

## Parade Policy

### Policy Objective

This policy recognizes that the Halifax Pride Parade derives its origin from a 1988 protest march where members of Halifax's LGBT2Q+ community rallied in response to growing concern over widespread injustice, prejudice, and discrimination perpetrated against members of our community.

This policy further recognizes that the parade is seen as a significant event for the Society and the broader LGBT2Q+ community.

This policy further recognizes that the parade must celebrate the advancements of rights and liberties for LGBT2Q+ peoples, honour our history of grassroots activism, and continue to protest injustice, prejudice, and discrimination to create meaningful positive change for our community.

This policy further recognizes that the Society's first priority is to ensure the safety of all parade participants, volunteers, and spectators, and to ensure that they comply with all municipal health and safety regulations.

This policy further recognizes that entry into the parade provides the entrant with a valuable opportunity to promote their organization and demonstrate their commitment and support of the LGBT2Q+ community and the Pride movement.

### Scope

#### Definitions

"Applicant Organization" means registered ticket/permit holder and all affiliated with that organization.

"Deadline Date" means July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

"Entrant" means registered ticket/permit holders and all affiliated with that organisation.

"Parade Day" means July 22, 2017.

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All parade entrants must comply with the following policy.

The Society reserves the right to refuse an Applicant entry into the parade if:

The applicant organization fails to adhere to the highest ethical standards in their organizational practices;

The applicant organization's conduct, policies, or public statements are found to be inconsistent with the Society's values and priorities;

The applicant organization's conduct, policies, or public statements could harm the name, reputation, or interests of the Society;

The applicant organization, whether directly or indirectly, real or perceived, discriminates against, prohibits, or otherwise restricts the rights of individuals because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected right under the *Charter, Nova Scotia Human Rights Act*, or any other applicable legislation or Court.

The Society reserves the right to refuse a previously-approved entry on parade day if:

The entrant fails to comply with this policy.

The entrant differs from its approved entry form.

Any parade float lacks sufficient decoration.

An applicant organization must submit an entry form, complete the Halifax Pride Participation Initiative Survey (HPPIS) and the applicable entry fee to the Society on or before the Deadline Date.

All entrants must attend the Marshalling Grounds.

All entrants are responsible for ensuring all members of their group are aware of and adhere to this policy.

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Parade entrants are prohibited from distributing candy, promotional material, or any objects (ie. sampling) along the parade route without the prior written consent of the Society.

Parade entrants are prohibited from throwing candy, promotional material, or any objects at parade spectators along the parade route. If caught, the entrant will be removed from the parade.

Parade entrants are prohibited from the consumption of alcohol while on the parade route.

Parade entrants are prohibited from smoking, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, marijuana, e-cigarettes, cigars, while on the parade route.

Parade entrants are prohibited from distributing samples, literature, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, flyers or any other written or printed materials to parade spectators without the prior written consent of the Society.

All floats must make every attempt to be decorated and incorporate the parade theme; *This is why.*

The Society strongly encourages all parade entrants to play music. Entrants must also have the ability to quickly and easily turn off their music to mark a Moment of Silence during the parade. At approximately 1:45 pm on Parade Day, Volunteers and Parade Marshals will raise a hand in the air, encouraging participants and spectators to do the same, to mark the commencement of a one minute Moment of Silence. The silencing of music and excessive vehicle noise will be required at this time. This will be important to the impact of the Moment of Silence on the parade spectators. All entrants must adhere to this policy.

Parade entrants that include horses and/or other live animals must require a cleanup person along the parade route.

All parade entrants must maintain forward motion, unless otherwise instructed by the parade marshal.

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The size of each float must fall within the following guidelines: 13' wide X 24' – 32' in length with a maximum height of 13'.

Children as part of the entrant must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Parade entrants must ensure that the design and operation of their float is safe and reliable.

Floats with generators or other possible fire hazards must provide suitable fire-extinguishing equipment onboard. Generators will need to be accessible and turned off during the Moment of Silence.

All refuse/garbage generated by the participants on the Marshaling Grounds are the responsibility of the entrant and must be removed by the entrant or fines will be incurred.

No parking is allowed on the Marshaling Grounds. All vehicles on grounds must be registered with the Parade Marshal and are subject to removal if not registered. All passageways between cordoned off areas within the marshaling grounds must be kept clear of vehicles and materials used by entrants for health and safety reasons. Any obstructions to these passage lanes will be removed immediately.

Entrants will not be permitted to enter Marshaling Grounds off of Cornwallis Str. All entrants must enter Valour Way from Barrington St. Entrants must adhere to the instructions of a Parade Marshal in regards to being directed to parking areas or to continue on to the Marshaling Grounds (cordoned off area).

All entrants must adhere to the direction given by any Military Police personnel, Regional Police Officer or Emergency Services Personnel at all times. In the event of any emergency or volatile situation, the aforementioned authorities, in hand with the Parade Marshals, will be active responders and direction will be given to entrants by them.