



Gaspee Days Committee  
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### Yellow Card Rules and Regulations for Participants

**The safety of our parade audience and participants are of utmost concern. Violations of Parade Rules and Regulations and Safety Rules will result in the following - first offense will be a written warning and second offense will result in expulsion from the parade.**

1. Participants **must always obey uniformed police officers and red-shirt Gaspee Days Committee members at all times**, including respect to spacing.
2. Each parade participating group or person must be responsible not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of the public audience around them. Please immediately bring any unsafe or troublesome conditions to the attention of a police officer or Division Coordinator/Gaspee Days Committee Representative.
3. Acceptance into the parade will be based on the following:
  - a. **theme, logistics, spacing, and other needs** of the Gaspee Days Committee.
  - b. Participation of any person or group in the parade is at the sole discretion of **the Gaspee Days Committee**, which reserves the right to exclude any such person or group. Only those individuals and groups that have **been invited and/or accepted** by the Gaspee Days Committee will be allowed to march in the parade. All applicants must initial and sign a Contract Agreement in order to participate in the parade.
  - c. **The position in the parade line of march of ALL participants will be at the sole discretion of the Gaspee Days Committee.**
4. Vehicle drivers are solely responsible for the safe operation of their vehicle. **Support vehicles other than those towing a float are not allowed** to be in the parade unless specifically authorized by the Parade Committee.
5. **No signage may be displayed that is not in accordance with the patriotic theme and celebration** of the parade. Sponsors and tow vehicles may display only minimal signs so as not to detract from the aesthetic value of the float or group.
6. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by parade participants until after they have finished their parade route. All parade participants are responsible for observing state and municipal laws and regulations pertaining to alcohol possession and consumption.
7. Only individuals who hold elective office in federal, state, and/or local government and have received a written invitation from the Gaspee Days Committee may march in the parade. Officials holding such position are also not permitted to advertise a candidacy.
8. Parade groups with animals of any kind must provide people to perform immediate "pooper scooper" duties. This is, of course, in fairness to those who march behind you, as well as for the well-being of our parade audience. If you do not provide this very important duty, we will be unable to allow your animals to participate in the parade.
9. **No overtly commercial, sexual, political, or religious themes** are allowed in the parade. Any participant that violates this rule will be removed immediately from the parade.
10. All **antique vehicles must be able to remain idle** due to various stops along the parade route.
11. No one may carry or wear stiff or firm signs as these both obstruct views and can injure members of the crowded parade audience.

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12. No objects of any kind may be handed, thrown, sprayed or otherwise distributed to spectators (this includes balloons, toys, candy, trinkets, literature, pamphlets, buttons, canned confetti, silly string etc.) from any vehicle or float or by any parade participant.
13. Parade vehicles and floats may not be approached by persons along the parade route, whether by a spectator or parade participant, and whether the vehicle or float has stopped or not. The vehicle or float may not be used as a base of operations for groups or persons accompanying such vehicle or float.
14. **All acrobatic stunts**, including but not limited to, gymnastic and cheerleading acrobatics, **must supply a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the Gaspee Days Committee, City of Warwick and city of Cranston.**
15. Military reenactment groups must not fire in the immediate vicinity of horses in the parade. All firearms must be aimed away from people and fired only under the command of a uniformed officer. Musket charges are limited to 100 grains of black powder. Cannons may not be fired along the parade route except by the special contingent stationed at Pawtuxet Bridge.
16. Due to crowd safety concerns, we do not allow privately-owned horses in our parade. Corporate or municipal horses must be insured.
17. No one may interfere with the progress of the parade anywhere along the parade route. There should never be more than 100 feet between groups (the distance between two telephone poles). Groups should perform as they are marching. A group may not stop to perform unless the entire parade has stopped ahead.
18. No scooters, bicycles, Segway, skateboards, wagons, shopping carts, etc. are allowed in or along the parade route unless specifically allowed by the Gaspee Days Committee.
19. **No one may use a public-address system, loudspeaker, or bullhorn** without specific authorization from the Gaspee Days Committee as this interferes with the parade enjoyment of our audience.