

# Southern Illinois University Carbondale

## Homecoming Parade Rules

- All entries must follow local and state laws and regulations in regards to the safe operation of a motor vehicle.
  - There cannot be more occupants in your vehicle than there are seatbelts.
  - There cannot be any participants in the bed of a truck at any time during the parade.
- The driver of the vehicle must stay inside the vehicle at all times during the course of the parade.
- No semi-trucks will be permitted in the parade.
- Small Floats must not exceed thirty (30) feet in total length excluding the vehicle towing the float.
- Large Floats must be between thirty (30) and forty (40) feet in length excluding the towing vehicle.
- All units must not exceed thirteen (13) feet in total height.
- Floats may not have more than ten (10) people on it, and these ten (10) must be instrumental to the theme of the float.
- All participants on floats must dismount the stopped vehicle at the end of the parade route in front of the Student Center.
- All vehicles/units must maintain a safe distance of approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet away from the parade unit in front of them.
- Item Distribution
  - All candy and promotional items must be physically handed to patrons in a safe manner, and must not cause a litter problem, or a hazard to parade attendees. To do this the unit may have up to twenty (20) participants walking on either side of the vehicle.
  - Participants may not distribute any products containing (or referencing) the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, firearms, weapons, or adult stores/strip clubs during the parade.
- The unit may not stop in front of the parade judging stand.
- The unit must operate safely and may be disqualified at any time for any reason by the Homecoming Committee, SIU Office of Student Engagement (OSE) Staff, or Emergency Personnel.
  - If disqualified the unit's participants must follow all instructions of SIU OSE staff and Emergency Personnel on scene.
  - If a student organization is disqualified, they may face restrictions for future Homecoming Parades, and may face further sanctions as determined by Students Rights and Responsibilities.
- All floats must reflect the SIU Homecoming theme.
- All parade units must clearly display the name of the business/organization.
- All parade participants must conduct themselves in a respectable and family-friendly manner.
- Small and large floats are required to have fire-extinguishers; all other parade units are highly recommended to have fire-extinguisher.
- All parade participants must sign the "Assumption of Risk, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement" to participate in the SIU Homecoming Parade (available online and on-site).

### Day of Parade Checklist:

1. Vehicle Registration & Insurance
2. Length & Height
3. Number of People on Float
4. Waivers
5. Fire-Extinguisher (Small and large floats only)

***The SIU Homecoming Committee and Office of Student Engagement will be checking for the required items and policies, listed above, before the parade begins. Failure to comply may result in your entry being removed from the parade.***