

Mardi Gras of Southwest La. Inc.
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2019 MERCHANT'S PARADE ENTRY FORM

7:00 PM FRIDAY March 1, 2019

PARADE CHAIRMAN : REBECCA MOSS

Return form no later than Feb. 26, 2019

No entries taken the day of parade.

1. Entry Fee: \$ 55.00
2. Line up will begin at 4:00 pm behind Civic Center – Must be ready to roll by 6:00pm. Enter and participate at own risk. MGSW not responsible for any damage or injury.
3. You must inform all participants of rules and regulations. In signing you hereby acknowledge the rules and regulations and attest that these rules and regulations have been distributed to all participants in your group.
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 # _____

Float Lieutenant Name : _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City : _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date : _____

Email : _____

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 MARCH. 5, 2019

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All floats and drivers must be ready to parade one (1) hour 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 remain in the cab of vehicle at all times. DO NOT leave the vehicle for any amount

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of time with no driver. Drivers **ARE NOT** allowed to consume alcoholic beverages before or during the parade and we reserve the right to test ant 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 t least one (1) 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 be costumed and provide their own pre-approved throws.
6. **DO NOT** throw anything in the line up area – wait until the float crosses the starting line.
7. The only things that can be thrown from the floats are beads, cups, doubloons, candy and small toys. **Trash, water, glass, silly string and all alcoholic beverages, including jello shots, are not permitted to be thrown. If your krewe / group 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 once you pass the QUIET ZONE on the south side of Sale Rd. Anything thrown from a float once you pass Kmart is considered littering. 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 to these rules. Parade ends when you return to your starting point or when you leave South from the parades finish line. (Ryan @ Sale)
16. No DJ trucks, trailers, carts etc. will be allowed in line up 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 any where 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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