



## Rules On the Parade Route:

**Sunday, April 12, 2015**

1. Be nice to our volunteers. Parade volunteers are trained to provide your safety and ensure the success of the parade. You must listen to their instruction.
2. MBGP is a family event; please adhere to the dress code. Dress as you would in front of your 12 year old niece.
3. All state and local ordinances regarding nudity and obscenity will be strictly enforced. No indecent exposure of private body parts is allowed. Unless otherwise covered by appropriate shirts, shorts or pants, no see-through clothing, jockstraps, bras, panties, thongs, or chaps are allowed.
4. All materials deemed offensive by MBGP, in its sole discretion, will not be permitted to be sold or displayed at the parade or anywhere within the MBGP event.
5. All parade participants are expected to behave themselves in a civilized manner at all times.
6. No alcohol is to be carried or consumed at staging or on the parade route.
7. Do not throw anything at or into the crowd; no necklace, flyers or giveaways. You are welcome to hand out these items only to who wants to receive them.
8. Do not throw anything on the pavement. You are responsible for cleaning after yourselves during staging.
9. Children and pets in your group, participating in the Parade are your responsibility. Make sure to keep children & pets monitored and safe at all time. Pets must be accompanied and on the leash at all times.
10. Contingents participating with vehicles MUST make sure to have a designated driver by the vehicle at all times. Vehicles without an available driver can be deemed abandoned and be might be towed away.
11. Beware of moving vehicles - Stay at safe distance from moving vehicles during parade
12. Group leaders for each contingent must be available at all times during staging.
13. There will be no sharing of Parade Contingent Space under any circumstances.
14. The parade ends at 15th St and Ocean Drive. Do not exit the parade route prior to the end, it is not safe and it will automatically disqualify your organization from winning the award.
15. Beware of breaks on every intersection of Ocean drive for emergency escape or for spectator simply trying to cross.
16. Grand Stand & Judging:
  - As you are arriving, the MC will announce your parade contingent.
  - Be prepared to stop and you will be able to perform for 60 seconds.
  - Scoring Criteria: A. Spirit of Pride; B. Creativity & originality of your entry; C. Engagement of the audience. D. Photo-finish (at 15<sup>th</sup> Street)
17. Moment Of Silence:

- At 12:30pm, in honor of those that we have lost due to AIDS, Service in the military, suicide, and hate crimes, we ask that you turn down all music and be still during that time. Parade Monitors will have a sign to indicate the beginning of the "Moment of Silence" and the end of it by horn blast. Once the air horns blast, we may cheer, turn your music back on and proceed to move north.
18. Once at 15<sup>th</sup> St:
- The parade ends. Do not exit the parade route prior to the end as it will disqualify your organization from the award.
  - Walkers exit to the right (east towards the ocean)
  - Vehicles exit to the left (west towards Collins). Please make sure you turn and move as forward as you can, stop and dismount your contingent. You will need to drive to your break down point. **YOU CANNOT STAY ON 15<sup>TH</sup> St.**
19. Bring water, sunscreen, food, hats, and anything you will need while you're in the sun.

**HAVE A GREAT TIME!! SMILE AND ENGAGE THE CROWD!!**

Please sign and return to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the parade rules and regulations:

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Organization

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Signature

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