



# HONG KONG 2026

## 108th Lions International Convention

### Parade of Nations - Contest Procedures

#### Applications

All delegations wishing to participate in the parade, whether competing or not, must complete and submit an application. Applications can be found on the parade webpage.

**ALL COMPETITIVE units must submit an application by June 01.**

All delegation representatives must check in at the Lions International Convention Parade Office to collect the parade route map and parade ribbons.

All competitive units are judged by qualified non-Lion judges. Signs along the parade route will give notice to units as they approach the judging area.

Prizes are issued to the winning Lions' district or sub-district shown on the parade application.

Contest winners will be emailed after the conclusion of the Parade of Nations.

Cash prizes will be distributed on site at the International Convention.

For all parade inquiries, including questions regarding bands or floats/inflatables, please contact [parade@lionsclubs.org](mailto:parade@lionsclubs.org).

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**Please continue to the next page for guidelines and criteria.**



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### Parade Categories, Judging, and Prizes

#### Floats/Inflatables

Captivate the crowd with eye-catching floats and inflatables that showcase your delegation’s creativity and spirit. From simple designs to elaborate masterpieces, these visual elements contribute to creating a memorable parade experience.

#### Guidelines for Floats/Inflatables

- A photograph or line drawing of the float is required with the parade application.
- Themes must display a Lions’ objective or project, patriotic event or scenic wonders of a given locale. **Please limit it to one theme per float.**
- Persons are permitted on the float where necessary to give meaning to the float. Photo or line drawing of where persons will be positioned in and on the float are due by the application deadline.
- Delegations with a candidate for international office may display appropriate banners and symbols on their parade units in support of their candidate.
- Commercials or advertising are not permitted. Non-observance will eliminate such entries from parade participation. Vehicles used for tow must blank out all information pertaining to a private company or owner.
- Distribution of items from the float is not permitted.
- Fully decorated private cars may participate in the parade. They may be entered as competitive or non-competitive. Vehicles are not permitted on the parade route unless approved in advance by LCI and local authorities by the application deadline. Approvals are subject to regulatory guidelines from the local authorities, in consideration of the route of the parade. All drivers must possess a valid driver’s license and registration for the vehicle.
- Evidence of liability insurance is required from owners and operators of all vehicles and trailers.
- Please contact [parade@lionsclubs.org](mailto:parade@lionsclubs.org) for city requirements on float height, width, and length.

Floats/Inflatables		
<b>Prizes</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: US \$1,500		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: US \$1,000
<b>Judging</b>		
Category	Points	Criteria
Design	20	Artistic imagination, color scheme, placement of features or focal points in relation to total space used, so as to attract attention and achieve balanced harmony.
Construction	20	Materials, workmanship, lettering, etc.
Theme	20	Appropriateness of design: relation of theme to convention, Lions activities, or state of nation.
General Effect	40	Beauty, audience reaction, etc.



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### Bands

Ignite the parade with the power of music and movement. Bands create an unforgettable atmosphere with synchronized routines, inspiring melodies, and vibrant uniforms that embody the spirit of Lions. Bands are organized into the following sub-categories:

- All-State Bands
- High School Bands
- Show Bands

Bands		
<b>Groups and Prizes</b>		
<b>All-State Bands</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: US \$1,000	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: US \$800	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: US \$600
<b>High School Bands</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: US \$800	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: US \$600	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: US \$400
<b>Show Bands</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: US \$500	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: US \$400	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: US \$200
<b>Judging</b>		
Category	Points	Criteria
Marching & Maneuvering	40	Straightness across ranks and down files, interval and points distance, uniformity of cadence, precision
Music	40	Quality and selections; expression of rhythm, instrumental balance, tone, smoothness and control, richness of volume, intonation, ensemble blend
General Effect	20	Uniform, general appearance, esprit de corps, originality, entry and exit, drum major appearance and position, accuracy and precision of baton handling



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### Precision Demonstration Delegations

Enhance your delegation's presence with a dynamic precision demonstration unit. Synchronized routines featuring flags, banners, and batons create a visually stunning display that contributes to the overall parade experience.

Precision Demonstration Delegations		
<b>Prizes</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: US \$400	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: US \$300	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: US \$200
<b>Judging</b>		
Category	Points	Criteria
Marching & Maneuvering	25	In-step footwork (on twirls), variety, originality, and execution
Repertoire	25	Variety, complexity and innovation
Precision & Timing	20	Uniformity, smoothness and grace
General Effect	30	Entry and exit, showmanship, audience reaction and uniform detail

### Uniformed Marching Delegations

Create a powerful visual impact through coordinated marching and attire, representing the unity and strength of your delegation. To maintain a cohesive and professional appearance, all delegation members must wear matching attire that represents your Lions club or district. Adherence to the dress code is essential for participating in the parade and competitions.

Uniformed Marching Delegations		
<b>Prizes</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: US \$700	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: US \$500	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: US \$400
<b>Judging</b>		
Category	Points	Criteria
Costume	50	Design and originality
Marching Presentation	50	Precision and bearing, deportment and originality