

## **Town of Newport NH ~ Winter Carnival Parade Rules**

1. The parade will start at 10:00am, line up begins at 8:30am
2. Parade route will be from **Newport High School** (start) to **Elm Street** (end)
  - a. The staging area will be in the Newport High School parking lot (North Main Street). Traffic coming into the parking lot will be one way.
    - ~**Floats:** Enter into the first driveway before the school (Thurlow Way) and drive around the back of the school for line up.
    - ~**Personal and Commercial vehicles:** Park at either RDS Machine or Goodrich Oil (across the street from the High School).
    - ~**Drop Off:** Traffic for drop off will be the normal school traffic pattern, enter into the school driveway in front of the school (next entrance past Thurlow Way) and exit at the end by the tennis courts. **There will be no parking of personal vehicles in the school parking lot.** (See number 3, below)
  - b. When the parade starts, the lead police cruiser will proceed towards the lights in the turning lane and east lane. Motoring traffic will be allowed to sue the south lane (east) until front of parade reaches the traffic lights. Then traffic will be stopped.
  - c. Elm Street will be blocked off, Police in place from 8:30am on.
3. Vehicles not actually in the parade, but transporting parade participants shall be parked in a legal parking spot, not blocking anyone's driveway. Suggested areas are:
  - a. RDS Machine
  - b. Goodrich Oil
  - c. Sugar River Plaza
  - d. Dollar General parking lot
4. Parade organizers will design and organize the actual line up of parade units.
5. No person shall throw candy or any other items from a float, or onto any part of a roadway, including parking areas or breakdown lanes. Floats will not stop for the purposes of handing out candy once the parade has started. You may however, pass out candy via foot.
6. Each group participating in the parade will be have opportunity to perform a routine lasting about 60 seconds in the "stadium" are located near Bar Harbor Bank. Please no routines lasting longer than 60 seconds to allow for the parade to keep moving efficiently.
7. The police officer in charge and/or parade organizer has the authority to not allow any unity to participate in the parade if they deem it to be unsafe in any way.
8. Parade participants shall follow the exact parade route, as directed, unless directed otherwise by a Newport Police Officer.
9. **It is the responsibility of each group/driver to keep with the group/participant in front of you. Any group that cannot keep pace may be asked to pull out of the parade.**

10. Parade participants shall not block or direct traffic in any way unless directed to do by a Newport Police Officer or if there is a life-threatening situation (i.e. Someone falls off a float).
11. The police officer in charge has the authority to cancel (postpone) the parade at any time due to unforeseen problems (by NH Law).
12. Parade organizers may erect signs prior to the parade informing the public of the parade, partial road closures, or to use alternate routes other than downtown between certain hours. All signs must be removed after the parade.
13. The police department will be in charge of all traffic, and traffic routes maybe be blocked or delayed with no prior warning prior to, during, and after the parade. This will be done to allow the greatest safety of the parade participants and public who may be watching.
14. **At the conclusion of the parade all floats and vehicles are no longer considered “parade vehicles” and all riders must dismount the vehicle or float.** Floats or vehicles that must travel back to the starting location must not have any riders on the float or in the back of pickups. Violators will be subject to discipline by police personnel.

*In most instances the parade will be held as scheduled. However, in the event there is significantly inclement weather the morning of the parade and you have a question as to whether the parade will be held or postponed, please call Newport Fire EMS at 603.863.1416 for more information.*

<b>STATE OF NH RULES &amp; REGULATION PARADE VEHICLES</b>
<p><b>265:108-a Parade Vehicles.</b></p> <p>I. No person may operate a vehicle in a parade unless the following safety precautions are taken:</p> <p>(a) No person may use any type of vehicle with protruding or outrigger wheels in a parade unless the vehicle is suitably modified to protect both riders and pedestrians from the wheel assembly.</p> <p>(b) At least one adult, other than the driver, shall supervise children riding on a vehicle in a parade and have a reasonable means of immediate communication with the driver. The number of adults supervising the children shall not be less than one adult per every 4 children and sufficient to ensure that each child is visible to a supervising adult.</p> <p>(c) Children riding on a vehicle in a parade shall remain entirely within the perimeter of the vehicle and, if standing, shall be reasonably protected from probable injury if the vehicle suddenly starts or stops.</p> <p>II. Any person operating a vehicle without following all of the safety precautions listed in paragraph I shall be guilty of a violation, and shall be subject to the following fines:</p> <p>(a) \$50 for a first offense.</p> <p>(b) \$100 for a second or subsequent offense.</p>
<p><b>Source.</b> 2007, 378:1, eff. Sept. 16, 2007.</p>