



## 2017 BALTIMORE PRIDE PARADE CONTINGENT INFORMATION

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## **About the Baltimore Pride Parade**

Maryland's largest Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) Pride Parade will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 starting at 2:00 pm in Mt. Vernon, starting at Eager & N. Charles Street and proceeding north on Charles Street to North Ave. if you are a walking unit or marching band you will proceed to 20<sup>th</sup> street. Viewing areas and announcer stage is located at the corner of North Ave. and North Charles Street.

GLCCB sponsors and produces the annual Baltimore Pride® Parade to commemorate three nights of civil unrest known as the Stonewall riots. These riots occurred in late June 1969 in response to official harassment by the New York City Police and are considered the birth of the movement for equal rights and liberation for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Many communities in the U.S. and around the world hold Pride celebrations in June in memory of Stonewall. Thank you for joining us in celebrating our history and promoting equal rights for all Americans without prejudice. Please help support the Pride Parade by including it in your advertising and by hanging up signs: "See us in the 2017 Baltimore Pride Parade - Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM." Encourage other groups to showcase their businesses/organizations through a float or Parade entry. This is one time of year you can promote yourself in front of the entire community. You may be surprised at the interest and excitement an entry in the Pride Parade can give to an organization.



## **2017 Baltimore Pride Theme**

It's up to you to help make this memorable. We want you to have an outstanding Parade experience. This is a celebration about passions, discovery, support, encouragement and just being PROUD.

Baltimore Pride encourages individuals, organizations and businesses to build floats for the parade. Walking and vehicle/motorcycle entries are welcome where building a float is not possible or may inflict a hardship on the entry. These guidelines have been revised and edited to make it easier for you to prepare for, set up, march, and disassemble. Whether this is your first parade, or you are a seasoned veteran, please take some time to read ALL the information in this packet.

## **Before the Parade**

This section is dedicated to the weeks and days leading up to the parade. It contains information about the requirements for floats, placement and parade order, and communications you can expect from the parade staff.

### **\*\*\*\*Float Requirements- This is Mandatory For 2017\*\*\*\***

Baltimore Pride encourages all participants to be as visually stunning and expressive as your constraints will allow; the most popular floats, and the floats that best convey the message of Pride, are big, colorful, and decorated. The best way to accomplish this is to produce a float that expresses the tone and message of your organization. For the safety and security of all participants and spectators, the following guidelines must be strictly observed:

- **Float Dimensions may not exceed: 12' wide x 25' long x 12' high (street to highest point).**
- **Floats must have railings at least 3' high around any surface where participants will be standing or riding.**
- **Trailers must be towed by an accompanying vehicle and have a turning radius of not greater than 30'.**
- **NO OPEN FLAMES OF ANY KIND PERMITTED.**
- **Floats must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.**
- **Every vehicle and every towed conveyance must have one Safety Monitor per wheel provided by the contingent, maintaining a safety radius around their assigned wheel throughout the length of the Parade.**
- **No one may enter or exit the float once the float is in motion on the Parade route.**
- **All riders MUST EXIT the float at the parade end/disassembly area at the end of the parade and must do so without delaying the float. Provisions can be made to re-group, if desired, at a convenient location in the general vicinity of North Ave. after your float has left the disassembly area.**

## **Signage**

Signage Along with a colorful, attention-grabbing entry, another key element to communicate your message to spectators is your signage. Your organization is free to create and display appropriate signage, banners, and other visual and audio media to introduce and inform the spectators about your group. Visual elements are the most important part of a parade, and Baltimore Pride encourages you to be creative, informative, and fun! However, keep in mind that your signage must reflect your organization, as registered. It is not permissible to advertise or promote your parent company, unless you are registered as a business, or you are participating in the Parade as a sponsoring organization. It is also not permissible to advertise or promote an organization other than your registered organization. The Parade is BIG! There are a LOT of people watching (over 30,000 estimated each year) and are often stacked ten or more deep. Elevated, colorful signage using large block lettering is the most effective way to promote your message. Test the visibility of your signs in advance by standing 50' away. The better your signage is, the better your message will be seen. Be sure to observe the height limitations (12') when preparing your signs.

## **Specific examples regarding signage:**

- Political organizations and activities may not display media, signage, or banners that promote any particular candidate from that party. The campaign for that particular candidate or party would be required to register with the Parade to participate and display signage.
- Company groups may include the logo for their company and wear company branded costumes or uniforms but may not promote or advertise any particular product or service of the company.
- Non-political organizations may display signs and media for causes that the organization focuses on or supports but may not promote political candidates or parties. Any political candidate or party displayed on a sign must register as a participant, and the signage for that candidate must be a part of that candidate's or party's group.
- All signage must meet the requirements for public speech as required by law. Lewd, profane, indecent, or otherwise unacceptable expressions of speech will not be permitted in the parade. Violators of this requirement will be directed to remove the offending material from the parade; refusal to do so will result in removal of the participants from the parade.

## **Group Size and Makeup**

The bigger, the better! Everyone loves a parade, and everyone loves a BIG parade! We encourage maximum participation for your group. In the interest of safety, unstructured groups of more than 65 participants will require advance notification to Baltimore Pride and may require additional safety monitors as designated by the Parade Director. Unstructured groups are defined as groups that do not march in formation under the direction of a coordinator. Examples of structured groups would be marching bands and color guard displays. In the interest of safety, Baltimore Pride does limit the number of people that may ride on the exterior of any moving vehicle. There must be at least 3 square feet of unobstructed standing space for every external occupant of any moving vehicle. For vehicles with less than four wheels, the maximum number of occupants is the number of manufacturer-installed seats on the vehicle. Baltimore Pride generally limits the number of motor vehicles in any group to three. Certain groups are given exception to this guideline, and any group may request an exception in advance. Note that this policy does not apply **to the Outriders Women's motorcycle contingent**, and no exception is required for this contingent. In the interest of safety and staging preparation, Baltimore Pride requests that you are as accurate as possible in maintaining your registration record regarding the size of your group. Your stated group size will determine the amount of space allotted to you for staging prior to the parade. Significant complications will arise if you underestimate the number of vehicles in your group, and Baltimore Pride reserves the right to limit the number of vehicles in your group to the number stated in your registration record. Baltimore Pride may also need to make revisions to your parade order or staging location if the number of participants is significantly underestimated in your registration. You can make revisions to your registration record through the registration portal at [baltimorepride.org](http://baltimorepride.org), or by contacting the staff at [parade@baltimorepride.org](mailto:parade@baltimorepride.org)

## **Parade Placement**

Your group's position in the parade is based on how early you register. There are circumstances that dictate changing your parade order. These changes include conflicting displays, themes, amplified music, and other conflicts. In general, no group is moved more than a few spots to accommodate conflicts. These changes are intended to improve the overall presentation of the parade and are subject to the Registration Manager's approval. Changes made by the Parade staff are binding and not subject to dispute. Parade order changes can also be requested by the representative of the participating group, including coordinating placement with other groups. In general, groups that wish to coordinate placement will be moved to the natural placement of the last group to register (the furthest back in the parade order). For best placement, whether coordinating or not, Baltimore Pride recommends registering as early as possible. . Once this list is published, you will know approximately where your group will be placed. Your group may wish to coordinate your placement with other groups (or, in some cases, reposition away from groups). Please direct your special needs to [parade@baltimorepride.org](mailto:parade@baltimorepride.org). Include your organization's name, and your contact information, so we can enter your request in the parade record. Contingent requests to move UP the parade order are not considered; requests to move DOWN the order are generally approved. Under no circumstance will repositioning be considered. The final Parade order will be published on July 13, and no changes will be made after that date. Note that any request to move a group UP the parade order will not be considered.

### **Announcement of Your Group**

At the reviewing stand (Corner of North Ave. and North Charles Streets), the name of your group and the script of your choice will be announced as it passes the Parade announcers' stand. Your group is responsible for providing the script to be read by the announcers. The script must be limited to approximately 30 seconds, be in good taste, and must meet the guidelines of free public speech. Baltimore Pride reserves the right to edit your description, as it deems necessary. The script must be received no later than June 9, 2017 in order to be considered.

### **Hot Weather**

Be prepared for a hot day, and for traveling at less than 5 mph for one to one and a half hours! Each year, vehicles drop out of the Parade due to overheating. If your vehicle must drop out early, contact the parade staff, so a path can be cleared at the nearest intersection. Each individual involved in an entry should be made aware of the hazards associated with participating in the Parade. Entries are encouraged to bring water or replenishing fluids for participants. Dehydration is the most common health problem faced on Pride day. Also carry any other items you think might be necessary to protect you and your group from the elements (hats, sunscreen etc.).

