

**Craven County Jaycees**  
**Christmas Float Competition Rules**

1. All float entries should be built on a pick-up truck bed, farm wagon, flatbed truck or any other trailer deemed acceptable by the judges, but in no case smaller than a pick-up truck bed. The judged entry cannot be higher than 18 feet, measured upward from ground/street level. All floats must be completed by parade kickoff. Unfinished floats may be penalized. To be judged, a float entry must be representational of the parade theme and decorated in good taste.
2. All entries will receive a number prior to parade day. The entry number must be displayed in six-inch (6") high numerals, plainly visible, on both sides of the float (entrant to supply their own printed number on entry). All floats must display the group name.
3. All floats must be at the staging location by 1:00 P.M. on parade day, for line-up.
4. All floats must be able to travel the entire parade route and may not, in any case, cause slowing or otherwise delay the parade movement. The entering party will be responsible for transporting the float to and from the parade in accordance with proper highway and safety codes.
5. There will be three awards – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. There is no cash prize to be awarded. The winners will be award ribbons, and ‘bragging rights’ until the next Christmas parade.
6. Judging
  - a. There will be 2-3 judges.
  - b. Judging will be based on four areas of emphasis: 1. Overall Appearance 2. Depiction of Parade Theme 3. Originality 4. Utilization of Materials
  - c. Every judge will award floats for each of the four areas of emphasis in the judging criteria.
  - d. During tabulation the judges shall deduct from the cumulative score of any float 20 points for each of the following violations: 1. Improper display of entry number 2. Inappropriate and / or offensive behavior, attire or float decorations 3. Entry name not included.
  - e. Judging will occur at the staging area of the parade route
  - f. All decisions by the judges are final. All prizes and/or ribbons will be sent via US mail.
7. The float competition will be held rain or shine. All floats should report to the float staging area by 1:00 P.M. at Queen and George Streets. Judging will occur at the staging area on George St.
8. Floats must be electric or fuel driven and must have brakes and steering. Please share all respective information with all participants (and parents, where necessary). It is strongly suggested that groups use car pools to help alleviate traffic congestion.

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