



# PARADE RULES

## ALAN ROSS TEXAS FREEDOM PARADE

Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 - Parade starts at 2 PM

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY AT [WWW.DALLASPRIDE.ORG](http://WWW.DALLASPRIDE.ORG)

### WELCOME TO THE 36th EDITION OF THE ALAN ROSS TEXAS FREEDOM PARADE!

#### “THEME TBD ASAP”

The parade application is available online only. The application is online at [www.dallaspride.org](http://www.dallaspride.org). All applications must be completed online and no paper applications will be accepted.

**Postmark information has changed.** Applications that are paid with a credit card will have an immediate postmark date when they are submitted. Applications that are paid via paper check will be postmarked the date on the envelope the check was sent in, not the submission date.

The 2019 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade will start at 2:00 PM on **Sunday, June 2nd, 2019**. In order for parade to start on time, please follow the times below:

8:00 AM	Official parade entries are allowed to enter and stage.
12:00 PM	All parade entries (floats, vehicles) must be in their staging location. Any entries that are not in place by noon will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
1:00 PM	Pre-parade begins (if any) and will be allowed to perform for each of the announcers and judges.
1:30 PM	All walking groups must be in place.
2:00 PM	The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade kicks off and proceeds down the parade route through Fair Park.

**Please remember that no entry is allowed to stop once they enter the parade route.** This will allow us to keep the parade moving and concluded by the appropriate time. Please follow all instructions given by a parade director or any police officer on the parade route.

**\*APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF 125 ENTRIES OR MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019. AFTER THAT, WE WILL CEASE TO ACCEPT ANY ADDITIONAL ENTRIES.**

### PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 1. General

- 1.1 To be part of the 2019 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, the sponsoring organization, and no other agent, must submit an official application and entry fee to Dallas Pride.
- 1.2 Sponsoring organization must agree to all the rules herein and are responsible for informing all entry participants of these rules.
- 1.3 The deadline for applications will cease once we have reached 125 entries, so applying early is most advantageous. Once that number is met, we will accept no additional applications. **There will be NO exceptions to this rule.**
- 1.4 All of the applicant's contact information must be complete. Incorrect contact information may delay or prevent the processing of the application. Once the application is approved, you will receive confirmation by phone or e-mail that you are a parade entry.
- 1.5 Parade line-up is assigned in the order of each applications paid date and time. The application must be **PAID** to be included in the line-up. The line-up does not include the VIPs, Grand Marshals, and special honoree section which will lead off the parade, including pre-parade at 1:00 PM.
- 1.6 If two or more entries would like to be placed together, they must contact the Parade Coordinator. All reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate such requests but are not guaranteed. Each entry must still have an individual contact and the assembling of two or more entries does not constitute a single entry. Each application must have separate fees. This is only way to secure placement together in the line-up.
- 1.7 A parade entry representative must attend the mandatory parade meeting at **2:00 PM on Saturday, May 11th, 2019** in the Rose Room, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Entries with no representatives will not be eligible for entry into the parade. Those fees applicable to entries without representation at the mandatory meeting are nonrefundable. The only exceptions to this rule are entries located outside a 50-mile radius of Dallas. Arrangements will be made in this instance.
- 1.8 As it is impossible to anticipate every situation that may arise, no conduct that violates any statute of the State of Texas or any ordinance on the City of Dallas will be tolerated. Any entry violating applicable law will be prohibited from participating in the Parade and will be removed from the staging area or at the closest break in the parade route.

