY IMPORTANT!** All floats or vehicles will need to be decorated before pulling up in line! If you want to add additional decorations to float after parked in parade line you can but no additional vehicles will be allowed to pass the entry point! All items will have to be carried to float from vehicles.
12. Entries can line up any time after 10:30am on the day of the parade. First come basis. The Children’s Parade will begin at 1:30pm on Friday. The Grand Parade will begin at 3:00pm on Saturday. **Break up will be back at starting point!**
13. **ALL MUSIC AND/OR DANCING PLAYED MUST BE FAMILY ORIENTED; NO VULGAR, RACIAL, OR SEXUAL CONTENT ALLOWED! IF PLAYED, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PARADE ROUTE AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AGAIN.**
14. All costumes/clothing must be appropriate and suitable for family viewing and in good taste.
15. No trailers over 30’ (thirty feet) in length allowed.
16. **All vehicles must have a minimum clearance of 8” (8 inches) from the ground.**
17. **A copy of driver’s license and vehicle insurance MUST accompany all entries.**
18. No glass containers allowed!

ANY UNIT NOT COMPLYING WITH THESE SAFETY POLICIES WILL BE REMOVED WITHOUT REFUND!!

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS: 337.783.3067

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL PARADE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE IRF, INC., IT’S EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND JUDGEMENTS THAT MAY BE SUFFERED BY THIS PARTICIPATION.

Contact Person: _____
PRINT NAME SIGNATURE DATE

GRAND PARADE ENTRY FORM



Name of organization/group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone# Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Description of entry (check one):

_____ Political _____ School _____ Business _____ Non-Profit

_____ Private Individual _____ Other (Describe) _____

Type of Vehicle(s): (car, truck, truck with trailer, etc.) _____

Number of Vehicles: _____

Fees for Saturday's Grand Parade:

Total amount due: _____

\$ 500.00 fee **per unit** for political entry

\$ 300.00 fee **per unit** for business entry **(ONE BUSINESS PROMOTION ALLOWED PER ENTRY)**

\$ 100.00 fee **per unit for** all others (Schools, Dance Teams, Gymnastic Teams, Non-Profit Groups, etc.)

Make checks payable to: IRF, INC.

**Mail signed entry form, check, a copy
of insurance, copy of driver's license to:**

**IRF, INC.
P.O. Box 1900
Crowley, LA 70527-1900**

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE IRF, INC. PARADE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE IRF, INC., IT'S EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND JUDGEMENTS THAT MAY BE SUFFERED BY THIS PARTICIPATION.

Contact Person: _____

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER & POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE!