Chickasaw ANNUAL MEETING & FESTIVAL

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 by September 11 to:**
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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. Staff 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 along the south side of the Aiitafama' Ishto Event Center.

   B. **All floats and decorated vehicles** – Entrance to the staging area is at 1200 West Main St. Stage behind the Chickasaw Tobacco Shop.

   C. **Roundup club entries** – Gravel lot adjacent to Mosley Avenue (between West Main St. and Ray Branum Road).

   D. **Walking entries** – Northwest corner of Rennie St. and West Main St.

   E. **Band entries** – South Ward St. to West Neil Armstrong Place, between Ward St. and Rennie St. Parade staff will assist marching bands in lining up in the appropriate order. Directional signage will be posted.

4. **At the end of the parade:**
   A. **Dignitary vehicles -** Dignitary vehicles will travel down Main Street and continue to Chisholm Avenue, then north to 6th Street and west to the Aiitafama' Ishto Event Center.

   B. **Parade float entries** - Parade float entries, golf carts, side by sides, and motorized vehicles continue down Main St. to Chisholm Avenue, then proceed north, past the roundabout to 5th St. and then west to the Chickasaw Child Development Center parking lot to offload.

   C. **Band entries -** End their march at Main St. and Byrd St. and proceed north on Byrd St. to 9th St. where the band buses will be parked. At the end of the parade route, parade staff 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.

D. **Walking entries -** 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.**

E. **Roundup club entries -** Horses will travel down Main St. to Byrd St. and then south to the rodeo arena.

5. **Personal vehicles will not be allowed to park in areas designated for parade entries except for horse entries.**

6. **Participants 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.**

7. **All late entries will be placed at the end of the parade line at their starting locations.**

8. **Parade staff (wearing high-visibility vests) 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.**

9. **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 emergency, call 911.***

10. **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 staff and emergency personnel at all times.**

11. **Parade participants will not be allowed to ride on the hood or roof of parade vehicles.**

12. **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.**

13. **All clothing worn by parade participants must be appropriate for a family environment and have adequate coverage of body parts. Inappropriate dress, decorations or props for parade entries may not be included in the parade at the discretion of parade officials.**

14. **Firearms, explosives and other weapons, or props that appear to be firearms, explosives and other weapons may not be carried by individuals in the parade nor displayed as part of a parade entry, except in the case of authorized law enforcement, honor guard or military personnel.**

15. **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.

16. **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 at the southwest corner of Main St. and Kemp Avenue.**

17. **A parade announcer will be present to announce all entries.**

18. **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 staff at each starting position will promptly inform the parade participants of changes affecting the start time.