

# ***Alief International Parade*** **Alief Community Association, Inc.**

## **PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ALL ENTRIES**

Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations or they will be barred from the parade. The **Alief Community Association, Inc. 2017 Alief International Parade Committee** and the parade marshals reserve 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.

All entries must be approved by the Parade Director before entering the line of march and may be removed at the beginning of the parade or any time during line of march at the sole discretion of the Police or Parade Officials. Entries may display a wide variety of design as long as they are in good taste. Entrants should remember that a large part of the audience will be children. All floats must meet **ALL** safety requirements of the **Alief Community Association, Inc. Alief International Parade Committee** and be inspected by Parade Officials.

Your assembly area and assembly time to include specific directions will be sent to you in a separate letter or email if you are accepted to participate in the **Alief Community Association, Inc. 2017 Alief International Parade**.

No water is permitted in the parade area, in connection with floats or otherwise, except at the express written approval of the parade committee (example: waterfall on float.) Drinking water will be approved.

### **FLOAT REQUIREMENTS -**

Maximum dimensions for floats are:

Maximum width	- 16 feet
Maximum height	- 13-1/2 feet
Maximum length	- 55 feet

**Decorations:** Persons appearing on floats shall wear suitable clothing in keeping with their theme of entry and be considerate of the weather.

1. Decorated cars, other than cars used by VIP's invited by the **Alief Community Association, Inc. 2017 Alief International Parade** and those of the Royal Court will not be permitted, unless express permission is granted by the parade committee.
2. The entry or appearance of members of additional Royalty or Officers of Local Organizations and agencies is subject to approval of the Parade Committee. Acceptance will be determined by the number of these types of entries in the Parade and the compatibility of the organization entry with the **Alief Community Association, Inc. 2017 Alief International Parade** objectives and the Parade theme. Alief Community Association, Inc. does not provide vehicles or signage for these entries. Community parades participating in the **Alief Community Association, Inc. 2017 Alief International Parade** on a reciprocal basis are **NOT** subject to this provision.
3. Forward maneuvers by marching units will be permitted provided spacing between units does not exceed 50 feet. All units are required to close the gap between units. Normal intervals should be approximately 40 feet.
4. Participants **WILL NOT ACCOST** parade route spectators and **MAY NOT CAST OR THROW ANY ITEM FROM THEIR FLOAT.**
5. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant.

Participants consuming alcohol prior to parade start will not be permitted in the parade and any person consuming alcohol during the parade will be removed from the line of march.

6. Floats or other units advocating, opposing or depicting any political or social issues are subject to approval of the Parade Committee. **The Committee's decision is final.**

All drivers of floats and vehicles must hold a valid driver's license. Floats must comply with all safety requirements as outlined on enclosed inspection list. Any float not meeting safety requirements will not be judged and may not be allowed in the parade.

**Driver will be required to sign an inspection list and present to safety officials prior to parade.**

**INSURANCE:** Evidence of insurance for each vehicle is required.

Any motorized vehicle not supplying evidence of insurance will not be allowed to participate in the **Alief Community Association, Inc. 2017 Alief International Parade.**

### **BANDS, DANCE, MARTIAL ARTS AND OTHER MARCHING UNITS REQUIREMENTS**

- Bands/drill units from communities sponsoring a float are invited to participate, subject to approval of the Parade Committee. A limited number of bands unaccompanied by a float will be invited to participate.
- No Band or Marching Unit will be accepted for the parade unless each member is attired in a uniform considered by the Parade Committee to be appropriate.
- All marching units **MUST MAINTAIN A FORWARD MOTION!** Routines which delay the progress of the parade or create gaps greater than 50 feet are not permitted.  
**BAND DIRECTORS:** Please be sure the drill unit leader is aware of the regulation.
- **DIRECTORS** and **OTHER PERSONS** marching with band or drill units must be distinctively attired.

Alief Community Association, Inc. does not accept responsibility for traveling, food or lodging expenses, nor for buses or personal items.

### **COMMERCIAL ENTRY – Parade Registration Requirements**

- **COMMERCIAL** entries are primarily an advertisement medium. The numbers of these types of entries could be limited by the parade length, duplication and theme. The acceptance of these entries will be determined by the Parade Coordinating Committee.

All commercial units should enhance the parade theme, provide an entertaining or performance type entry for the enjoyment of the spectators or be considered a parade support vehicle (i.e. Vehicle Recovery or Assistance). Please see requirements in regard to commercial entries.

- **NON-COMMERCIAL** parade, community or organization entries **MAY** have sponsors from a private commercial enterprise and may display appropriate recognition for their sponsor. This signage or display must not, however, be the overwhelming theme or signage for the float, vehicle or banner.

Inquiries regarding classification for your entry should be made to the **Alief Community Association, Inc.** by calling Cell (832) 651-3428 it will be referred to the Parade Committee.

**NOTE: WE WIL NOT BE ABLE TO FURNISH CARS FOR PARADE. PLEASE OBTAIN YOUR OWN VEHICLE.**



**Alief Community Association, Inc.**

**PERMISSION  
to enter staging area.**

**Parade Participant**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

You may not enter the parade without this page.  
Please place it on your dashboard before entering staging area.