

# 2023 PARADE ENTRY FORM

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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## TYPE OF ENTRY

- Band \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated number of members \_\_\_\_\_
- Float \_\_\_\_\_
- Marching unit \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated number of members \_\_\_\_\_
- Truck \_\_\_\_\_
- Car \_\_\_\_\_
- Horse \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please describe)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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I have read the rules and regulations of the 2023 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce' 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and agree to abide by them in their entirety.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For more information please call the GHCoFC office at 532-4216 or 694-3414

## 2023 Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce FOURTH of JULY PARADE ENTRY FORM

This is the seventh year that the Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We have a fabulous group of people who will be organizing and overseeing the festivities and are happy that you are considering being a part of the days celebration.

This year's parade will begin at 10am on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> from the intersection of Main, Military, Station and Willard Streets. Veterans groups will form on Main St. between Burleigh and Willard Streets. The parade will proceed down Main St. through Market Square, south on Kendall and then back up Military St. to the starting point.

**1. It is strongly recommended that all participants pre-register to be in the parade!** This is to ensure that everything goes smoothly for the organizers. If you should forget to pre-register you may call the Chamber until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and we will make sure you have a spot.

**2. All commercial entries must be decorated. (Vehicles towing a float are exempt from this rule).** Please remember that the viewing public want and deserve to see decorations on the 4<sup>th</sup>. While the committee is sure that your fleet is beautiful, it can be seen every day in an undecorated state. Please give the public something to look at that is extraordinary!

**3. All entries must carry a valid Maine inspection sticker (if required by law and legal to be operated on a public way. All vehicles must be driven by a person with a valid drivers license and be at least 18 years of age.** Large farm tractors must have a walker by each wheel. (ATVs are exempt from this rule. See last rule)

**4. Each motorized vehicle shall carry liability insurance in compliance with Maine law.** Proof of insurance is required.

**5. Throwing items such as candy into the street or crowd is prohibited!** Sure it's fun. The kids love it, but do you want to be responsible for the child who runs out to snatch a piece of candy from under the wheel of the truck behind you? Parents don't always watch their children. This is a safety issue and is forbidden.

**6. All participants must be at the start site by 9am. There will be security at the side roads and cutting in line will not be allowed.**

**7. The greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to accept or decline an entry.**

**8. No participant may jump on a moving float to ride and must not interfere with any other unit in any way. No participants will dismount from a moving float during the parade route. This is an extreme safety hazard.**

**9. Entrants wearing costumes that cover the face must be accompanied by a walker.** (Costumes with masks usually obscure the vision of the wearer.)

**10. The only flags allowed in this parade are the American and Armed forces flags. No political or confederate flags will be displayed.**

**11. MOTORIZED VEHICLES MAY NOT BE OPERATED IN THE PARADE BY ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16. This includes but is not limited to:**

**4 Wheelers**

**Lawn mowers**

**Miniature cars and trucks**

**Motorized scooters**

**Tractors**

**Due to new insurance rules this will be strictly enforced.**

# PARADE RULES FOR EQUINE ENTRIES

**July 4, 2023**

It is important to realize that parades can be very confusing for horses. The sights, sounds and obstacles on a parade route are often unfamiliar to horses and, to further complicate matters, horse and rider must navigate directly in the public eye, on pavement, and in a narrow area. Only well-seasoned horses that have been desensitized to crowds, flags, traffic, whistles and other parade noises should participate.

The following requirements will be enforced in order for horse and rider to enter the parade.

- All Parade Participants must sign a liability release waiver. If the rider is under 18 the legal parent or guardian must sign the waiver on their behalf.
- All riders must present proof of a current negative Coggins test for the participating horse in accordance with state laws.
- One rider per horse. No bareback riding permitted.
- Side walkers are recommended for equine entries. The Chamber of Commerce will provide 2 side walkers to keep viewers away from the horses and to help a rider should his/her horse become agitated.
- Helmets must be worn by entries under the age of 18.
- Proper riding footwear must be worn as well as appropriate equestrian attire.

There will be a representative of the organizer in charge of all equine entries.

## Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Houlton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade while riding or driving a horse, the undersigned agrees to:

1. Prior to participating the rider/owner of the horse will inspect all tack necessary for a safe ride. If tack to be used is damaged or does not fit properly, the rider/owner will not participate.
2. Each rider should acknowledge and fully understand that he/she will be engaging in an activity that involves the risk of serious injury, including permanent disability or even death and/or the loss of socioeconomic ability, through their own actions or negligence of others engaged in the same activity.
3. Each rider/driver will assume all risk and accept personal responsibility for any and all damages following such injury, permanent disability or even death.
4. The rider/driver agrees to release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue administrators, directors, agents, coaches and other employees or volunteers of the sponsoring organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, and, if

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applicable, owners of the property used to conduct the event, from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the rider/driver.

The undersigned or Guardian (if the participant is under the age of 18) have read the above waiver and release and understand that they have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily.

X

Rider / Driver

X

Printed Name

X

Parent/ Guardian