### **Extreme Weather Policy**

In the event of extreme weather, including but not limited to rain, Baltimore Pride reserves the right to cancel the Pride Parade. A notice of cancellation will be announced by Baltimore Pride voice mail at 410-777-8145 or the Baltimore Pride web site at [www.baltimorepride.org](http://www.baltimorepride.org). This announcement will be made no later than two hours before the scheduled Parade start time. In the event of a cancellation, Pride Parade fees cannot be refunded

## Arriving for the Day of the Parade

This section is dedicated to the morning of the parade. It contains information about how and where to arrive, where to stage, what you will need, and what to expect in the staging area.

### Assigned Staging Areas

The final parade order will be released on June 9, 2017 and will be sent out via e-mail. Your organization's position within the parade order will be sent via e-mail to the contact name who initially registered. This notification and its accompanying customized map will contain your staging group, staging location, suggested arrival time, and most efficient vehicle access point for arriving at your designated spot along Charles Street. It is paramount that you review and disseminate this information throughout your organization and to all participants.

- Please follow the instructions listed on your parade order notification and staging map to ensure your arrival at Parade staging is as seamless as possible.

### Staging Your Group

It is unnecessary and not advised to have marching or walking personnel arrive before your designated window. Vehicles and floats, however, must arrive within the prescribed window in your parade order notification. This is based on maintaining safety and order while introducing and positioning vehicles in the staging area. Marching and walking participants can easily maneuver within the staging area; however, positioning and relocating vehicles in the staging area is complicated and risks the safety of those in the staging area.

At each of the designated vehicle entry points, the staging staff should have placement maps available for review. Due to compensation for last minute changes to group sizes, the specific staging location for your group may vary slightly from that published in the parade order. We thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding in this highly dynamic event; please consult with the staging staff for questions about placement on the day of the parade. Although your placement for staging may shift, the parade order will be maintained to the best of our ability.

Baltimore Pride recommends that you have signage located with the vehicles in your group prior to the vehicles' arrival at the staging area. These signs can be used as beacons to identify your group's placement once the vehicle location has been set. Baltimore Pride also recommends that contact information for the drivers of the vehicles be distributed among your group, so that marching or walking participants can contact the vehicle to pinpoint its location during the staging process. , **BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE MAY ANY VEHICLE BE STOPPED IN THE SAFETY LANE FOR ANY REASON.** This lane must remain or be made immediately clear for response by emergency personnel.

Every vehicle must have a designated driver at all times, including while parked and turned off. This designated driver is responsible for moving the vehicle as prescribed by the staging staff and by the Baltimore Police Department, and the driver is required remain with and to move the vehicle in the event of an emergency. No vehicle may be left unattended in the staging area for ANY reason.

Vehicles found or considered unattended will be removed from the staging area at the owner's expense. The driver of any vehicle is responsible for the safe movement of the vehicle at all times, and assumes responsibility for the movement of the vehicle Damage to the vehicle, its contents, injury to others or damage to property caused by moving the vehicle are the liability of the driver of the vehicle

### Changes to Staging

There are circumstances during Parade Day, which may dictate an immediate order change. The Staging Manager has the authority to reorder groups, based on conditions that arise during the event.

An explanation of the change will be provided and approved by the Parade Director.

Placement by the Baltimore Pride Staging Manager is final.

Baltimore Pride reserves the right to adjust the line-up as it deems necessary.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in these matters.

### **Starting your Journey of Pride**

This section is dedicated to the conduct of the parade and includes instructions, warnings, and etiquette for your Journey.

### **Kicking Off Your Parade**

The staging staff will direct you from the staging area as you start your journey of Pride. Please follow the instructions of the staging staff as they safely maneuver you into the parade route. As the next few paragraphs describe, you are expected to observe the etiquette and custom of the Parade and to maintain the pace and spirit of the event.

### **Handing Out Items**

Nothing may be thrown it must be tossed underhanded by your contingent (this includes small candies, trinkets, etc.). If you plan on distributing any items to spectators, they must be tossed underhanded. We know that many of you wish to give away items to parade viewers. Unfortunately, this encourages crowds to come onto the parade route causing a very dangerous situation. Drivers of motorized vehicles, horse carriages, or horse riders cannot see people who run in front of or alongside their vehicles/animals and could accidentally run someone over. This is very serious. As we get more and more viewers who bring children -- who are even harder to see when they run in front or beside a vehicle -- we NEED your help enforcing this regulation. To avoid this dangerous situation, we require that you toss underhanded anything from your contingent or in any way encourage viewers to come onto the parade route. What you can do is have volunteers walk alongside the sidewalks as your entry goes by and hand things to people. Do not encourage them to come onto the street in any way.

