

INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL  
PARADE SAFETY POLICY

Grand Parade

**\*\*\* Note: Parade will start at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Parkerson Avenue\*\*\***

**All Participants must enter at the checkpoint on Parkerson Ave. and Northern Ave.!**  
**There will be a Parade Committee Member to direct you from that point.**

1. Signed Parade Agreement and entry fee must be turned in at Festival Office. A parade pass will be given at the time of registration. No vehicle will be allowed to enter the parade route without parade pass!
2. Only Children's Jr. Kings and Queens may ride in individual cars. NO runner-ups will be allowed to take part! (see attached)
3. The Festival also will limit the ages of those taking part in the Grand Parade to 15 and older! (see attached)
4. No glass containers allowed!
5. All minor children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult!
6. All throws must be limited to wrapped candy, beads, plastic cups, etc. No live, sharp or sexually explicit throws will be permitted.
7. All throws must be thrown from the side to side, as far away from the float or vehicle as possible. No throws can be thrown unless the parade is moving, nor can they be handed to anyone approaching the float or vehicle. **DO NOT THROW UNTIL YOUR FLOAT OR VEHICLE REACHES THE COURT CIRCLE OR THE CROWD!**
8. Riders must keep arms and legs inside the float at all times.
9. Drivers must proceed with caution keeping one car length behind the entry ahead of them and follow all state and local laws concerning traffic and alcoholic beverages for the safety of all. **POSITIVELY NO DRINKING BY THE DRIVER!!!!**
10. No horses, donkeys, or mules allowed in the parade or any live animals allowed on floats or in vehicles. (Government Officials exempt)
11. All floats or vehicles must have a sign identifying organization, person, etc. All signs must be readable from a distance. **BIG BOLD LETTERS** are to be used.
12. **VERY IMPORTANT!!** All floats or vehicles will need to be decorated before pulling up in line! If you want to add additional decorations to float after parked in parade line you can – but no additional vehicles will be allowed to pass the entry point! (All items will have to be carried to float from vehicles)
13. You can line up any time after 10:30am until 2:00 pm on the day of the parade. First come basis. The parade will begin at 3:00pm. **Break up will be back at starting point!**
14. Any and all music and/or dancing played must be family oriented; no vulgar, racial, or sexual content allowed!
15. All costumes/clothing must be appropriate and suitable for family viewing and in good taste.
16. No trailers over 30' (thirty feet) in length allowed.
17. **All vehicles must have a minimum clearance of 8" (8 inches) from the ground.**
18. **A copy of driver's license and vehicle insurance MUST accompany all entries.**  
**ANY UNIT NOT COMPLYING WITH THESE SAFETY POLICIES WILL BE REMOVED WITHOUT REFUND!!!!**

Any questions you can call the Festival Office at 783-3067.

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL PARADE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL, ITS EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND JUDGEMENTS THAT MAY BE SUFFERED BY THIS PARTICIPATION.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME SIGNATURE DATE

INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL  
PARADE SAFETY POLICY

Children's Parade

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2. Only Children's Jr. Kings and Queens may ride in individual cars. NO runner-ups will be allowed to take part! (see attached)
3. The Festival also will limit the ages of those taking part in the Children's Parade to 14 and under! (see attached)
4. No glass containers allowed!
5. All minor children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult!
6. All throws must be limited to wrapped candy, beads, plastic cups, etc. No live, sharp or sexually explicit throws will be permitted.
7. All throws must be thrown from the side to side, as far away from the float or vehicle as possible. No throws can be thrown unless the parade is moving, nor can they be handed to anyone approaching the float or vehicle. **DO NOT THROW UNTIL YOUR FLOAT OR VEHICLE REACHES THE COURT CIRCLE OR THE CROWD.**
8. Riders must keep arms and legs inside the float at all times.
9. Drivers must proceed with caution keeping one car length behind the entry ahead of them and follow all state and local laws concerning traffic and alcoholic beverages for the safety of all. **POSITIVELY NO DRINKING BY THE DRIVER!!!!**
10. No horses, donkeys, or mules allowed in the parade or any live animals allowed on floats or in vehicles. (Government Officials exempt)
11. All floats or vehicles must have a sign identifying organization, person, etc. All signs must be readable from a distance. **BIG BOLD LETTERS** are to be used.
12. **VERY IMPORTANT!!** All floats or vehicles will need to be decorated before pulling up in line! If you want to add additional decorations to float after parked in parade line you can – but no additional vehicles will be allowed to pass the entry point! (All items will have to be carried to float from vehicles)
13. You can line up any time after 9:30am until 1:00 pm on the day of the parade. First come basis. The parade will begin at 1:30pm. Break up will be back at starting point!
14. Any and all music and/or dancing played must be family oriented; no vulgar, racial, or sexual content allowed!
15. All costumes/clothing must be appropriate and suitable for family viewing.
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PRINT NAME SIGNATURE DATE

**INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL**  
**GRAND PARADE ENTRY FORM**  
**CROWLEY, LA**

Name of organization/group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone# Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of entry (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Political    \_\_\_\_\_ School    \_\_\_\_\_ Business    \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit

\_\_\_\_\_ Private Individual    \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vehicles: (car, truck, truck with trailer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees for Saturday's Grand Parade:

\$ 500.00 fee **per unit** for political entry

\$ 300.00 fee **per unit** for business entry

\$ 100.00 fee **per unit for** all others

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORMS OF PAYMENT**

- **BUSINESS CHECKS**
- **MONEY ORDERS**
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS**

**ONLY!!!!!!**

Make checks payable to: INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL

**Mail signed entry form, check, a copy  
of insurance, copy of driver's license to:**

International Rice Festival

P.O. Box 1900

Crowley, LA 70527-1900

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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

**ALL DRIVERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR  
OLDER & POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE!**

## **PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL PARADE COMMITTEE.

BECAUSE THE RICE FESTIVAL FEATURES TWO PARADES, THE CHILDREN'S PARADE ON FRIDAY AND THE GRAND PARADE ON SATURDAY, AND BECAUSE THERE IS A LIMIT FOR THE CHILDREN'S PARADE, THE RICE FESTIVAL PARADE COMMITTEE HAS SET FORTH SEVERAL STIPULATIONS REGARDING BOTH PARADES.

FOR THE CHILDREN'S PARADE, ONLY CHILDREN'S JR. KINGS AND JR. QUEENS MAY RIDE IN INDIVIDUAL CARS AND NO RUNNER-UPS TO THE KING AND QUEEN WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART. THE FESTIVAL ALSO WILL LIMIT THE AGES OF THOSE TAKING PART IN THE CHILDREN'S PARADE TO 14 AND UNDER AND FOR THE GRAND PARADE, 15 AND OLDER. WE REALIZE THAT THIS MAY BE A BURDEN ON SOME OF OUR VISITORS AND PARTICIPANTS, BUT WE MUST HAVE THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THESE SPECIAL EVENTS. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS WOULD BE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PURCHASE FLOATS FROM THE FESTIVAL AND HAVE THEIR COURTS, WHICH WOULD MEAN HAVING A KING, QUEEN AND HER COURT.

THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS DO NOT APPLY TO OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL SUCH AS THE HONOREE, FARMER, JR. FARMER, AND CONTESTANTS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE FESTIVAL.

**INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL**  
**CHILDREN'S PARADE ENTRY FORM**  
**CROWLEY, LOUISIANA**

Name of organization/group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone# Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vehicles: (car, truck, truck with trailer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: NO CHARGE

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PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

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**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
**IRF, INC., CROWLEY, LA**

**IN CONSIDERATION** of being permitted to participate in the IRF, Inc. Parade and/or activities relating to the Parade in Crowley, LA (hereinafter referred to as the "Parade", I, for myself, my organization, my fellow members of this organization, and their employees, volunteers, agents, successors, assigns, heirs and next of kin: (hereinafter referred to as "Parade Entry"),

**1. HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** the Parade, the City of Crowley, the IRF, Inc., The Parade committee, Parade sponsors and/or all Parade participants and the directors, officers, employees or agents of the foregoing (hereinafter referred to as "Releasees"), from all liability to me, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to my person or property or resulting in death, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise while I am observing, working for or participating in the Parade (included but not limited to, all preparations, therefore the Parade itself, all incidental activities including pre-Parade and post-Parade activities);

**2. HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS** the Releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or costs they may incur due to my presence in any way observing, or working for, or participating in the Parade (including, but not limited to, all preparations, therefore the Parade itself, all incidental activities including pre-Parade and post-Parade activities), and whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise;

**3. HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY HARM, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE** due to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while observing, or working for, or participating in the Parade (including, but not limited to, all preparations, therefore the Parade itself, all incidental activities including pre-Parade and post-Parade activities). I expressly acknowledge and agree that the activities of the Parade (including, but not limited to, all incidental activities including pre-Parade and post-Parade activities) are dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. I further expressly agree that the forgoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, in full legal force and effect.

**I HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**, and further agree that no oral representation, statements, or inducements apart from the forgoing written agreement have been made, and that this Release is being relied upon by the Parade in permitting my organization to participate in this Parade. I also represent that I am authorized to sign this document on behalf of myself and/or my organization.

Name of Parade Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Signature, Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Print Signature \_\_\_\_\_

