

# 2014 Spanish Town Mardi Gras Parade

## Float Safety Rules

The primary objective for having these rules is SAFETY for the participants and spectators.

- **Mandatory Drivers and Safety Meeting / Judges' Bribery Party: Wednesday, February 26th, 6:30 PM at The Roux House located at 143 N. Third St.** We will discuss the parade route, lineup procedures, safety guidelines, and hand out float numbers. Driver or one parading krewe member **MUST** be present. Judges' bribing will commence right after the safety meeting.
- **Absolutely no alcoholic beverages in the cab, we repeat, absolutely no alcoholic beverages in the cab: not open, closed, in an ice chest, empty or full. Any float observed with alcohol in the cab will be removed from the parade by the police (It happened last year for the first time!) – no exceptions, you will NOT parade.**
- There must be at least one other person in the cab with the driver in case of an in-cab emergency. The primary objective of the driver is to maneuver the parade route SAFELY – do not distract the driver by having him responsible for anything except driving. **NO ALCOHOL** for passengers in cab!!
- Clearance height on Spanish Town Road is around 13.5'. Do not exceed this height limitation as the police **may not let you enter Spanish Town road.**
- Float trash around staging area is a concern for the Capitol police which could result in removal from Spanish Town road for start of parade!! Remove your beads and throws from boxes before coming to the downtown area and load them onto the float in sacks, bead bags or on hangers. Float trash is a problem and we will NOT be allowed to leave empty bead boxes in the staging areas or throw them off floats along route. If you do have bead boxes on your float, you must keep them on your float until such time as you can dispose of them properly.
- Do not hand throws to someone over the side of the float. Do not throw out in front or behind your float. Throw from sides of float to the rear of the crowd to encourage spectators to move back.
- **Walkers are mandatory for all floats.** Four (4) walkers for floats 25' and under and six (6) walkers for floats 25' or greater. The job of the walker is to keep spectators from getting under your float tires; they should not be tossing throws or socializing. Rotate float riders as walkers if you cannot get designated walkers.
- Floats with a ground clearance of more than 24" should be screened with something rigid that will keep hands and bodies from reaching underneath. It is recommended that all tires, no matter what height be screened.
- You **MUST** have your float number displayed to enter the staging area! Floats without numbers will not be allowed into the staging area or permitted to ride the parade route. Police **WILL** enforce this directive. For float judging, please display your float number in the windshield on the left hand or driver side.
- The objective of this parade is for everyone to have fun. Let's keep it safe and please police your own riders so the police won't have to.