### **Solicitation of Pledges**

No Baltimore Pride Parade entry may solicit money or pledges as it travels the course of the Parade route. No Pride Parade entry or other organization may solicit along the Parade route during the time span covered by the Parade permit held by Baltimore Pride

### **Mind the Gap**

Gaps in the Parade can disrupt the steady flow of the procession. We will be controlling the spacing and the flow of the Parade very closely. The success of this plan depends on the cooperation of all contingents. The route managers will control the pace of the Parade; each contingent is expected to comply with their directions. As a general rule, please keep about 30' between your group and the group in front of you.

**END OF THE PARADE AND BREAKDOWN- THIS IS FOR FLOATS AND VEHICLES ONLY**

**After the turn at North Ave., your group will proceed along North Ave. You will encounter Parade volunteers at North Ave. who will split your group into two parts: pedestrians and vehicles. When you encounter these volunteers, the parade is over, and it is important to follow the instructions below for your safety and to keep the parade moving. You will be directed to do the following:**

- Your vehicles will be directed to come to a complete STOP.**
- All riders on the exterior of the vehicle (including truck beds) will be directed to EXIT THE VEHICLE(S). All riders inside the vehicle will be directed to REMAIN IN THE VEHICLE.**
- All pedestrians and disembarked riders will be directed to the RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD.**
- Once all exterior riders have exited the vehicle, the vehicles will be directed to the LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD.**
- Vehicles will be directed to proceed along North Ave. to the breakdown area beyond Maryland Ave.. In the breakdown area, the vehicles must be made street worthy by the driver of the vehicle, then released by the Baltimore Police Dept. to public streets.**

**FOR MARCHING BANDS AND ALL WALKING UNITS: YOU PROCEED ACROSS NORTH AVE. AND MAKE A RIGHT TURN ONTO 20 STREET AND PROCEED TO ST. PAUL STREET WHERE YOUR GROUP WILL DISPERCE**

Baltimore Pride recommends at least one additional person (besides the driver) inside each vehicle. This additional person should act as a safety observer during vehicle movement, and to assist in preparing the vehicle for return to public streets following the parade. Walkers will not be allowed to return to the vehicle in the breakdown area.

Baltimore Pride recommends that your group arrange a meeting location OUTSIDE THE PARADE AREA to reclaim possessions left in the vehicle. Pedestrians outside the vehicle will not be permitted into the breakdown area to retrieve belongings

### **Additional Important Information**

**This section contains additional information and requirements for the Parade.**

#### **Vehicles**

Any person operating a vehicle in the Parade -- whether motor-powered, selfpowered, or non-powered -- does so at his or her own risk, bearing all liability for any and all damages or loss of personal property and/or any personal injuries sustained to themselves or other person(s). Vehicle operator hereby waives any and all claims and/or defenses it may have against Baltimore Pride of whatever kind or nature as a result of the his or her independent use of such vehicle. Further, it shall be required of the person operating such vehicle to maintain, and hereby acknowledge, adequate and sufficient insurance coverage to indemnify himself and Baltimore Pride from any and all damages and or loss to property, in addition to any and all personal injuries, of whatever kind or severity, to the vehicle operator or any other person who is injured as a result of the use of such vehicle.

To obtain an access pass for vehicles or floats you will need to:

- Present a copy of the driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance for each vehicle, including motorcycles and scooters. All vehicles in the parade must be insured and we need to see and verify proof of insurance for every vehicle.
- No exceptions will be made!

## **Advertising**

Baltimore Pride requires that entities with the intent to advertise at this event contribute to its production. Please contact the parade team at [parade@baltimorepride.org](mailto:parade@baltimorepride.org), and we will put you in touch with our sponsorship coordinator. Please note that the parade is Baltimore's premier venue to introduce your organization to the community, and to make a public statement in support of the LGBT community. Advertisements, signage, and statements must fall within the guidelines of free and public speech and must reflect the organization that is registered to participate. Organizations not registered with the event will not be permitted to display signs, banners, costumes, logos, or any visual or audio media within the permitted area. Organizations that display signage or media for other organizations will be assessed the prescribed fees, be asked to remove the media, or be removed from the parade. Please refer to the section on "piggy-backing" below for additional details.

