

## SPECIFIC UNIT INSTRUCTIONS:

### **Visiting Riding & Horse Drawn Entries**

Please read the Ellensburg Rodeo Parade Rules page for information on check in/registration, receiving entry numbers and general rules.

All groups must check in and receive their entry numbers. All posse groups will line up on Alder Street. You will match your entry number with the corresponding cones. Please be ready.

All other entries with horses are required to unload on the Northeast side of 14<sup>th</sup> and Alder. **DO NOT UNLOAD HORSES ON PAVED PARKING LOT AREAS!!!!** There will be a shuttle to take your representative to the registration area to check in and receive your entry numbers. You will then go to your line up area as designated by your entry numbers.

The entry numbers are to be placed on the left and right side of the first rider in the group. Entry numbers must be placed on both sides (left and right) for wagons, buggies, etc.

We encourage you to bring or make your own arrangements for a cleanup unit or pooper scooper. Your cleanup units must accompany you throughout the parade route. If you do not have a clean up unit available, we can arrange to have one follow your unit through the parade for an additional \$10 fee. **You are responsible for clean up before you leave any staging area.** CWU has graciously let us use their lots to accommodate our large horse units and groups. Please keep it clean.

Check all horse tack for proper fit, control and safety before entering the staging area and the parade route. Parade officials on horseback (outriders) must accompany all horse-drawn wagons, floats, buggies, small horse units and individuals. They are there for your and the spectators' safety. Should a parade official notice an out of control animal, they have been instructed to take it out of parade procession as quickly as possible. **PLEASE** cooperate with all parade officials! If you do not comply with the rules, we will have to ban your entry from the parade.

Parade entries will not be judged prior to the beginning of the parade. All entries will be judged along the parade route. **Do not stop in front of the judges – a forward movement must be maintained at all times.** Please obey all parade officials at all times.

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### **Floats**

Please read the Ellensburg Rodeo Parade Rules page for information on check in/registration, receiving entry numbers and general rules.

Floats must be entirely decorated – no part of the vehicle on which the float is built is to be visible to the judges or spectators, or if a two-unit entry, the unit power pulling the float must be compatible. Floats should not exceed 14 feet in height or 12 feet in width. Recommended length is 35 feet; however, floats may exceed this length.

Sponsors must furnish drivers for their floats. If in view, drivers must wear appropriate attire. Drivers must remain with their sponsor's float until the parade is dispersed and the float is returned to the place designated by sponsor. All motor vehicles that pull floats must be covered with the theme of the float unless a classic or antique is used. All classic or antique vehicles must be in show or restored condition. The driver's costume must be appropriate to the entry. NO person is permitted to ride on a float in the parade other than those selected by the sponsor to appear thereon. ALL float materials, costumes, etc., must be of flame-proof material, or sprayed with flame-retardant/proofing liquid.

**ALL FLOATS WILL BE CHECKED FOR THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE BEING PERMITTED ON THE PARADE ROUTE.**

No smoking or open flames on or near floats. You must carry at minimum a class ABC 10 lb working fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

Be sure all vehicles are serviced for gas, oil and water, tires checked and battery in good condition to ensure that it will go successfully through the entire parade route. Brakes must be in good working condition. Make sure exhaust pipe extends beyond the decorations and it is easy for the driver to escape from the cab in case of emergency.

We suggest you plan to arrive early since most all streets will be blocked off for the parade route.

If you plan to arrive on Friday evening, please contact the ticket office as soon as possible. The RV parking lot on Capital Avenue close to Ellensburg High School is available for parking your float. The contestant parking lot is not available for parade entries. However, you may also choose to pay private homeowners for overnight parking in an area near the staging area.

No Entries will be prejudged. All entries will be judged along the parade route. Do not stop in front of the judges. A forward movement must be maintained at all times.