



York Traditions Bank Presents
the 68th Annual
York Halloween Parade



2017 RULES & REGULATIONS

It is the intention of the York Revolution to present the 68th Anniversary York Halloween Parade as a fun, family-oriented community event. Entries that detract from the celebratory nature of the parade will NOT be permitted to participate in the 69th Anniversary Halloween Parade.

1. Parade participants must complete a “registration application” to enter in the York Halloween Parade (hereinafter referred to as “the Parade”). Deadline for early entry applications is September 11, 2017. Applications post-marked between September 11, 2017 and October 6, 2017 will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. Applications post-marked after October 6, 2017 will be accepted (with the proper fee and late fee), but not judged or eligible for prizes. The York Revolution encourages the submission of applications as early as possible. Applicants will be notified via email of their entry’s status. Registration applications are available at www.yorkhalloweenparade.com. A list of confirmed applicants will be maintained at this site as well. Acceptance of parade entry is subject to the sole discretion of the York Revolution. York Revolution is not obligated to provide any applicant with a reason for the denial of any application.
2. Applicants are responsible for communicating all rules and regulations to each member of his/her organization, group, company and/or entry. A simplified copy of the most important participant rules is available for download at www.yorkhalloweenparade.com. Each member of the organization, group, company and/or entry shall be responsible for reading the rules and regulations associated with the Parade. The violation of these rules and regulations by any member of the organization, group, company and/or entry before, during or along the Parade route will result in disqualification and immediate removal from the Parade and the violator’s organization will not be permitted to participate in the following year’s Parade.
3. Any application construed as a public hazard or likely to cause any unsafe condition at the Fairgrounds or along the Parade route will be denied.
4. A completed application to participate in the Parade will be taken as a firm commitment of participation by the York Revolution. “No shows” damage the integrity of the parade; “no shows” for two consecutive years will be denied entry into the Parade for one year.
5. Day-of parade entries will be accepted but not judged or eligible for prizes and will be placed at the rear of the line of march.
6. Motorized go-karts, motorcycles, mini-bikes, mopeds, and bicycles are not permitted except as approved by the York Revolution upon review of the entrant’s application. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the Parade the following year.
7. All entries/participants are encouraged to reflect Halloween decorations and/or a Halloween-type theme. The Parade Officials’ decisions regarding adequate decoration pertaining to Halloween and/or a Halloween-type theme will be final!! Halloween decorations and/or a Halloween-type theme shall pertain to the depiction of any person, place, thing and/or costume or otherwise typically associated with the celebration of the October 31st holiday of Halloween. The theme for 2017 is “Graveyard Party”. Come out in your best graveyard party costume and spook the living, as they cheer you on throughout the parade. This is the opportunity to be creative, and represent your organization the best way possible.
8. All float and vehicle categories must be at least 75% decorated. Exceptions to this rule include antique/classic cars, school royalty floats/vehicles, Grand Marshall vehicle, official sponsor vehicles and others as approved by the York Revolution. Signs indicating the organization and theme are encouraged to be displayed on the front or sides of the entry. The Parade Officials’ decisions regarding adequate decoration will be final. If you do not comply with this regulation, you will be disqualified.



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9. The maximum number of entries for any organization, club, group, or individual is three (3), except by special invitation from the York Revolution.
10. Royalty entries are limited to the homecoming queen/king only (one vehicle), unless a float is provided on which the royalty court may ride.
11. No solicitation for donations is permitted.
12. Due to safety concerns, throwing anything, including candy, from floats or vehicles in the Parade is not permitted along the Parade route. Items may be handed out by walking participants but must be approved by the York Revolution beforehand. Anyone planning to hand out any type of food must get a valid license from The Bureau of Permits and Health Licensing. This form is available at www.yorkhalloweenparade.com. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's parade.
13. All Parade participants must stay in the line of march. Do not go into the crowd. The Parade route is narrow, many children and adults sit on the curb, and we do not want anyone to be hurt during the Parade. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's parade.
14. No drilling or performance will be permitted in the line of march by any unit unless the unit is moving forward at the same time and does not stop the forward movement of the Parade.
15. Baton marching groups must march with a minimum of six (6) abreast.
16. Fire batons are not permitted along the Parade route or at the Fairgrounds.
17. Power tools, replicas of knives, swords, guns or other such items are not allowed to leave the Parade route and go into the crowd. Any weapon replica must be clearly marked with appropriate blaze orange muzzle marking if the weapon closely replicates a firearm. Power tools used as Parade items/decorations must be turned off throughout the Parade and at the Fairgrounds. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
18. Absolutely no firearms or weapons of any kind are permitted on the Parade route or at the Fairgrounds. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law.
19. Explosives, fireworks, or any other exploding devices are not permitted along the Parade route or at the Fairgrounds. Anyone found with explosives, fireworks or any other exploding devices will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law. If a float decoration includes a "prop" or other item that may be construed as an exploding device, the entrant/participant must get prior approval from the York Revolution before using such device at the Fairgrounds or along the Parade route. Any entrant/participant violating this provision will be escorted from the Fairgrounds and/or the Parade route and not be permitted to participate in the following year's parade.
20. Children under six (6) years of age are not permitted to walk or march in the Parade but may ride on a Parade float and/or vehicle, under the supervision of a responsible adult. All children six years of age and under must be supervised at all times.



