



2019 Parade Rules and Regulations

FLOATS

- There will be a mandatory float captain and driver meeting at the Sliman Theater located at 129 E. Main St. in New Iberia. Date and time are TBA.
- Floats must pay their \$500 deposit by **January 18th** and the float fully paid by **February 1st**. All parade riders must be registered with their Float Captain and be registered with the Bayou Mardi Gras Association prior to February 9th. Checks can be made payable to The Bayou Mardi Gras Association and mailed or dropped off to the following address: Bayou Mardi Gras Association c/o Norris International 3011 W. Admiral Doyle Dr. New Iberia, LA 70560
- A 3X4 Bayou Mardi Gras signed will be provided and placed on each float to identify your organization (unless a sign is not desired).
- Float captains are responsible for getting the name and logo of their float to be printed on the 3x4 sign to BMGA no later than **February 1st** or no sign will be provided. You can email them to devin@norrisintl.com.
- Each float comes pre-decorated with lights however, riders are responsible for providing their own generator that supports the pre-decorated lights and sound equipment if desired. The opening for generators is 26"W x 36"D x 36"H.
- Float riders must be at least 21 years old and are strongly encouraged to be in full mask and costume during the entire parade.
- Float riders are not allowed to wear obscene articles of any type and must be fully clothed.
- The floats are made of flammable materials and your costumes should be as well.
- Smoking is NOT PERMITTED on floats.
- Floats are required to provide their own music system and music for their float. Profane music lyrics are strictly prohibited.
- Floats will be delivered by 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 9th. Once floats have been delivered and float numbers have been identified, riders may begin loading the floats.
- Float riders must be on your float one (1) hour prior to the start of the parade.
- Floats will be lined up in New Iberia City Park and will leave the park at approximately 5:30 to be at Ann Street by 6:00.
- Glass containers of any type are NOT ALLOWED on the floats.



- All Floats must be cleaned and free of any trash after the parade. The owners of the float will be picking them up to deliver to another parade on Sunday. Float Captains will be charged \$200 for their float that is not cleaned and free of debris.
- Try to disregard abuses, verbal or otherwise from the crowd.
- Do to the lack of security and oncoming traffic, DO NOT THROW ANY BEADS, ITEMS, ETC. ON PARKVIEW OR LEWIS STREET. The official parade starts at Main and Ann Street.
- Avoid throwing directly in front and back of the floats, aim at the back of the crowd. Do not throw to those near the bands, dance teams or royalty cars. Throwing of obscene object, fruits, vegetables or seafood is prohibited. Do NOT throw objects that can harm other riders or spectators.
- Floats will enter City Park on Marie Street and take an immediate left and park in reverse order of where they began the parade.

DANCE TEAMS

- There will be a mandatory meeting the Sliman Theater located at 129 E. Main St. in New Iberia for all dance team directors. The official date and time are TBA.
- There is a \$50 fee for each dance school. Cash is accepted and checks should be payable to The Bayou Mardi Gras Association. A parade permit will be issued prior to the beginning of the parade.
- Dance schools must be registered and paid in full by **February 1st**.
- All dance team members must be at least 7 years or older.
- All music must be family-friendly.
- Please mail or drop off music for approval to BMGA by **February 1st** to: Bayou Mardi Gras Association c/o Norris International 3011 W. Admiral Doyle Dr. New Iberia, LA 70560
- Try to disregard abuses, verbal or otherwise from the crowd.
- Dance Teams will be entering the parade with the bands at Ann Street and Main Street. Bands will be lined up on Charles Street between Ann St and Lee Street and dance teams will be lined up on Charles Street between Ann St and Prairie St. Everyone should be lined up no later than 5:00 pm. Do Not Block Main Street.



- Dance Schools will exit the parade at the intersection of Marie Street and Pollard Street, where they can be picked up by family, past the intersection Davis Street and Pollard Street.

