

# OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE 2010 BALTIMORE ST. PATRICK PARADE

The Parade will be governed by these Rules and Regulations, together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area, which are made a part hereof.

**ASSEMBLY AREA:** Mount Vernon Place (Washington Monument)

**TIME:** All times here are Eastern Daylight Time.

A. Parade units should assemble at the Assembly Area no earlier than 12:00 noon but not later than 1:00 p.m.

B. The layout of the Assembly Area places difficult logistics on the Parade Organization. Therefore, promptness in arriving at the Assembly Area is mandatory.

C. We ask that **musical groups and bands refrain from tuning instruments or practicing before 1:30 p.m. because of church services in the area.**

D. The leading element of the Parade will move from the Initial Point @ Charles and Centre Streets no later than 2 p.m., Sunday, March 14, 2010, **regardless of the weather.**

## **CHECK IN:**

A. Group leaders will check in at the tent at the base of the Washington Monument.

B. Group leaders will inform parade officials of any changes in the make up of their organization.

C. Parade officials will direct bands and units of the Parade to their assigned area and specific unit locations.

## **ROUTE:**

A. Starting on Charles Street at the base of the Washington Monument, the Parade will proceed south on Charles Street to Pratt Street, east on Pratt Street to Market Place, where each unit will disband.

B. In order to ease traffic problems in the staging area, the Department of Transportation would appreciate the buses immediately discharging passengers (**ABSOLUTELY NO BUSES IN THE STAGING AREA**) and proceeding directly to the reserved parking area at the end of the Parade route. Actual route directions will be mailed in the Line of March Packet in March, 2010.

## **ORGANIZATION:**

A. Parade officials will be wearing traffic/safety vests.

B. All units have been assigned to Areas, each under the direction of Parade officials.

C. Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.

D. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:

1. Units will march in formation three to five abreast, one and one half yards between ranks.

2. Bands and Drum Corps: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight abreast.

3. **Authorized** floats and automobiles in single column. **No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed in the Parade.** All vehicles participating in the Parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof.

4. Absolutely **NO** maneuvers except for a forward movement. Marching units, bands, color guards, and drill teams, as well as motorized vehicles, must abide by this regulation.

E. **DISTANCES** (During Actual Parade): 30 yards between Units.

**DISBANDING AREA:** Pratt Street, east of Market Place.

**REVIEWING STAND:** The official Reviewing Stand is located on the Northwest corner of Pratt and Light Streets. When passing the Archbishop's Residence at Charles and Mulberry Streets, units will render a salute (eyes right) to the current Archbishop of Baltimore, Most Rev. Edwin F. O'Brien, and/or the retired Archbishop, William Cardinal Keeler, should either or both be reviewing the Parade. Likewise, units will render a salute (eyes left) to the Parade Grand Marshal when passing the official Reviewing Stand.

## **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:**

A. Application fees which apply only to "**businesses**" and "**corporations**" are a minimum of a 1/4-page ad in the Parade Guide at a cost of \$225.00, of which \$150.00 is a charitable contribution.

B. A donation of \$25.00 is requested of all non-business participants.

C. Organizations and units participating in the Parade are subject to restriction of the following activities, which **SHALL BE PROHIBITED in the Parade. Violators shall be subject to IMMEDIATE ouster from the line of march of the Parade.**

1. Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste which could bring dishonor to the Irish Race and Culture.
2. The drinking or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
3. Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
4. Use of water pistols, electric shocking devices, etc.
5. Throwing of candy, souvenirs, promotional or advertising material either from floats or marching units.
6. Firecrackers and any other explosives.
7. The use of a sign, banner, or any other advertisement advancing any political or social cause.
8. The use of a sign, banner, or any other advertisement advancing the candidacy or election of any individual to public office.
9. Improper attire, appearance and conduct which could reflect negatively on the Irish Race and Culture.
10. Signs or advertisements for commercial purposes unless prior approval from the Parade Committee was received.
11. **Family members of participating organizations.**
12. Stopping along the Parade Route, unless directed by a traffic safety officer or a Parade Official.

**SAFETY ISSUES: Distribution of materials of any kind constitutes a safety hazard and will not be tolerated. Throwing of candy presents an opportunity for children to run into the parade route and be struck by a vehicle. VIOLATORS will be held responsible for any injuries to parade spectators resulting from such actions.** In addition, parade spectators on the sidewalks often discard such materials. This presents additional work for the Baltimore City Sanitation Department and these costs are passed on to the Parade. **Violators will be billed for these expenses.**

**BANDS AND UNITS AWARDS:** Professional Parade Judges will select the overall Best Band/Best Drum & Bugle Corps; Best String Band; Best Pipe Band; Best High School Band; Best Color Guard; and Best Marching Unit. Also to be awarded will be: the Commodore John Barry Award; the Cecil Calvert Award; the Charles Carroll Award; the Grand Marshal's Award; and the General Chairperson's Award. Trophies will be awarded immediately after the Parade behind the Reviewing Stand.

**FACILITIES/LATRINES:** Facilities/Latrines will be available in the Parade Assembly Area (exact location/s to be determined).