PARADE RULES AND EVENT INFORMATION

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PARADES • SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS • EVENT DETAILS

This packet brings the rules, safety requirements, event schedules, and contact information for the Krewe of St. Andrews Kids Parade, Pet Parade, and Main Parade into one document. The general rules apply to every parade unless an event-specific section states otherwise.

General Rules and Regulations for All Parade Entries

- Each entry must submit the completed application and all required releases, waivers, supporting documents, and payments before it can be confirmed. A biography or entry description must be supplied when requested for parade announcements or television coverage.
- All participants must follow instructions from Krewe officials, law-enforcement officers, public-safety personnel, and event staff at staging, along the route, and during dispersal.
- Entries must provide their own approved Mardi Gras throws. Allowed throws include beads, doubloons, soft toys, soft candy, foam shapes, and plastic beads weighing no more than 4 ounces. Promotional throws are allowed only when they meet the requirements in this packet.
- Dangerous throws are prohibited. Do not throw objects that are heavy, sharp, pointed, wired, breakable, life-threatening, or otherwise capable of causing bodily injury.
- Entries may not distribute brochures, tracts, printed advertisements, coupons, or other paper products. Entries may not use amplified sound or other means to promote commercial, political, or religious messages.
- Keep the staging area clean and dispose of all trash. Unpack beads before arriving whenever possible, and leave the staging area in good condition.
- No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by parade participants before or during the parade. Intoxication, public disorder, abusive behavior, or unsafe conduct may result in immediate removal.
- No entry may exceed 13 feet in height. Any event-specific width, vehicle, animal, or route restriction must also be followed.
- The Krewe of St. Andrews and its officers, members, and participants are not responsible for loss of or damage to property or injury to participating parties.
- The Krewe of St. Andrews reserves the right to reject or remove any entry that is inappropriate, unsafe, disruptive, or not in compliance with these rules.

Family Friendly Standard

All entries, decorations, costumes, music, conduct, and throws must support a wholesome, family-friendly experience appropriate for children, adults, and seniors.

ENTRY TYPE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

FLOATS • VEHICLES • MARCHING AND WALKING ENTRIES

Floats Motorized and Other Vehicles

- Every driver operating a motorized vehicle must provide a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.
- Each vehicle entry must provide the business, organization, Krewe, or sponsor's Certificate of Liability Insurance when required.
- A float or vehicle entry may be no more than 13 feet high and 10 feet wide. Floats, tractors, trucks, and tow vehicles must be fully decorated, must serve a useful function, and must not obstruct the driver's view or the safe operation of the vehicle.
- Floats should display the name of the sponsoring Krewe, organization, or business.
- Each tractor, truck, or trailer must display its assigned entry number so the entry biography can be coordinated with live television or review-stand coverage.
- Floats must have one wheel walker per axle on both sides. Wheel walkers must be at least 16 years old, must focus on spectator safety, and may not distribute throws. No vehicle or float may parade without the required wheel walkers.
- Golf carts and large open-bed trucks are not allowed.
- No one may ride on a float within Panama City city limits except while participating in the parade or while being escorted by the Police Department back to the staging area.

Marching Bands Entertainers and Walking Entries

- Marching and walking entries must wear costumes or attire that meet the family-friendly standard.
- Any vehicle accompanying a marching or walking entry must meet all vehicle, driver, insurance, decoration, and wheel-walker requirements.
- Alcohol is prohibited before and during the parade. Golf carts and large open-bed trucks are not allowed.

Safety Responsibilities

- Drivers must maintain a safe speed and distance from the entry ahead.
- Report a float or vehicle emergency to the nearest police officer immediately.
- Watch the crowd closely. If spectators move too close, ask them to return to the curb or notify the nearest police officer.
- Wheel walkers must watch especially for children and prevent spectators from entering the vehicle's path.
- Use sound judgment at all times.

DEFINITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

APPROVED THROWS • ENTRY CLASSIFICATIONS • SAFETY AUTHORITY

Definitions

Krewe Entry: An entry or float sponsored by a private social club, nonprofit, or community organization that does not display or promote a business logo or signage.

Commercial Entry: An entry or float sponsored by a business, for-profit organization, or Krewe that displays or promotes a business logo or signage, including promotional throws. Commercial entries must have a float or decorated themed pull trailer.

Throws: Beads, doubloons, soft toys, soft candies, foam shapes, and other approved soft items.

