

# PARADE UNIT GUIDELINES

**You are responsible for making sure everyone in your unit is knowledgeable of the parade rules. Please read through them carefully!**

1. Entries will be accepted (or declined) at the discretion of the Junior Orange Bowl Parade Committee.
2. Each person who is participating in the parade will need to complete the mandatory waiver.
3. All participants and chaperones walking with the unit are encouraged to be costumed with the theme of the parade or the unit. All participants must provide their own costumes.
4. The contact person(s) should be always be with the unit during staging and the parade.
5. Units that stop during the parade without permission to do so will not be invited back.
6. No objects may be thrown into the crowd.
7. No fire batons or pyrotechnic equipment.
8. Children must be at least five years old to participate in the parade.
9. Music being played must not contain objectionable language.
10. Please pay attention to Junior Orange Bowl volunteers who may be directing your unit to speed up in the event there is a gap.
11. All approved applicants will be acknowledged by e-mail and provided with complete parade instructions, including the staging area diagram, a route map for arrival and a route map for large buses.
12. If on parade day your unit does not show up with the required amount of people (for marching or walking units), or if you arrive at staging late, the Junior Orange Bowl Parade Committee reserves the right to deny participation in the parade.
13. Unit-Specific Information:
  - a. **Band/Drum Corps:** Must have a minimum of 30 participants. Bands should be playing your actual music (not just cadences) as you march towards City Hall and through the entire grandstand area.
  - b. **Floats:** Please attach a written description of the float and a sketch or photo
  - c. **Marching/Walking Units:** Must have a minimum of 20 participants and come in costume or uniform
  - d. **Motorized Units:** This includes any emergency vehicles, customized or novelty vehicles, antiques, motorcycles, cars. Motorized units may not drive around the staging area after arriving and being placed in the line-up. *Required: Insurance certificate naming Junior Orange Bowl as certificate holder.*
  - e. **Mounted Units:** There is a four (4) horse minimum, and all Equestrian Units must bring their own clean-up crew. *Required: Insurance certificate naming Junior Orange Bowl as certificate holder.*
14. No brochures, flyers, or pamphlets other than information prepared by the Junior Orange Bowl may be distributed to Parade crowds.
15. No units may have a "Santa Claus" as a person in their unit. The Junior Orange Bowl's Santa is the last unit in the parade.
16. Staging is located on Alhambra Circle, between Douglas Road and Le Jeune Road. All units are expected to arrive and check in with a staging representative between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Groups that arrive late may be removed from the parade lineup and denied entry to parade. Younger children planning to participate may be brought to the staging area by 4:30 pm.
17. No one will be allowed in grandstand area without purchase of ticket(s).
18. The parade route heads south on Ponce de Leon to Miracle Mile, where it turns west and heads toward Coral Gables City Hall. Total marching time is approximately 30 - 40 minutes.