2026 13th Annual Dagsboro Christmas Parade Rules

Participants agree to abide by Dagsboro Christmas Parade rules.

1. Registration will open at 5:00 P.M. Parade route numbers will be given at the registration desk Which will be located at IRHS rear parking lot. **The number assigned to your entry must be displayed on the right side of the unit,** so the announcers can identify the entry correctly.
2. **All entries must be clean and be decorated according to the holiday.**
   Entries not decorated will not be allowed to participate in the parade. The Parade Committee Reserves the right to make a final judgment if the entry does not display a holiday atmosphere.
3. Live representation of Santa on floats or vehicles is prohibited. The Town provides Santa as the finale to the parade.
4. Music is limited to Christmas carols. We welcome school bands, choirs, and Christmas carolers. Bands are encouraged to play along entire parade route, not just at the announcers stand. Choirs are encouraged to sing along parade route, too.
5. Line-up will begin at 5:30 P.M. and parade will step-off at 7:00 P.M.
6. The parade will begin at IRHS rear entrance turning right on to South Main Street then turning left on Main Street. It will continue on Main Street, turning left on Clayton Street. Entries will be directed to parking areas designed for specific groups such as antique cars, floats, marching units, etc.
7. The parade participants must abide by the ordinances, laws and regulations of the Town of Dagsboro and State of Delaware.
8. Consumption of alcoholic beverages/drugs by anyone is prohibited by law.
9. **Distribution of any form of literature, soliciting or canvassing for funds are prohibited. The only kind of item that be distributed is candy or treats.**
10. **NOTHING MAY BE THROWN FROM MOVING ENTRIES BY ORDER OF THE DAGSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Candy, treats, etc., may only be distributed by someone walking with the entry and staying close to the curb.**
11. Each equestrian unit must provide its own "scoopers" and must use them. Units without scoopers will not be allowed to participate. Any equestrian units with carriages are limited to 3.
12. All vendors must have prior authorization by the Parade Committee. The vendor application can be obtained online or by calling Town Hall at (302)732-3777.
13. **All participating units must be registered with the Parade Committee.** All entries must be received no later than December 1st , 2026.
14. **In case of inclement weather,** the following numbers will have recorded messages regarding the parade- (302)732-3777. Local radio stations will also be advised if cancellation is necessary. Also see the Town of Dagsboro's Facebook page. **There is NO rain date.**
15. Excessive noise will not be permitted. Violators may be asked to withdraw from the parade at any point.
16. **Reckless driving is expressly prohibited by order of Dagsboro Police Department. Spinning of tires and other exhibitions will result in arrest of the driver. If violator is part of a group, the entire group is disqualified. No hovercrafts permitted.**
17. All units must continue to move along the parade route. Bands may stop in front of announcer's stand for up to 3 minutes.
18. All drivers of ATV's/Golf carts must possess and provide a valid driver's license.
19. Traffic control personnel, authorized by the Dagsboro Police Department, will be visible along the parade route and must be obeyed.
20. Beginning at Swamp Road and ending at Hazzard Street, horns and sirens are prohibited to allow the announcer to be heard.
21. **Those who do not comply with these rules will be disqualified and/or removed from the parade and will not be invited back to future parades.**