

RULES AND GUIDELINES

MARDI GRAS PARADE

1. All floats and drivers must be ready to begin the parade one (1) hour before the parade starts. If there is a delay, we must know in advance. Please contact the Mardi Gras Chairman, Scott Politakis, 469-258-2748 or the chamber office at 940-825-3526.
2. Driver must remain in the cab of the float. Drivers **ARE NOT** allowed to consume alcoholic beverages before or during the parade and we reserve the right to test drivers to determine if they are fit to drive.
3. All drivers must be at least 18 years of age and be in possession of a valid driver's license.
4. All floats are to be decorated in the theme of your choice. All participants must be costumed and must throw beads, candy, etc.
5. It is required to have at least one fire extinguisher on board every float if you have a generator on board. Generators must be properly ventilated and extension cords should be carefully placed.
6. Once the parade has started, it is **not to stop** unless in a case of an extreme emergency. Also, once the parade has started all float riders are to remain on the float and not get on and off.
7. Glass containers of any type are not allowed on the floats.
8. All riders should be on their floats and in place one hour prior to parade time.
9. No trash is to be thrown on the streets or in the formation area. Please try to keep your area picked up and clean.
10. Avoid throwing beads, etc. directly in front and back of the floats. Aim at the back of the crowd.
11. Nocona Chamber of Commerce nor the City of Nocona does not accept any responsibility for any accidents or damage to any floats or riders in the parade. All entries and participants do so at their own risk.
12. Due to the expenses of the parade organization, registration fees will be applicable for all parade entries with the exception of the dignitaries and public school sponsored entries. Payment must be paid with entry form. Each entry will receive a Welcome Bag that will include various discount tickets and items including 2 meal tickets to the Gumbo Meal on Saturday Night. To help organize the parade line-up, we ask that you turn your registrations in before Feb. 1 (\$25 fee). The week of the parade, the fee will be \$30. If you wait until the day of the parade the fee will be \$50!

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN MARDI GRAS!!!!