

CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING & FESTIVAL

CHICKASAW FESTIVAL PARADE

2022 RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

The following rules have been developed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all parade participants and spectators:

1. **All parade entries must submit a completed Parade Entry Form to:**
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The Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce
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Fax: (580) 272-1282
Email: APRIL.BURRIS3@Chickasaw.net
2. **All entries must be present at their assigned starting position no later than 10:30 a.m.**
Participants should arrive early enough to finish final preparation of entries by this time. Volunteers will be available beginning at 10 a.m. to assist with entry preparation, as needed.
3. **Starting positions and check-in locations for entries are as follows:**
 - A. **VIPs, elected tribal officials, invited dignitaries and special guests** – Dignitary vehicles will stage for the parade at the Aitafama' Ishto Event Center
 - B. **All floats and decorated vehicles** – Stage at the former Chickasaw Nation Community Center/Gymnasium at 1109 Ray Branum Road
 - C. **Horse or other animal entries** – Gravel lot adjacent to Mosley Ave. (between West Main and Ray Branum Road)
 - D. **Bands and walking entries** – South Ward St. between West Main and West Neil Armstrong
4. **Personal vehicles will not be allowed to park in areas designated for parade entries except for horse entries.**
5. **Entries will be responsible for keeping their designated individual lineup areas clean and should bring trash bags to clean up any mess resulting from entry preparation.**
6. **All late entries will be placed at the end of the parade line at their starting locations.**
7. **Parade volunteers will be stationed at all designated lineup locations and along the parade route to ensure the safety of parade participants and spectators and to keep the parade moving.**

8. **Parade volunteers at each location will have any last minute instructions.**
9. **Parade volunteers designated to guide entries along the parade route will wear high-visibility vests to clearly distinguish them from volunteers assigned to crowd control.**
10. **The Tishomingo Police Department, Johnston County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, BIA Officers, Lighthorse Police and area fire departments will assist in directing traffic throughout the parade route. They will also serve as designated first responders in an emergency situation.** In the event of an emergency, call 911.
11. **Parade entry drivers must be prepared to stop at any time to allow other entries to enter the parade. Parade entry drivers must obey the instructions of parade volunteers and emergency personnel at all times.**
12. **At the end of the parade dignitary vehicles will travel north on Cheadle Street (three blocks east of Byrd) up to 6th St.; then west to the events center. Roundup club entrants will travel south on Byrd to the rodeo arena.**
13. **Parade float entries are asked to not stop at the end of the parade route on Main St. and or South Byrd St. to unload, but proceed to the High School Football stadium parking lot for offloading.**
14. **Walking entry participants may be picked up in the parking area at Sooner Foods located at 101 South Byrd St.** Walking entry participants should not be loaded or unloaded in the street under any circumstances as this poses a serious safety issue.
15. **Parade volunteers will assist marching bands in lining up in the appropriate order. Directional signage will be posted.** At the end of the parade route, parade volunteers will direct bands back to their buses stationed at East 9th St. and North Byrd St. to travel to Tishomingo High School for the remainder of the Band Day Extravaganza.
16. **Parade participants will not be allowed to ride on the hood or roof of parade vehicles.**
17. **Parade officials reserve the right to remove entries from the parade lineup for unsafe or inappropriate behavior or for use of inappropriate or potentially disruptive signage and/or language.**
18. **The throwing of candy, food items, toys or any other object from floats, decorated vehicles, walking entries or any parade participant is strictly prohibited.** Entries wishing to distribute such items must designate walkers to accompany them and hand the items to spectators. Violators will be asked to leave the parade.
19. **Judges for the Best Decorated Float, Best Decorated Vehicle, Best Riding Entry, Best Walking Entry and other awards will be located on a reviewing stand on the south side of Main St.**
20. **A parade announcer will be present to announce all entries.**
21. **In the event of rain and/or lightning at original start time of parade, it will be postponed until clearer weather - not to exceed two (2) hours.** Parade volunteers at each starting position will promptly inform the parade participants of changes affecting the start time.