Promotional Throws: Approved beads, doubloons, or toys on which no more than 25 percent of the item serves a promotional purpose, such as beads with a company logo or a soft toy with a promotional scarf.

Prohibited Throws: Objects that could cause bodily injury; objects with sharp points, edges, wires, or dangerous weight; items carrying political or religious messages; and commercial items redeemable for food, beverages, merchandise, services, or admission.

Insurance Requirements

Each entry vehicle must provide a copy of the driver's valid license and proof of vehicle insurance. The participating business, organization, Krewe, or sponsor must also provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance when required. Contact the Krewe of St. Andrews for assistance if this is your first parade or you have insurance questions.

Enforcement Authority

The Panama City Police Department, the Krewe of St. Andrews Parade Chairperson, and authorized event personnel may reject unsafe throws, stop unsafe activity, or remove a participant or entry for noncompliance, intoxication, abusive behavior, or public disorder.

Participant Acknowledgment

Submission of an application and participation in a Krewe of St. Andrews parade indicate that the applicant, drivers, riders, walkers, handlers, and representatives understand and agree to follow the rules in this packet.

KIDS AND PET PARADE SPECIAL RULES

EVENT-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL RULES

KIDS PARADE	PET PARADE
Kids Parade • Schools and organizations may enter a Mardi Gras-themed float, walking group, marching band, mascot, or commercial entry. • There is no entry fee for the Kids Parade. • Every application is reviewed before the entry is confirmed. • Purple, green, and gold attire is encouraged. Bands, cheerleaders, and similar groups may wear their regular uniforms. • Each entry must provide enough approved throws for the entire parade route. • Children must remain with their assigned group and follow all lineup, route, and pickup instructions.	**Pet Parade** • A minimum donation of $15 is required for each pet entered. Donations are nonrefundable. • This is a walking parade. Wagons and buggies are allowed; golf carts are not allowed. • Every pet must be registered and current on all vaccinations. Animals in heat may not participate. • Dogs must remain on a leash and wear identification tags. • Pets must be comfortable around children, loud music, and large crowds. • Handlers younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. • Owners must clean up after their pets. Waste bags are available at check-in.

Pet Costume Contest Awards

ROYAL TITLES	NUMBER SELECTED
Pet King and Pet Queen	One of each
Pet Princes and Pet Princesses	Four of each
Pet Knights and Pet Ladies	Two of each

The Royal Pet Court leads the combined Pet and Kids Parade following the color guard and Grand Marshal.

2027 KIDS AND PET PARADE INFORMATION

FRIDAY JANUARY 29 2027 • HISTORIC ST. ANDREWS

The Kids Parade and Pet Parade take place together as one family-friendly parade. Registered schools, organizations, families, and pet handlers share the schedule and route below.

Schedule and Locations

Event Date	Friday, January 29, 2027
Registration and Staging	Begins at 3:00 p.m.
Registration Location	Drews Hall, at 15th Street and Beck Avenue
Pet Costume Contest	3:45 p.m.
Costume Winners	Announced at 4:00 p.m.
Parade Lineup	All entries ready by 4:15 p.m.
Parade Start	4:30 p.m.
Parade Route	Approximately 3/4 mile south on Beck Avenue, ending at 11th Street
Child Pickup	11th Street near the end of the parade route

Before the Event

- Final pre-parade and post-parade staging instructions will be provided approximately two weeks before the event.
- All participants must review this complete packet before arriving.
- Bring all approved throws, pet supplies, cleanup supplies, identification, and other materials required for your entry.

Event Contacts

Kids Parade: Vicki Gilmore | 850-596-4082 | vgillmore1960@gmail.com
Pet Parade: Marie Hendrix | 850-481-6941 | yvonehendrix@aol.com

2027 MAIN PARADE INFORMATION

SATURDAY JANUARY 30 2027 • PARADE STARTS AT 3 PM

Schedule and Staging

Event Date	Saturday, January 30, 2027
Staging Location	Oakland Terrace
Staging Opens	9:00 a.m.
Entries in Place	No later than 12:00 noon
Parade Start	3:00 p.m.
Final Instructions	Detailed day-of-event instructions will be emailed after parade positions are filled
Captain's Meeting	Date and time will be announced after arrangements are finalized

Main Parade Contact

Krewe of St. Andrews: kosapcfl@gmail.com