

Mardi Gras of Southwest La. Inc.
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2025 MERCHANT'S PARADE ENTRY FORM

7:00 PM FRIDAY February 28, 2025

PARADE CHAIRMAN: REBECCA MOSS

Return form no later than Feb. 16, 2025

DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING BLANK- WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

1. Entry Fee: \$ 200.00
2. Lineup will begin at 3:00 pm behind Civic Center – Must be ready to roll by 5:30pm. Enter and participate at own risk. MGSW is not responsible for any damage or injury.
3. You must inform all participants of the rules and regulations.
4. All floats must have a sober float lieutenant 21 years of age or older. They will ride directly behind the driver on the float / trailer. A safety vest must be purchased from MGSW for \$5.00. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Describe entry _____ (#) _____

Name of Entry / Business:

DL # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Float Lieutenant Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Mandatory driver / float LT meeting at 5:30pm)

DJ Name: _____ DJ _____

DO NOT EMAIL FORM

Parade chair reserves the right to remove or deny any entry deemed inappropriate.

No Refunds / MGSW will try to roll parade RAIN or SHINE

NO WALKING UNITS IN THIS PARADE – WALKING UNITS WELCOME IN 2ND LINE STROLL PARADE

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All floats and drivers must be ready to parade one and one half (1.5) hours before parade time. If there is a delay, I MUST know about it. Please contact the Parade Chairman, Rebecca Moss, at 337-425-8623 immediately.
2. Drivers must always remain in the cab of vehicle. DO NOT leave the vehicle for any reason with no driver. Drivers **ARE NOT** allowed to consume alcoholic beverages before or during the

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parade and we reserve the right to test any driver to determine if they are fit to drive under our zero-tolerance rule.

3. All security must be approved by MGSW.
4. All floats are to be decorated in the theme of your choice. According to regulations provided by the City of Lake Charles Fire Marshal, you must have two (2) exit ladders for the float and at least one (1) 10lb fire extinguisher. Generators must be properly ventilated, and no extension cords may cross over decorations. Ladders must fit the float size.
5. All participants must provide approved throws.
6. **DO NOT** throw anything in the lineup area – wait until the float crosses the starting line.
7. **Trash, glass, silly string and all alcoholic beverages, including jello shots, are not permitted to be thrown. If your krewe is caught throwing any type of alcohol you will be fined and suspended for one year.** Also not allowed – glass containers, guns, water guns, fireworks, underwear or signs that say “show me” various body parts.
8. All throws must be thrown to the back of the crowd for safety.
9. No showing various body parts from the floats. You will be prosecuted.
10. Once the parade has started, **DO NOT STOP** unless it's an emergency.
11. Once the parade has started all participants must remain on the float, no getting on and off.
12. Drivers are not allowed to throw from their windows.
13. All floats must stay off the parade route until parade time. (Line up only).
14. Once the parade has crossed the intersection of Ryan St. and Sale Rd. music must be turned **OFF**. Throwing must stop. You and or your krewe will be fined \$500.00 for littering in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the City of Lake Charles.
15. All parades organized by Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana begin and end at the Civic Center (this includes when your float returns). Parades are under the strict direction of the Parade Chairman, Rebecca Moss and her assigned committee. Fines, and / or suspensions will be enforced for violations of these rules. Parade ends when you return to your starting point or when you leave South from the parade’s finish line. (Ryan & Sale) You must provide and display a large S in the truck window if you plan to continue South.
16. No DJ trucks, trailers, carts etc. will be allowed in the lineup area. The only vehicles allowed in line up area are floats and vehicles pulling the float. Do not pull in to line up area until the vehicle pulling float is hooked to it. **DO NOT UNHOOK** in line up area. Breaking barricades and or driving over grass areas to get into line up area will result in fines and or suspensions. This is for your safety and all participants involved. **DO NOT STOP ON PARADE ROUTE.** You may not offload anywhere on the route.
17. Any conduct considered unbecoming to MGSW will be treated the same as a violation to our rules and regulations and will be handled accordingly.
18. **NO VULGAR OR EXPLICIT MUSIC ALLOWED**

Failure of any parade participant to follow these rules and regulations will result in that krewe, individual or organization being fined a minimum of \$350.00 and/or suspended from future events not limited to parades.

Acknowledgment of rules: _____int.

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