



**BEAUMONT**

# Mardi Gras Southeast Texas **2023 MOTOR PARADE**

## **PUBLIC ENTRY PARADE Sunday Feb. 19, 2023**

**Parade Entry Fee: \$150**

**Float Rental Fee: \$1000**

No generator provided

**Golf Cart, ATV, Fee: \$25**

**NO REFUNDS - NO EXCEPTIONS**

Line Up: BMT Civic Center parking lot @ 1:00pm  
Parade Starts at 4:00pm

### **ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARADE RULES**

1. Application deadline is Feb 10, 2023 and must be returned in person to the Mardi Gras Office with payment.
2. Floats, vehicles / trailers/ golf carts, ATV, etc. must be decorated with a Mardi Gras décor / theme
3. Applicant agrees to abide by MGSET and the City of Beaumont rules and regulations.
4. Proof of proper vehicle insurance in accordance with state law, \$ 300,000 minimum coverage required
5. Sufficient traditional Mardi Gras throws required per rider for the parade - No candy permitted
6. Maximum clearance for all entries is 16 feet
7. Float walkers required for all floats – minimum 6, must be 14 yrs of age or older and able to handle the crowd.
8. No refunds on entry fees or float rental - no exceptions

### **RIDER(S) LIABILITY RELEASE**

The undersigned hereby releases and discharge MGSET, Inc. and its members, agents, officers and employees (collectively, the "Released Party") from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, suits and causes of action for damages or cost or expenses for any bodily injury or property damage arising out of or related to riding in parade or on parade floats, golfcart, atv, etc. operated by or under the control of the Released Party. The undersigned hereby agrees to Indemnify and Hold Harmless and Defend the Released Party from any and all claims, demands, undersigned and the undersigned's heirs, successors and assigns. This Release is binding on the under-signed and the under-signed's heirs, successors and assigns. If signed by a parent it is effective to release any claim of that parent's minor children. MGSET will comply with all federal, state and local guidance related to Covid-19; however, due to the highly contagious nature of Covid-19 a gathering of any size is not without risk. MGSET can't guarantee your personal safety or health. All attendees voluntarily assume all risk related to participation in MGSET events.

**I HAVE READ THE MARDI GRAS RULES AND REQUIREMENTS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I ASSUME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES TO FLOAT(S) RENTED FROM MGSET, INC.**

**RESPONSIBLE  
PARTY SIGNATURE**

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Mardi Gras Official: \_\_\_\_\_

### **RETURN APPLICATION, PROOF OF INSURANCE AND ENTRY FEE**

Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas | 3830 Hwy 365 Port Arthur, Texas 77642

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# PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

## PARADE FLOATS

### ON ALL FLOATS THERE SHALL BE:

#### **FIRE EXTINGUISHER:**

A portable (2A10BC type) fire extinguisher in the tow vehicle is required.

#### **2ND FIRE EXTINGUISHER:**

A second extinguisher portable (2A10BC type) shall be placed on the float as required by MGSETX.

#### **HEAT PRODUCTION:**

All heat producing devices (i.e. flames, generators, smoke machines, flares, etc.) shall be approved by the Fire Official. Generators shall be located in the tow vehicle, no SUV, camper, or enclosed area allowed as tow vehicle. No riders allowed in the bed of truck.

#### **SAFETY CHAINS:**

There shall be at least one safety chain with tensile strength on all trailer hitches to prevent loss of control of the float in the event the hitch becomes disconnected from the towing vehicle. State law.

#### **SEATED RIDERS:**

Chairs or benches will be securely fastened to the deck of the float to insure they can not tip over. Safety belts are to be used to prevent falling or standing.

#### **FLOAT GUARDS:**

All floats shall have a safety crew on the ground walking along the side of the float. Minimum age for float guards is 14 years or older. Minimum of 6 per float. Must be able to handle the crowd.

#### **GOLF CARTS, ATV, ETC.:**

Must be driven by licensed driver and children accompanied by adult. Registration required.

#### **MINI FLOAT:**

This includes lowboy trailer or other vehicle that has had a platform built over the railings or any other type of structure to change its original use.

