

BELLOWS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

“The Most Active Association in All of New England”

FLOAT REGULATIONS

1. All floats are to be no higher than 12 feet from the ground, including the highest extension of a moving part of person. The height of the float may be measured by a Parade Marshal prior to the parade or a Float Judge during judging. If a float is over 12 feet in height, it will be disqualified. The 12 foot rule is a safety feature.
2. There will be no length limit.
3. Floats that can't make it down the parade route safely will be pulled off of the parade route and disqualified.
4. Each float must display, either on the front and back, or on both sides of the float, its class numerals in a way that the numerals are clearly visible.
5. Any float or a major part of a float purchased, either assembled or unassembled, will not be eligible for any prize.
6. Float campaigning or advertising for any person, place or thing, whether or not remuneration is or shall be received, will not be allowed in the parade.
7. All floats must be accessible for inspection by the float judges prior to the parade. This is required so that judges can inspect the construction of the float while being built.
8. Any class that gives a Parade Marshal excessive trouble or delays the start of the parade will be penalized by the Parade Chairman 15 points.
 - a. Class floats are to be in their assigned location by 10:30 a.m. and shall be prepared to start upon notification of the Parade Chairman. A class that is not at their location on time may be penalized 10 points. This will be determined by the Parade Chairman. Bad weather will be taken into consideration when making this decision by the Parade Chairman.
9. All floats must be disassembled by the class at a convenient time following the Alumni Meeting. This is to be done at the place of construction or at a location where public property will not be littered. Disassembling of a float on public property may result in loss of an award or prize. Please do not

litter or throw tissue paper along the parade route and make sure you pick up area around your float in Morgan's Field (staging area).

It is your class's responsibility to make sure your staging area is cleaned up by 6:00pm on the day of the parade. Alumni Officers will be checking the side streets used for the staging area after the annual meeting. If a mess is left at your staging area, the Alumni Association will notify the class contacts.

10. Members of classes are urged to participate in float construction. The name and phone number of class float chairman will be made available to insure maximum participation. If we are to maintain our motto, "The Most Active Alumni Association in All New England", more and more members must become actively involved in Alumni Weekend.
11. Anyone connected with a float, either riding on or walking with, who displays drunk and disorderly conduct and/or vulgar language and/or gestures during the course of the parade will be cause for the float to be disqualified from consideration for any prizes. We can have fun without being rude and vulgar.
12. All Floats must have an operating and accessible ABC fire extinguisher. Failure to comply will result in the float not being allowed in the parade. This is a safety issue.
13. **NO CANDY OR ANY OTHER OBJECT SHOULD EVER BE THROWN FROM A FLOAT.**
It is acceptable to hand candy or any other object out along the parade route, but due to safety issues with children running into the street to gather the candy, throwing it is never permitted. Failure to comply will result in instant disqualification of the float.
14. During the parade please keep two telephone pole distance (no more, no less) between your float and the performer/float in front of you. This is to prevent leaving large gaps in the parade.