## **Marching Groups**

There is something very affirming about marching or dancing with a group of friends or your community group in the Pride Parade. Take your Pride Parade involvement to the next level. Explore costumes, props, themes, choreography, or moving your group along the route in a different manner. Whether you dance or march, be colorful and flamboyant! Get the attention you want with the use of props. Keep in mind that the spectators have a limited view, so focus on music, color, and huge costumes.

## **Etiquette**

The Baltimore Pride Parade is for the entire community (remember: there are children along the route and in the Parade). In order to keep the Parade interesting to the viewers, it has to keep moving. Please do not stop on the Parade route. Listen to all information and follow all directions of the volunteers on the morning of the Parade. The Parade volunteers are there for your safety and security. The route managers and assistants will establish separation distances between groups and monitor parade pace. The pacing is to permit performance groups the opportunity to perform a static routine at the primary viewing areas without causing the remainder of the parade to pause.

Should anyone in your group need assistance or wish to report any behavior deemed disrespectful toward any other participant, contact any Baltimore Pride volunteer, who will direct the Parade Director to the scene to take the appropriate action.

It is impossible to anticipate every scenario that may arise, but as a general policy, no conduct that violates any statute of the State of Maryland or any ordinance of the City of Baltimore will be tolerated. Any entry violating or intending to violate applicable law, including laws regarding public decency and behavior, will be prohibited from participating in the Pride Parade. Please be advised that the Baltimore Police Dept. is responsible for enforcing all applicable state laws and local ordinances during Pride events. Such statutes may include, but are not limited to, public decency, alcohol, controlled substances, public safety, and standard vehicle insurance requirements.

## **Animals and Livestock**

Who doesn't love a parade of puppies? Although such a site is dear to behold, the Baltimore Pride Parade is a long walk for many animals, particularly small ones, and companions should be sensitive to

the welfare of their critters before considering their participation. Seattle Pride offers the following guidelines to help with your decision:

- As discussed, the parade route is lengthy (1.75 miles total). Consider the health and constitution of your companion. Baltimore pride recommends a test walk of at least this length to gauge your animal's response.
- Walking along asphalt is tough on animals' feet. Although hot sidewalks are unusual in June, consider the temperature of the street before introducing your animal to the experience, and consider protective footwear for the occasion.
- Water! Your companion WILL REQUIRE WATER for the event. Please make appropriate arrangements to keep yourself and your pet well hydrated.
  - Please tend to your companion's sanitary needs before beginning your journey. Also consider that your pet may experience the need to relieve itself along the route. The pet's attendant is responsible for collecting and disposing of any droppings during the event. The attendant shall have appropriate material to collect and dispose of waste.
- Mind your animals while in the staging area. The staging area and the parade route traditionally have many small, seemingly edible treats that an unsupervised animal may indulge in.
- Unlicensed pets are not permitted along the route.
- Livestock are not permitted in the event. Exceptions are made for trained livestock, and must be prearranged.
- Each animal companion is permitted to accompany up to two pets.
  - All animals in the route must be tethered to the companion at all times.
- The parade is a loud, boisterous, chaotic event. Animals are naturally emotional during such chaos, respond differently from a traditional environment, and may behave unpredictably. Consider the emotional state of your animal and ensure that your animal is adequately socialized to other

### **Parking**

Parking on the streets downtown can be difficult. Metered street parking in downtown Baltimore is not free on Saturdays, but don't rely on finding a spot proximate to the Parade route or its immediate side streets; those spaces will likely be claimed the night before. There may be parking in the pay-to-park lots around the area. Reminder: there is no parking in the staging, breakdown, and route areas for vehicles not a part of the Parade.

As with any parade, the event's starting and ending points are remote from each other; all participants should anticipate the need to transit from the Baltimore Pride area back to Downtown.

### **Entry Fees**

Baltimore Pride Parade has historically been funded by the LGBT community. The entry fees help to cover the operational costs of producing the Parade. Those who wish to make an additional contribution to help defray the cost of the Baltimore Pride Parade are encouraged to do so. Applications are not considered complete and will not be processed unless we have received all applicable entry fees. See the 2017 PARADE CONTINGENT PRICING SUMMARY for more details.

