

**Washington State Fair Western Rodeo Parade**  
**September 8, 2023 – 10 a.m.**  
**Puyallup, Washington**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**1. Entries:**

- a. The Washington State Fair Western Rodeo Parade will be comprised of primarily non-motorized units. Entry emphasis will be for Mounted and Harnessed units, Bands and Drill teams. Other non-motorized entries reflecting a western theme will be considered.
- b. Units that require propulsion should utilize an agricultural vehicle in keeping with the western theme and will only be considered as an exception.
- c. All entries must be approved by the Parade Committee before entering the marching line and may be removed at any time during the parade at the sole discretion of police, WSF Parade Committee or parade official.
- d. Entries may display a wide variety of design as long as they are in good taste, and appropriate for all age levels. They may not be indecent or immoral.
- e. Entries representing controversial groups or political issues will not be permitted.
- f. Participant attire should have a western theme.
- g. Entries significantly different than the description on the application may be prohibited from participating.
- h. Entries must comply with the assembly area, time and specific directions, which will be sent in a separate mailing to the participants.

**2. Conforming to Rules and Regulations:**

- a. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations or be denied participation in the parade.
- b. The Washington State Fair Western Rodeo Parade reserves the right to remove from the parade, either prior to assembly, at assembly, or any time during the parade, any entrant not conforming to rules and regulations or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials.
- c. Each entry must complete and return the "Hold Harmless Agreement" before parade day.

**3. Safety:**

- a. All units must meet safety requirements of the parade and may be inspected by City of Puyallup or Central Pierce Fire & Rescue officials.
- b. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by participants prior to and during the parade is prohibited.
- c. No material may be handed out or thrown out along the parade route. Distribution of gifts or merchandise, literature or other material along the parade route is prohibited without previous approval by the Committee and must also comply with applicable City Ordinance.
- d. Entry of participants under 13 years of age must have specific approval from the Parade Committee.
- e. No entries will be allowed to discharge firecrackers, caps, blanks, incendiary devices, or other equipment that might startle or excite horses and other animals in the parade.
- f. No water is permitted in the parade area, in connection with units or otherwise, except at the express written approval of the Parade Committee.

#### 4. Equestrian Requirements:

- a. All units must be attired in uniforms or other organizational attire.
- b. Horses may be decorated to carry out western theme.
- c. Horses must be properly trimmed or shod.
- d. All horses must be in the control of the rider at all times.
- e. The Parade Committee reserves the right to bar from the parade any horse or rider deemed unsafe to other riders or spectators.

#### 5. Bands and Marching Unit Requirements:

- a. Bands and marching units should be attired in appropriate parade uniform. Units are encouraged to reflect the Western Rodeo Parade theme with the addition of western hats, scarves or other western attire.
- b. Directors and other persons marching with band or drill units must be appropriately attired. Western theme apparel is encouraged.
- c. All marching units **MUST MAINTAIN A FORWARD MOTION!** Routines which delay the progress of the parade or create gaps greater than 100 feet are not permitted. Band Directors: Please be sure the drill unit leader is aware of the regulation.
- d. The Washington State Fair Western Rodeo Parade does not accept responsibility for traveling, food or lodging expenses, nor for buses or personal items.

#### 6. Other Unit Requirements:

- a. Special units are other non-motorized entries that reflect the western Fair theme and specialized entries that will require propulsion assistance. These types of entries will be limited and considered for inclusion in the parade on an exception basis.
- b. Western themed, agricultural and special community interest type entries would be considered for this category.
- c. A special interest or antique farm tractor would be considered appropriate for units requiring propulsion. This type of entry is subject to review by the parade committee to ensure the entry reflects the parade theme.

#### 7. Insurance:

- a. Evidence of insurance for both bodily injury and property damage liability with combined single limits of \$1,000,000 (each occurrence/aggregate) is required on all sponsoring units. The certificate of insurance must name the Washington State Fair as an additional insured.
- b. **THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** School bands and drill teams should indicate if they are covered by Washington Schools Risk Management Pool.
- c. **Equestrian groups:** Groups, such as posse, patrol or saddle club may meet this insurance requirement with the group's insurance policy. If your equestrian group does not have insurance, each individual rider must meet the insurance requirement.
- d. **Individual riders:** Consult with your insurance agent to see if a 'rider' can be added to your homeowner's policy to meet the insurance requirement.
- e. If a sponsoring unit does not have insurance, please request an insurance application form through the Fair's insurance company.

All units participating in the Washington State Fair Western Rodeo Parade will receive a special Fair Rosette.

*A parade application does not guarantee participation.*