

Krewe of Mustang Sallies and Ryders

Standing Rules and Guidelines

It should be understood that the Krewe of Mustang Sallies and Ryders is always in the public eye, and as such, all members (and their guests) shall conduct themselves in a manner such as to not bring discredit to the organization. Please note that the following Rules and Guidelines must be adhered to at all events and parades, including those in which a member participates as an invited guest of another krewe. Any violation of these Rules and Guidelines shall result in disciplinary action. Such action could include suspension from parades/events, probation, revocation of membership, and/or any other disciplinary consequence deemed necessary by the Disciplinary Committee and/or Board of Directors.

Conduct and General Rules

1. No member of the Krewe of Mustang Sallies and Ryders shall conduct himself or herself in any manner unbecoming of a Mustang Sallie or Ryder and/or that could reasonably bring discredit, shame, embarrassment, injury or public ridicule upon the Krewe of Mustang Sallies and Ryders. Be mindful that the public, media and parade participants have cameras, video or other recording devices, and some parades are broadcast on local television. Inappropriate conduct or evidence of such posted on social media or broadcast via local media may result in disciplinary action.
2. Members shall not, under any circumstance, engage or participate in any sort of altercation with another Krewe member, their guest, parade participants, parade crowd, or anyone else. This includes physical and verbal altercations. Belligerent behavior will not be tolerated. Should a member physically assault, threaten, or offensively touch another member, their guest, or anyone else, their membership may be immediately revoked.
3. All Krewe members shall treat others with respect. No member shall make disparaging remarks about the Krewe or its members, in person or via social media.
4. Members shall monitor their alcohol intake at all events and refrain from drinking to excess. If any member is intoxicated, it is expected that they will not drive and will obtain safe transportation (for example: ask someone else for a ride home or call a taxi).
5. Members shall not flash or expose their breasts, sexual organs, or undergarments at a parade or any other event or solicit others to do so.
6. Members shall not act in an overly promiscuous manner. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior such as having tattoos applied in inappropriate places in public, taking shots

from another in a sexual manner, dancing over-provocatively, and posing or dancing with the “fire” pole on the St. Florian float. Members are expected to respect their fellow Krewe members’ relationships with their spouses or partners.

7. Illegal drug use will not be tolerated at ANY event or parade.
8. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests at all events. If a member’s guest, spouse, or partner acts in contradiction to the Standing Rules, the member shall face disciplinary action for their guest’s behavior.
9. Members who sign up or agree to purchase event tickets, wristbands, or anything else from the Krewe shall be responsible for paying for that item, even if they do not attend the event. Such members shall not be entitled to a refund.
10. Members who sign up to be a volunteer at a Mustang Sallies event, or any other event on behalf of Mustang Sallies are expected to participate in that event.
11. Membership renewal is at the full discretion of the Board of Directors. By majority vote of the Board, any person’s membership renewal may be denied, for any or no reason.

Float / Parade Specific Rules

1. Each parade participant must sign a General Release. Further, if a member is bringing a child as a guest to the Children’s Parade, the parent of that child must sign a Release.
2. Alcohol is not permitted at the Children’s Parade. Members who are intoxicated upon arrival or are observed consuming alcohol at or during this parade will be asked to leave, and are subject to disciplinary action.
3. Only Krewe members are allowed at or on the float in the staging area and during the parade.
4. Parade participants should be familiar with members of the Board, Security and Parade Marshalls. Follow Security, Parade Marshall, and law enforcement instructions at all times. Insubordination of instructions given by any of these persons may result in disciplinary action.
5. Be aware of the location of the float at all times. The float may make sudden starts and stops and may accelerate to maintain pace with the parade. Be aware that the float driver does not have full vision of the areas surrounding the float. Do not distract the float driver. During turns along the parade route, street narrowing and wide turns by

the float can put walkers in danger of being pinned in between the float and street barricades. During sharp turns, walkers must stay either in front of or behind the float.

6. Do not walk or stand between the tow unit and the float, even while in the staging area. This is the most dangerous area of the float and may pose a risk for serious injury or death.
7. Do NOT smoke on the float or on the parade route. The float is comprised of flammable materials. During staging, stand away from the float when smoking.
8. Advise a Board Member, or Security staff member, Parade Marshall or emergency personnel immediately of any medical necessities or emergencies.
9. Do not give beads to police officers, law enforcement, security personnel, or parade officials without their express consent.
10. Do not bring large bags or suitcases to the parades. The float has limited storage space available, so use a carry-on sized bag or disposable bead bag. Lockers are available for a fee, and are recommended.
11. Float spots are available for purchase. Please be respectful of this when picking a location to set up your bead belt. Float spots are transferrable with the agreement of the purchaser and advanced notification to the Director of Parades.
12. Do not place beads on or near the light fixtures as the lights can get very hot and may melt beads or cause injury.
13. Do not throw another member's beads without their express consent.
14. While walking the parade route stay out of reach of the crowd. Excited parade watchers have been known to pull participants into the crowd.
15. Members should limit the jewelry that they wear, as there is concern that the crowd may tug on a participant's beads and real jewelry may be pulled off with it. Members should limit the personal items brought to the parade. A small purse is recommended with driver's license/ID, cash, insurance card, etc.
16. Members should have a plan for before, during and after the parades. Be mindful of the location of the end of the parade route and be prepared to gather your belongings. Stay in a group at the end of the parade, as there is safety in numbers.
17. At the end of the parade route, members should remove the beads from their neck. There are no barricades to hold the crowd back at the end of the parade.

18. Members are responsible for their personal belongings. The Krewe of Mustang Sallies and Ryders assumes no responsibility for said items. Items not removed from the float immediately after the parade will be locked up. Members will not have access to them until the following Monday.
19. Beads MUST be thrown lightly, and can only be thrown underhanded.
20. All drinks MUST be in opaque plastic containers. No glass bottles or see-thru cups.
21. Per the Official Costume Guidelines, all members must be dressed in full costume and approved by the Costume Chairperson prior to parade participation. Members not properly dressed in costume will not be permitted to walk in the parade and are expected to leave the parade immediately upon notification by a Board Member or Costume Chairperson. Questions about costumes should be addressed to the Costume Chairperson prior to parade day.
22. Before, during and after each parade, please help to maintain the cleanliness of our float by picking up some trash.
23. Our float has a bathroom available for Mustang Sallies and Ryders members. Do not urinate in public or within the public view.
24. Please help to maintain the cleanliness of our bathroom. Do not throw any foreign objects into the latrine. It is extremely costly to get these items removed and could prohibit the float from having a working bathroom. The urinal is for our male members. Please leave the seating area clean and dry for the women.

And the most important rules of all: Have fun and be safe!

***Welcome to the Krewe of Mustang Sallies and Ryders!
Happy Parading!***