

Gulf Coast Carnival Association

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MARDI GRAS PARADE PARTICIPATION RULES

- GENERAL** The Gulf Coast Carnival Association encourages your participation in the public parade. This parade makes it possible for you to join in the revelry and entertain the parade watchers. You may enter as a float or a marching group. The Association reserves the right to limit the participation (on a first-come, first-served basis) of private floats to the extent that the parade route will allow. This determination will be made by the Captain of Carnival and his appointed Parade Chairman. Only floats (flatbed truck or trailer) fully decorated will be allowed in the parade. The 2020 Parade is limited to the first 105 units.
- REGISTRATION** All participants must be registered with the office of the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, **no later than January 29, 2020.**
- LIABILITY** As consideration for participating in the parade, each entry must sign an agreement to indemnify the Gulf Coast Carnival Association and release any claim for property damages and/or bodily injuries sustained while enroute to, during and from the parade.
- INSURANCE** Each private float must show proof of liability insurance as required by the Gulf Coast Carnival Association. Medical payments coverage is encouraged.
- SMOKING** Not Permitted
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** Not Permitted
- CONDUCT** Must be in good taste - **NO** obscene pictures, gestures, language, characters etc. **This includes throws and music.** Those not adhering will be asked to disband from the parade, immediately.
- PRIZES** Floats participating in the parade will be eligible for cash prizes as follows:
- First Place: \$250
Second Place: \$150
Third Place: \$100

Judging will take place one hour prior to the parade (12pm) in the staging area. Judging will be based on theme portrayal, originality, design and beauty,

group spirit and costumes (10 points maximum for each of the four categories.) Floats with obscene or inappropriate pictures, characters, or throws will not be allowed to participate in the parade. 2020 Theme, "Carnaval du Cirque".

COSTUMES

All participants must be appropriately costumed or dressed. Participants that are in appropriate costumes or dress will be asked to leave the floats and not participate in the parading.

THROWS

Must be approved by the Captain of Carnival. No hard or sharp objects allowed! **NO obscene throws will be allowed**, especially beads.

PRIVATE FLOAT RULES

In addition to the above, all corporate or private floats must:

1. Have one approved fire extinguisher (foam or dry chemical)
2. Have a safety rail along all sides of the float
3. Have some type of restroom for sanitary and safety reasons
4. Have only the name of the *organization displayed*. Any other advertising will require a fee of \$600
5. Make some effort to adhere to the GCCA theme, which is required for participation in cash prize awards
6. Supply GCCA with the name and number of a float coordinator who will be responsible for the safe operation of the float and the conduct of its participants.
7. Submit application to GCCA no later than January 29, 2020.
8. Agree that any or all drivers will submit to a breathalyzer test if deemed necessary by the parade or public safety officials.
9. Send a representative to the **MANDATORY float rider orientation**. **January 29, 2020** at the **Donal Snyder Community Center**, Biloxi. **Doors will open at 5:30 pm, meeting beings at 6pm.**

MANAGEMENT AND ADHERENCE TO RULES

The Gulf Coast Carnival Association's parade committee and the various law enforcement officers have authority over all aspects of the parade. At their discretion, they have the absolute right to refuse participation in, or removal from, the parade of participants whether during the line-up portion or the parade itself. Failure to provide advance registration or to comply with the Rules as stated above will be considered sufficient reason for refused entry or removal from continued participation in the parade. **ALL** participants must yield to the directions of the parade committee members who work for the good of all but also do their best to keep Mardi Gras safe for all.



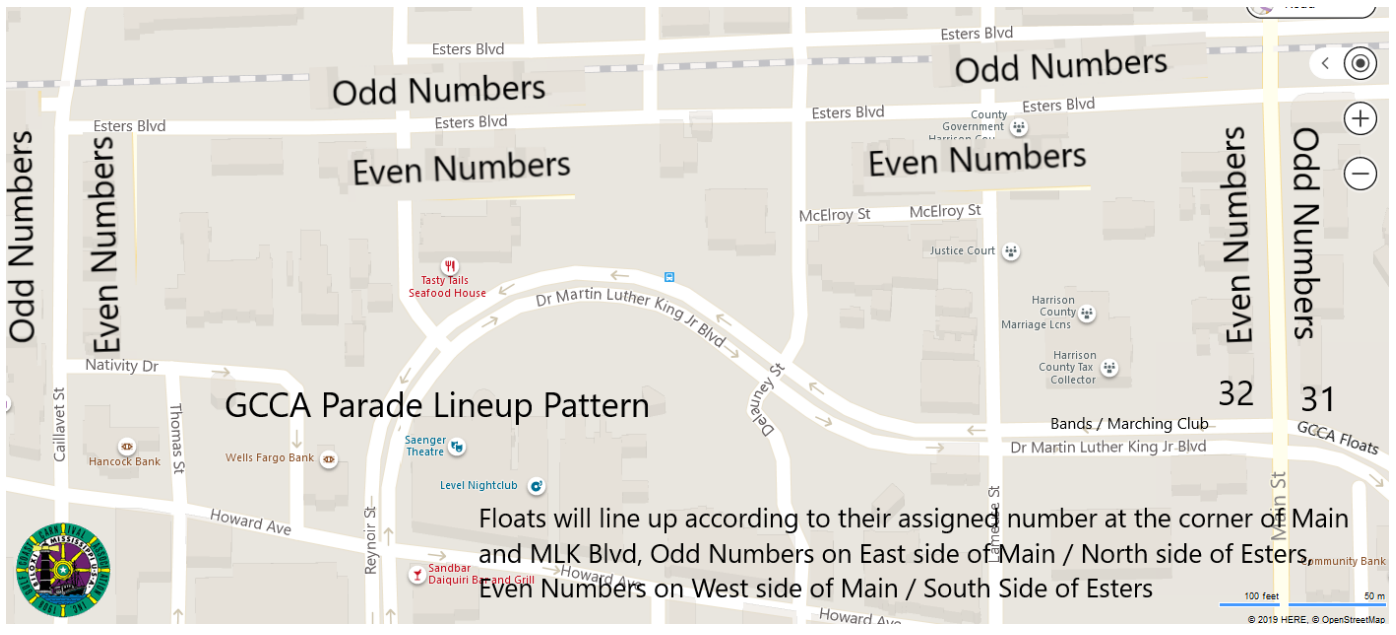
Gulf Coast Carnival Mardi Gras Parade

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - 1pm



For more Mardi Gras info, visit biloxi.ms.us

- Portable Restroom
- Handicap Accessible Restroom
- Trash Dumpster
- AMR First Aid



GCCA Parade Lineup Pattern

Floats will line up according to their assigned number at the corner of Main and MLK Blvd, Odd Numbers on East side of Main / North side of Esters, Even Numbers on West side of Main / South Side of Esters