## 2. Parade Entry Requirements

- 2.1 All vehicles in the Parade must be able to navigate the entire parade route and make all turns and clearances without difficulty. Floats are generally professionally made or made by participants, normally constructed on a large truck, flatbed or trailer or over a small pickup or car. Dimensions of all floats must not exceed the following: 40 feet in length, 12 feet in width at the wheel base with a maximum width of 16 feet and 15 feet in height. It is the responsibility of each driver/entrant to see to it that their float clears all obstacles. Enclosed cars, jeeps, convertibles, small pickups and animals are not considered floats for judging but are welcome for greater participation from the community.
- 2.2 Each entry will be allotted up to 50 feet of line up space. All portions of the entry (float, vehicles, etc.) must fit into this space. An extra 50 feet of space is available for purchase.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of each entry to ensure that all entry elements will fit in the space allotted.
- 2.4 All entries must have someone with a key to the vehicle (if applicable) and is able to move the vehicle at all times in the event of an emergency.
- 2.5 Entries are encouraged to display their identity through a variety of visual media such as signs, banners both in front and on the sides of the entry, balloons, flags and/or t-shirts so that judges and spectators can easily identify the entry.
- 2.6 Entries are encouraged to perform along the parade route as long as the performance is in a continuous forward motion. **There will be NO Stopping along the parade route to perform.** Entries will be judged as they pass along the parade route. Any group wishing to perform a standing routine must do so prior to the start of the parade at 2:00 pm. There will be a designated area and time on the parade route where performances can take place, but must be coordinated, scheduled and approved in advance with the Parade Committee. Those pre-parade performances will be judged and scored by the judges as in year's past and will still be eligible for trophies and recognition.
- 2.7 **All motorized entries must carry a "Type ABC" fire extinguisher as required by the City of Dallas Fire Marshal.** Parade entries lacking such fire extinguishers, by the start of the Parade, cannot participate.
- 2.8 The Parade Committee representatives have the right to enter any entry at any time to inspect and ensure compliance with Parade rules.
- 2.9 All parade entries must be in position at 12:00 PM. Entries not in place by 12:00 PM will be denied participation.

## 3. Item Distribution

- 3.1 Items to be thrown or distributed during the Parade must have been previously approved by the Parade Committee (included in the online application system) or at the Mandatory Parade Meeting. No items will be approved after that date.
- 3.2 The only items that will be considered for "throwing" approval are: glow sticks, stress balls, key chains, plastic cups, temporary tattoos, beads, clothing, koozies, 3" frisbees and hats. Items thrown should have some intrinsic value, providing enough enticement for spectators to keep the items rather than throwing them on the ground.
- 3.3 Condoms, dental dams, and personal/sensual lubricants may be handed to persons 17 years of age and older. The above items should not be thrown randomly to the spectators.
- 3.4 Refrain from throwing items until you are on the **Parade Route**. Conserve "throw" items so that they last the length of the parade route. Throw items to the back of the crowds and be sure they clear the barricades. Entries throwing items should have walking members to gather dropped items and be sure they clear the barricades and go into the crowd.
- 3.5 No participants in the Parade may distribute sexually explicit or suggestive materials.
- 3.6 Literature, glitter, confetti, streamers, coins, tokens may not be thrown or distributed by any Parade participant. Only pre-packaged food items may be thrown (i.e. chips, candy bars)
- 3.7 Any participant in the Parade discovered to be throwing items not approved by the Parade Committee is subject to a charge for clean-up costs and/or suspension from future parade participation.

## 4. Dress and Behavior

- 4.1 The Parade Committee encourages all participants to appear in appropriate attire and engage in conduct that celebrates true LGBT Pride. The goal of the Parade Committee and Dallas Pride is to promote not only the pride, but also the unity and appreciation of diversity. Dress or conduct displayed by any entry or individual participant contrary to this ideal or that is intentionally demeaning to any other group will not be tolerated. No exceptions to this rule.
- 4.2 Dallas Pride encourages all Parade participants to show respect for all genders, ages, races, cultures, lifestyles, faiths and sexual orientations. All participants are asked to display an attitude that promotes pride in the LGBT community. Participants may not use profanity, vulgar music, obscene gestures, or show other improper conduct toward any other group or individual participant or spectator.
- 4.3 In the event that any individual spectator or group of protestors heckles any individual or group represented in the Parade, participants are encouraged to ignore the situation and NOT respond to the protestors.