ROYALTY

- There will be a mandatory meeting at the Sliman Theater located at 129 E. Main St. in New Iberia for all royalty members. If under the age of 16, please have a representative present. The official date and time are TBA.
- You will be responsible for creating your own sings to be posted on your car.
- Proper royalty attire is required by all king/queen/royalty representatives.
- There is a \$25 fee for each royalty car to enter the parade. Cash is accepted and checks should be made payable to: The Bayou Mardi Gras Association. You may pay in advance or provide payment the day of the parade. A parade permit will be issued prior to the beginning of the parade.
- Please mail or drop off payments to BMGA at the address below.
Bayou Mardi Gras Association c/o Norris International 3011 W. Admiral Doyle Dr. New Iberia, LA 70560
- Queens/Kings/Royalty must be registered and preapproved by **February 1st**.
- Kings/Queens/Royalty will only be allowed to ride on cars. Trucks and jeeps are not allowed.
- All kings/queens/royalty members must be at least 7 years or older.
- Try to disregard abuses, verbal or otherwise from the crowd.
- The official parade starts at the corner of Main Street and Ann Street.
- Avoid throwing directly in front and back of the floats, aim at the back of the crowd. Do not throw to those near the bands or dance teams. Throwing of obscene object, fruits, vegetables or seafood is prohibited. Do NOT throw objects that can harm other riders or spectators.
- Glass containers of any type are not allowed.
- Kings/Queens/Royalty cars will be lined up on the south side (railroad side), along Main Street next to the sidewalk and should be lined up no later than 5:00 pm. Do not block Main Street. Parking should begin, no further than Ann Street.
- Royalty Cars will enter to the right side, along the rear of the park, on Marie Street, pass in front of the boat landing and exit the parade onto Parkview Drive.



MARCHING BANDS

- There will be a mandatory meeting at the Sliman Theater located at 129 E. Main St. in New Iberia for all band directors. The official date and time are TBA.
- All band members must be at least 7 years or older.
- Try to disregard abuses, verbal or otherwise from the crowd.
- Bands will be entering the parade with the dance teams at Ann Street and Main Street. Bands will be lined up on Charles Street between Ann St and Lee Street and dance teams will be lined up on Charles Street between Ann St and Prairie St. Everyone should be lined up no later than 5:00 pm. Do Not Block Main Street.
- Bands will exit the parade at the intersection of Constance Avenue and Marie Street, where their busses can pick them up.

ALL PARTICIPANTS

- The Bayou Mardi Gras Association Parade is a FAMILY and KID FRIENDLY PARADE. Obscene music, nudity or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Any person, float, organization, dance team, royalty, etc. not following this rule will be removed from the parade and not allowed to participate in future parades.
- The Parade will begin promptly at 6:00 pm on Saturday, February 9th at the corner of Main Street and Ann Street.
- Two large dumpsters will be on site at City Park for the disposal of all boxes and trash. DO NOT throw boxes or plastic bags from the floats. All trash is to be removed from the floats prior to the parade or in the disbanding area at City Park after the parade. No trash should be left on the ground at City Park.
- Car pool as much as possible - vehicles in the formation area will be kept to a minimum.
- The onsite parade director will make the final decision of the order of that dance teams, bands and royalty cars merge into the parade.
- Parade Route: Floats will be staged in City Park by the parade committee. Floats will be loaded in City Park. Floats will depart City Park at 5:30 and head down Parkview, turning right on Lewis Street then again on Main Street.

The parade will begin at Ann Street and Main Street and floats, dance schools, bands and royalty cars will be staged by parade officials. The parade will go down Main Street and turn right at the intersection of



Jefferson Street and Main Street. The parade will cross the bridge on Jefferson Street and immediately turn right on Front Street. The parade will turn left at Front Street and Duperior and take another right at the intersection of Duperior and Marie Street.

Dance Schools will exit the parade at the intersection of Marie Street and Pollard Street, where they can be picked up by family, past the intersection Davis Street and Pollard Street. Bands will exit the route at the intersection of Constance Avenue and Marie Street, where their busses can pick them up. Floats will enter City Park on Marie Street and take an immediate left and park in reverse order of where they began the parade. Royalty Cars will enter to the right side, along the rear of the park, on Marie Street, pass in front of the boat landing and exit the park onto Parkview Drive.

HAVE FUN!!

Please make certain all riders/participants have read and understand these rules. They are for the safety of our riders/participants as well as the safety of our spectators.

Any questions, call:

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