#### **LOWBOY TRAILER REGULATIONS:**

Lowboy trailers will be allowed. Weight capacity of riders shall not exceed the limitation of the trailer. Chairs or benches will be securely fastened to the deck of the float to insure they cannot tip over. Standing is prohibited on all lowboy trailers unless safety rails with a minimum diameter of 1 1/4", with the top bar not less than 32" above the standing platform. The rail shall be secured in a manner to support a weight of 250 pounds.

#### **Ground Crew:**

All lowboys shall have two (2) escorts. One on each side positioned by the trailer hitch.

Ladders - Due to height of lowboy trailer frames, no ladders are required. Exception: Any lowboy trailer having been altered to raise the height above normal shall be required to have a ladder provided for easy and safe access.

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## **MOTOR PARADE RULES**

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Only registered floats and vehicles are eligible.

### **RULES:**

It is required that riders comply with all rules and regulations as stated in the application.

### **FLOAT CAPTAIN:**

The float Captain is in charge of all float activities with emphasis on safety. Responsibilities include securing the vehicle to pull the float, driver, 2" trailer hitch, 6 float guards, sound equipment, generator, cleanup, getting float to & from designated areas and costume coordination. **CLEAN UP IS MANADATORY!**

### **FLOAT GUARDS:**

The float is required to have a minimum of 6 float guards at all times and **MUST** be able to handle the crowd. Neon safety vest are required. Floats will not be permitted to roll without 6 guards.

### **COSTUMING:**

is encouraged; need not be elaborate, just fun and festive.

### **GATE ADMISSION:**

Ticket required for all float riders and parade participants wishing to enter the festival grounds after the parade.

### **DRIVER INSTRUCTION:**

The lead float will set the pace. Do not allow excessive gap. Maintain a reasonable safe distance from float ahead (Approximately 50 feet). If your vehicle becomes immobile, ask the vehicle behind you to pass by. Do not stop unless for emergency or safety reason. Keep careful lookout for spectators especially children approaching your vehicle.

### **RIDER INSTRUCTION:**

Riders are prohibited from getting on or off the float while the float is in motion. Riders are restricted to the float floor space only. Sitting or climbing on props or railings is prohibited.

### **LINEUP:**

Line up will be at the Beaumont Civic Center Parking Lot. Entrance will be stopped 1 hour prior to parade starting. All vehicles not used in parade are to be moved in advance, no exceptions.

### **THROWS:**

It is required that customary throws, such as cups doubloons, beads be thrown from floats. Sufficient amounts are necessary. Candy is prohibited. To ensure spectator safety, toss the throws a reasonable distance from the float. Do not throw to front and rear of float. If the float stops discontinue throwing.

### **BEVERAGES:**

Only plastic and paper containers allowed. No glass containers allowed.

### **FIREARMS:**

are prohibited in lineup area and on float.

### **ADVERTISING & SIGNAGE:**

limited to registered organization or MGSET approved sponsors.

### **TRASH:**

Is your responsibility to pickup your trash and dispose of properly. Do not leave trash in the line up area, find a dumpster.

### **FAMILY EVENT:**

Behavior not consistent with the family affair philosophy of MGSET is prohibited and may result in expulsion. MGSET prohibits encouraging spectator nudity, indecent attire and characterization.

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## ***FLOAT CAPTAINS CHECK LIST***

**FLOAT CAPTAINS ARE REQUIRED TO SEE THAT FLOAT IS LEFT CLEAN AND TRASH FREE**

- ✓ ONE (1) PORTABLE (2A10BC TYPE) FIRE EXTINGUISHER FOR FLOAT
- ✓ ONE (1) PORTABLE (2A10BC TYPE) FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN TOW VEHICLE
- ✓ FLOAT GUARDS (minimum of 6 required, 14 years or older)  
Floats will not roll without float guards or neon safety vest.
- ✓ GENERATOR IN TOW VEHICLE – NO PASSENGERS IN BED
- ✓ EXTRA GASOLINE FOR GENERATORS
- ✓ TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWELS, BATHROOM CLEANING SUPPLIES
- ✓ SOUND SYSTEM FOR FLOAT & MUSIC
- ✓ BROOM AND TRASH BAGS FOR CLEAN UP

