

# Pony Express Days Grand Parade

## FLOAT CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules govern entries participating in Pony Express Days Grand Parade Float Contest. Registration can be found at [emcity.org/ped](http://emcity.org/ped).

1. The contest is open to organizations, groups, clubs, churches, businesses, residents and schools.
2. A “float” for purposes of this contest is:
  - a. Built on or around a flatbed being towed manually or by a motor vehicle
  - b. Self-motorized or towed by a motor vehicle
  - c. Other “floats”, they must be able to travel the entire length of the parade route without slowing down the flow of traffic: Golf Carts, Power Wheels, Wagons, Strollers, Custom and Specialty decorated entries
3. All floats must be able to travel the entire parade route and may not, in any case, cause slowing or other delay in the parade movement. Participants are responsible for transporting the float to and from the parade/judging in accordance with proper highway and safety codes.
4. All floats must have hand-holds for anyone standing on the float and/or secure/safe seating for all others riding on the float. Participants are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off the float during the parade.
5. Float Contest entries will be judged based on the following criteria:
  - Originality/Creativity – The creativeness and originality in the float design.
  - Workmanship/Use of materials – The craftsmanship in the float creation.
  - Overall Appearance and Neatness – Does the float look good?
6. Floats must be decorated for a family atmosphere and constructed in a safe manner, as well as not present a health and safety hazard to the general public.
7. Candy tossing is permitted in our parade. Please throw candy far enough to direct traffic away from float.
8. The rules are subject to change, appropriate notice will be given. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in removal from the parade and/or contest.
9. Floats will be judged prior to the start of the parade and will be awarded prize money the following week. A plaque will be issued on the spot.
10. Plaques will be awarded for the winner of each category. Prize money to be awarded:
  - \$500.00 - Originality/Creativity
  - \$500.00 - Workmanship/Use of materials
  - \$700.00 - Overall Appearance and Neatness
  - Plaque – Best overall corporate entry
  - Plaque – Best overall municipality entry
11. Plaques will be awarded to municipalities and corporate entries. They are not eligible for cash prizes.
12. Float entries that received a winning prize last year are ineligible to receive a winning prize this year. The same organization is welcome to enter the contest with a different float design their next eligible year.