### **Piggy-backing**

Piggy-backing is defined as a group or business interest that is not on the Parade roster, or is positioned unfavorably in staging, and so joins up with another group that is already on the roster and/or is positioned more favorably. This is unfair to all the other organizations in the Parade who applied early and

consequently received better placement. The Parade Director will allow contingent groups to stage together, if desired, as long as both groups consent to move to the staging spot of the group placed further to the back of the procession. Requests to move to a location further to the front of the staging area generally will not be granted.

Your group may only represent itself as the group or groups originally listed on the application. In some cases, changes or additions to the original application will be allowed, but the final decision in these matters rests with the Parade Director. Nonbusiness and non-commercial groups may not display any signs, banners, or advertising for a business or commercial entity. This includes wearing any t-shirts, jackets or other clothing that contains logos and/or other advertising for any business or organization other than the registered group. This also includes employee groups that did not pay for a business registration. In addition, groups cannot distribute any handbills or trinkets that contain any logos or advertising for any business or organization other than the registered group. Non-business and non-commercial groups will be allowed to include one sign, no larger than 3'x5', indicating that support monies have been received from one or more business or commercial entities. Please contact us if you have any questions about this policy.

Community and non-profit groups found to be participating in advertising for a business in violation of this policy will be required to stop and remove all advertising material from the Parade route or upgrade participation to a business status by paying the appropriate registration fee on the spot before they can proceed in the Parade. Baltimore Pride reserves the right to remove any contingent from the Parade if they deem that contingent to be in violation of this rule.

Groups will be monitored in the staging area, and there will be checkpoints along the route to monitor and enforce this policy. Failure to abide by these requirements will result in your expulsion from the Parade. Final decision in these matters rests with Baltimore Pride Parade Director.

### **Instructions to Vehicle Operators**

Vehicles MAY NOT MOVE in the staging area without Parade staging staff present and coordinating the movement of the vehicle. Your vehicle will be escorted by the staff, who will provide the driver with direction on movement. As always, the vehicle operator is responsible for the safety and operation of the vehicle he or she is operating. If you feel that the direction is unclear or unsafe, STOP and clarify the instruction or safety concern. Do not move a vehicle in a manner you feel is unsafe.

### **Be Ready to Assist**

In the event of a medical emergency, please be ready to assist Baltimore Pride safety personnel with crowd control, if requested. Contingents are expected to notify a route manager, Parade volunteer, or BPD of any medical, safety, or other emergency requiring fire, police, or similar assistance.

### **PROTESTERS**

**PLEASE DO NOT ENGAGE PROTESTERS. THEY ARE EXERCISING THE SAME FREE SPEECH RIGHT THAT THE PRIDE PARADE CELEBRATES. EVENT PARTICIPANTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM CHALLENGING, HARASSING, THREATENING, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGING ANY PROTESTER. YOUR CONTINGENT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE PARADE ROUTE IF FOUND TO BE ENGAGED WITH ANY PROTESTING GROUP OR PERSON.**

**ALL PROTESTERS AND PROTEST GROUPS WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND REFERRED TO THE SEATTLE POLICE, AND THEIR ACTIVITY (AND OURS) WILL BE RECORDED.**

**Clean-Up & Trash**

In order to limit clean-up costs, each entry is required to be equipped with plastic trash bags for depositing trash and litter accumulated by the entry's participants before, during and after the Parade. Entries found in violation of this condition are subject to being assessed a portion of the clean-up costs.

**Alcohol & Illegal Substances**

No participant in the Pride Parade will be permitted to possess or consume alcohol or use illegal or controlled substances during the Parade or at any line-up, assembly or disbanding site. No individual under the influence of a prohibited substance will be allowed to drive any vehicle participating in the Pride Parade. A warning will be given to your contingent should this occur. If infractions continue after the warning has been given, your contingent will be removed from the Parade.

**Disclaimer**

The Parade Director has the right to remove any Parade participant for noncompliance with any of the rules stated herein. Baltimore Pride is absolved from any liability arising from use of floats in the Parade or any activities in association with Baltimore Pride in accordance to City, State, and Federal Laws. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances will be allowed during any portion of the Pride Parade event on June 17,2017, nor within any area covered by the Parade permit. Baltimore Pride reserves the right to remove any person(s), motorized or nonmotorized vehicle, conveyance, float, or participant(s) for any activity, including, but not limited to, those deemed unsafe to any participant or spectator, those in violation of any rules contained herein, or action or inaction that may cause any delay to the progress of the Parade.

Thank you all for being a part of Baltimore Pride Parade 2017

I have received a copy the contingent packet and understand all of its continents

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_