RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and regulations will be enforced by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and local authorities. In consideration of accepting this entry, I, as a representative for our group/organization, agree to abide by the Bristol Christmas Parade Rules and Regulations and waive and release any and all claims for personal injury or property damage of whatever form or nature that I or my group/organization may have against the Bristol Chamber of Commerce or any other sponsoring organization or municipality arising from or as a result of my individual or my organization’s participation in the Bristol Christmas Parade. I understand the Bristol Chamber reserves the right to approve all entries or remove participants from the parade for any reason.

- There will be only ONE Santa Claus in the Parade. Santa will be provided by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.
- All participation must be in good taste and in conformance with the community standards of decency and subject to the right to disapprove of an entry in its entirety, at the sole discretion by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.
- **AT ALL TIMES - CANDY MUST BE HANDED OUT – NOT THROWN**
- No Refunds available

VEHICLES & FLOATS:

- ANY VEHICLE pulling ANY ATTACHMENT is considered a float
- ALL vehicles and floats in the parade must be decorated with a holiday theme.
- All entries must be no longer than 65 ft in length (total) and no more than 13 ft. 6 inches in height.
  **WEIGHT LIMIT:** Two Axle Vehicles weighing in excess of 17 tons are prohibited; 26 tons for vehicles with three or more axles are prohibited from crossing the bridges at STATE STREET and PIEDMONT.
- Lowrider vehicles are not permitted in the parade.

ENTRY PASSES:

- The Bristol Chamber of Commerce will provide each participant (whether a group or individuals) upon payment, a vehicle pass prior to the parade. Vehicle passes (for vehicles used in the parade) must be prominently displayed or shown to the police and parade committee to enter the line-up area on Bob Morrison Blvd.

PARADE SET UP:

- No parking is allowed before 5 p.m. on Bob Morrison Blvd. You will be ticketed, and your vehicle(s) towed if you park in the street. Please use the parking lot on Bob Morrison Blvd.
- All participants can drop off parade helpers at the Euclid Avenue Shopping Center parking lot, 1315 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA. (Do not park on the Ollie’s side of the parking lot.)
- No vehicles will be allowed to drive on Morrison Blvd. to drop off parade helper/participants in the parade line.
- Handicap participants can be taken to their parade line starting location by a golf cart from the drop-off location. (Must arrive before 6:30pm)
- Children need to be supervised at all times by an adult with your organization. DO NOT DROP OFF CHILDREN UNATTENDED.
• If you would like your entry to be judged for the parade contest, your entry must be in place and ready no later than 5:45 p.m. Be sure to let your section leader know of your interest in being judged.
• We cannot make guarantees of your group’s exact lineup location in the parade.
• The Parade will occur as scheduled regardless of any inclement weather conditions.
• The Bristol Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to remove any participant from the parade for any reason.

**DURING THE PARADE:**

• Participants on foot must be able to keep up with the pace of the parade. The Bristol Chamber reserves the right to remove participants from the parade if they cause a delay to the parade participants behind them.
• Participants must remain in the parade through the entire procession from State Street at Bob Morrison Blvd. to State Street at Martin Luther King Blvd.
• Participants must stay inside, beside or on their parade vehicles at all times during the parade procession. The Bristol Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to remove or ban from future parades participants and their guests who assault or make forceful contact with spectators during the parade procession.
• Participants on floats are NOT allowed to throw candy at spectators from their vehicles or from the procession.
• Participants on foot may hand candy and other objects to spectators. THROWING CANDY IS PROHIBITED.
• Absolutely NO fireworks or open flames will be allowed.
• At the end of the parade, turn left onto Martin Luther King Blvd. You can disembark from your float at the original drop off locations to avoid traffic congestion procession.

**ANIMALS**

• Horses are allowed in the parade as long as all waste is self-contained. Horses will NOT be placed near Santa’s float.
• Dogs/pets may also participate as long as they are well tempered in crowds and are leashed at all times. You are responsible to clean up all waste immediately.