- 4.4 No Parade participant may shoot spectators with water guns or water cannons.
- 4.5 Both realistic and comedic male and female impersonations are welcomed in the Parade providing that the presentation adheres to the rules governing dress and behavior.
- 4.6 In accordance with the City of Dallas public nudity ordinance, Parade participants must not expose genitalia, buttocks, or female breasts.
- 4.7 In accordance with State of Texas obscenity law, sexual paraphernalia, real or simulated sex acts and genital or phallic representations are prohibited from the Parade.

**5. Clean-Up and Trash**

- 5.1 In order to limit clean-up costs and hence entry fees, each entry is required to be equipped with plastic trash bags for depositing trash and litter accumulated by the entry's participants before, during and after the Parade. Entries in violation of this provision are subject to being assessed a portion of the clean-up costs.

**6. Alcohol and Illegal Substances**

- 6.1 No participant in the Parade will be permitted to possess or consume alcohol or use illegal or controlled substances during the Parade or at any line-up, assembly or disbanding site.
- 6.2 No individual under the influence of a prohibited substance will be allowed to drive any vehicle participating in the Parade. Any participant violating this rule will be ejected from the Parade and his/her group's entry will be removed from the Parade by the Dallas Police Department.

**7. Personal Safety**

- 7.1 All Parade participants should be aware of the possibility of heat exhaustion and/or stroke. The temperature on parade day could be in excess of 90 degrees. Entries are encouraged to bring plenty of water and replenishing fluids for participants.
- 7.2 Dallas Pride does not assume or accept responsibility for the health, well-being or safety of any participant.

**8. Extreme Weather Policy**

- 8.1 In the event of extreme weather, including but not limited to rain, Dallas Pride reserves the right to cancel the Parade.
- 8.2 In the event of a cancellation, Parade fees will not be refunded in whole or part.

**9. Rule Enforcement**

- 9.1 The above rules and regulations are subject to the interpretation of the Parade Committee and will be enforced by Dallas Pride. These rules are created, not to inhibit your celebration in anyway, but rather to protect and enhance both

**Rules Subject to Change. All reasonable attempts will be made to inform Parade and Festival participants of any changes to rules or times set forth in this document.**

the experience of the participant and the spectator. It is in respect for the 95% who follow the rules and participate in a positive manner that we enforce these rules. In addition, many of the restrictions or limitations set down here are in response to local and state laws governing parades and rallies.

- 9.2 Dallas Pride and the Parade Committee reserve the right to remove any Parade participant for non-compliance with any of the rules stated herein.
- 9.3 Only registered and approved entries may participate in the Parade. Any individual or group not adhering to set rules or not registered and approved by the Parade Committee will be removed from the Parade by the Dallas Police Department or and could be subject to arrest (if deemed uncooperative) or suspension from future participation.
- 9.4 Dallas Pride and Parade Committee retains the right to assess additional repair or clean-up costs to any entry causing damage, generating excessive litter or abandoning refuse.
- 9.5 Dallas Pride and Parade Committee reserve the right to refuse any application.

**FEES\*\***

- \$300.00 Non-profit Organizations with no commercial business promotion or advertising (proof of non-profit status Required)
- \$300.00 Social Group(Schools Clubs, grass roots groups that are not registered as a Non-Profit)
- \$600.00 Local For-Profit/Corporate Employee Group (Dallas based)
- \$1200.00 National or Franchised business (based outside of Dallas)
- \$200.00 One Additional (50 foot) space / max of one additional
- \$200.00 Throwing or distribution of approved items

**AWARDS**

Awards for exceptional Parade entries will be presented during the Festival in lee Park in the following categories:

- Best Performance
- Best Walking Group
- Best Costume
- Best Social Commentary
- Best Overall Entry
- Best For-Profit Entry
- Best Non-Profit Entry
- Alan Ross - Judge's Choice
- Best Interpretation of the Parade Theme  
"THEME TBD"

\*\* Dallas Pride reserves the right to provide refunds at its sole discretion in full or in part. Dallas Pride is not required to provide a refund whether in full or in part under any circumstances.