Please remember to follow the Safety Regulations or your entry may be prohibited from riding in the parade. A few reminders:

1. The Civic Center lot is for staging only and **MAY NOT** be used as a drop off for participants.
2. Political campaigning of any kind is prohibited.
3. Entrants may not stop at any point in the parade. This includes “performing” for the judges’ station.
4. No items may be thrown or handed out during the parade. This includes candy.
5. No drugs or alcohol are permitted. Violators will be disqualified from the parade.
6. Entries are to be in good taste and free from obscenities or slurs. Parade organizers reserve the right to exclude any entrant that does not comply.

**FSU Safety Regulations Governing Homecoming Parade**

1. Each vehicle shall have adequate pulling and braking power and each Float must be safely constructed so as not to endanger Occupants or Spectators. All entries will be subject to a Final Safety Inspection and those that do not pass will be disqualified.

2. The designated Float Chairperson of each Organization participating in the parade shall be responsible for adherence to all Safety Regulations during construction and operation of the Parade Entry.

3. A Float Trailer or similarly drawn vehicle (i.e. pickup trucks, tractors, commercial or industrial trucks) must be equipped with a reliable hitch, hitch pin, safety tow chains, and be in good repair, adequate to control the drawn load.

4. All Float drivers are required to have a valid driver’s license. If a vehicle weighs more than 26,000 pounds or more than 15 passengers are being transported, then an additional evaluation will have to be conducted.

5. The tank of each vehicle must be filled to a minimum level of ½ tank before being attached to a Float; oil and water must be checked also.

6. The Float shall be **no taller than 12’ from the ground and no more than 10’ wide**. This is the maximum maneuverable width and height due to parade route and overhead clearance. Consideration should be given to overall length, making it possible to negotiate ordinary street intersections.
7. Trailers to be used must have sturdy beds and be free of holes to prevent stepping or breaking through the bed structure.

8. Superstructure and bracing must be securely fastened to prevent shaking apart and toppling. The materials covering the superstructure must be non-combustible and inherently flame retardant or other slow to burn material.

9. A sturdy means of support, to be constructed of wood or metal, must be provided for all persons riding on the float. No riders will be allowed on hoods, fenders, roofs of any vehicles, or on the side rails of pickups.

10. Due to the large amount of combustible material involved, smoking will not be allowed on or near any float or in the cab during construction or while in the parade.

11. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the Homecoming Parade, in vehicles or in the hands of participants on foot in the parade.

12. No fireworks or flame producing equipment shall be used.

13. Safeguards should be taken during construction and at the close of the parade to make sure that a float entry is not accidentally or intentionally burned.

14. Throwing of items from Homecoming Parade participants shall not be allowed.

15. All entries should be properly dismantled, and residue disposed of, as appropriate, as soon as possible after the event is terminated.

16. The University has no way of insuring participants, but it is recommended that each group investigate possible needs for short-term liability insurance coverage.

17. The float or vehicle shall be equipped with a minimum 5lb ABC Fire Extinguisher.

18. All items on board must be securely fastened down.

19. If a generator is located on board, it shall be in a safe and secure location away from any riders.

Note: The Department of Environmental Health and Safety, through its representatives/inspectors retains the right to prohibit any float from the parade that does not meet the safety guidelines herein. Additionally, they may prohibit any practice, usage of material, or use of vehicles which, in their professional judgment is unsafe or detrimental to FSU, participants or the general public.