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21. When a unit reaches the end of the Parade, the participants are not permitted to come back through the line of march for the balance of the Parade. Participants must use another street so as not to disrupt the marchers or obstruct the view of the spectators watching the Parade.
22. No entry which is paid to appear in the Parade may compete for a prize.
23. All units must be easily identified so that spectators and television cameras can easily see the name of each unit or its sponsor. Identification on floats should be on both sides, running the entire length of the float or twenty (20') feet, whichever is the lesser. Participants carrying signs or banners should precede marching units, and all signs and banners must be carried and/or displayed in such a way as to assure they can be read even in rain or high wind.
24. Units may contain no element higher than 16 feet, to provide clearance of overhead wires and traffic lights. Please make note of the height and width and length of your entry on your application under "Section C: Description of Your Entry"
25. Individuals and organizations in the Parade must perform courteously, in compliance with all regulations and with safety in mind at all times during the formation, execution, and dismissal of the Parade. Entries that detract from the celebratory nature of the Parade will immediately be disqualified from the Parade. Any participant disqualified under this regulation will not be permitted to participate in future parades. Parade Officials will remove any participant violating this regulation at his or her sole discretion. All Parade Officials' decisions are final.
26. Parade Officials will be located along the Parade route to enforce the rules and regulations. Parade Officials' instructions must be followed at all times. Parade Officials' decisions are final and not subject to review.

Participants are not permitted to consume and/or possess alcoholic beverages anywhere along the Parade route or at the fairgrounds. Any participant found consuming or in possession of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted to participate in the Parade and will be escorted from the Fairgrounds and/or the Parade route. All beverages (soda, iced tea, water, lemonade, etc.), must be in a non-glass, non-breakable container. Any participant violating this provision will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.

27. Participants are not permitted to smoke or use tobacco products anywhere along the Parade route or at the fairgrounds. Any participant found smoking and/or using tobacco products at either the Fairgrounds or along the Parade route will not be permitted to participate in the Parade and will be escorted from the Fairgrounds or the Parade route. Any participant violating this provision will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
28. Participants are not permitted to use any illicit substances and/or possess drug paraphernalia along the Parade route or at the fairgrounds. Any participant found using illicit substances in any form regardless of the substance or form of use or in the possession of any illicit substances and/or using drug paraphernalia in any form or in possession of drug paraphernalia will not be permitted to participate in the Parade, will be escorted from the Fairgrounds or the Parade route, and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law.



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29. If you decorate at the Fairgrounds, you must clean up your mess. We graciously receive the use of the Fairgrounds at no cost. Please be neat and courteous. Any participant who does not clean up at the Fairgrounds will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
30. At the end of the Parade, all Parade materials must be taken with you. We have residents located at the end of the Parade who have complained about Parade participants using their trash receptacles. This is not permitted. Any participant caught using residents' trash receptacles will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
31. Horse units must provide a clean-up crew. Horse units with a cleanup crew will not be permitted to participate in the parade.
32. Judges will be located at the York County Government Center (old Courthouse). Entries may not stop in front of the Judges stand to perform. They may, however, perform while moving forward. A Parade Official will be located in front of the courthouse to enforce this regulation. Any entry not complying will be automatically disqualified.
33. Portable restrooms are provided along the Parade route.
34. Any motorized vehicle required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be inspected must have a current inspection sticker and registration card. Registration card must be available upon request of any Parade Official. Only validly licensed drivers shall operate any motorized vehicle being operated along the Parade route. The drivers' valid license must be available upon request of any Parade Official. Further, each motorized vehicle and/or driver participating in the Parade must have valid insurance on the vehicle and/or driver. Valid insurance cards must be available upon request of any Parade Official. Photocopies of driver's license, registration card, and insurance card must be submitted with the registration application (SECTION D).
35. To ensure the safety of parade participants we will have specific areas at the end of the parade route for buses and other parade vehicles to park and pick up in an organized and timely manner. Please refer to the parade line-up letter you will receive closer to the parade date, use the signs for the bus windows you will find included with that letter, and instruct all drivers to watch for signs at the end of the parade route as well.
36. The York Revolution retains the right to cancel the Parade if participant and spectator safety could be jeopardized. This could be due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The Parade would be canceled prior to Noon on Parade day. Fees will not be refunded.

Violators of Parade rules/regulations will not be eligible for a prize, may be deemed ineligible for the 2017 Parade and may be removed immediately from the parade.