

PRIDE PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sunday
August 9
2026

Preamble

The Fierté Montréal Pride Parade is a major public event celebrating the diversity of 2SLGBTQIA+ identities and their allies, while affirming values of respect, inclusion, safety, and collective responsibility.

The Parade takes place on Sunday, August 9, 2026.

Within this context, Fierté Montréal establishes a set of rules and conditions to ensure the smooth running of the Parade, in a spirit of respect, safety, inclusion, accessibility, and collective responsibility.

These regulations are established in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of the City of Montréal, the Province of Québec, and Canada, particularly with respect to public safety, human rights and freedoms, health and safety, and the use of public space.

→ Purpose of the Regulations

These regulations define:

- The conditions for participation and admission of groups and participants;
- The rights, responsibilities, and obligations of all parties involved;
- Safety, conduct, accessibility, and eco-responsibility standards;
- Intervention, sanction, and removal procedures.

They aim to ensure a safe, inclusive, and respectful Parade aligned with the values of Fierté Montréal. Acceptance of these regulations is a mandatory condition of participation.

→ Application

These regulations apply to all groups, organizations, collectives, associations, institutions, and entities accepted to participate in the Parade, as well as their representatives, employees, volunteers, and any person acting on their behalf.

The regulations serve as:

- A mandatory organizational framework;
- A risk prevention instrument;
- A reference tool for the application of corrective, disciplinary, or exclusion measures, where applicable.

They apply throughout the duration of the Parade, including setup and dismantling, and within the public space designated by Fierté Montréal.

Fierté Montréal reserves the right to apply these regulations in accordance with its values, mission, and applicable laws.

→ Definitions

For the purposes of these regulations, the following terms are defined as follows:

Fierté Montréal

Refers to the non-profit organization responsible for organizing the Festival Fierté Montréal and the Pride Parade.

Parade

Refers to the public event organized by Fierté Montréal as part of its annual festival, involving marching organizations and accessible to the public.

Participating Group / Organization

Refers to any legally constituted entity or recognized collective that has submitted a registration application and has been officially accepted by Fierté Montréal to participate in the Parade.

Representative

Refers to any person authorized by a participating group to act on its behalf at the Parade site.

Vehicle

Any means of transportation used in the Parade, whether motorized or not.

→ Eligibility and Acceptance of Applications

Participation in the Parade is subject to prior registration and formal acceptance by Fierté Montréal.

Applications are evaluated based on alignment with the mission, values, and objectives of Fierté Montréal, participant and public safety, compliance with applicable laws, coherence with the Parade, and the group's capacity to comply with these regulations.

Fierté Montréal may refuse or revoke participation at any time in cases of non-compliance.

→ Mandatory Information Session

Participation requires the attendance of at least one representative at the mandatory information session organized by Fierté Montréal.

The session will take place on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT).

→ Vehicle Safety

All vehicles must be approved and inspected by Fierté Montréal prior to the Parade.

Drivers are responsible for the safety of their vehicle and passengers.

Vehicles must be electric, hybrid, or biofuel-powered.

→ Conduct and Behavior

The Parade must take place in a respectful, safe, and inclusive environment.

Participants may wear minimal clothing; however, genitalia must not be visible.

Prohibited items include pyrotechnics, strobe lights, weapons, water guns, controlled substances, alcohol, drugs, or any object likely to compromise public safety.

Only members and volunteers of the registered organization may march under the banner of a C1 group. The presence of a separate entity, including a company, institutional organization, or advocacy group, within a C1 delegation, whether identified through a banner, promotional materials, or any other signage specific to that entity, constitutes participation and is therefore subject to the rules and fees of the corresponding category.

Any entity wishing to participate in the Parade must register individually under the category that applies to it.

Harassment, discrimination, intimidation, or violence is strictly prohibited.

Fierté Montreal Festival reserves the right to refuse or terminate the participation of any unregistered entity, regardless of the group with which it is marching.

→ Non-instrumentalization and consistency of commitments

Participation in the Pride Parade does not constitute, and cannot be presented as, an endorsement by Fierté Montréal of the positions, actions, or communications of any participating group.

Any public or private communication, regardless of the channel, that presents, implies, or could reasonably be interpreted as presenting a group's participation in the Parade as an endorsement by Fierté Montréal of its positions, actions, past communications, or those of its representatives constitutes an instrumentalization of Fierté Montréal. This includes, but is not limited to: presenting participation as an invitation from Fierté Montréal when it is simply registration within an open collective framework; using the name or logo of Fierté Montréal without prior written authorization; referring to participation to refute external criticism; or describing its inclusion as a stance taken by Fierté Montréal on a geopolitical or community issue.

Participation in the Parade also requires a minimum level of consistency between the values promoted by the event and the public positions or practices of the participating group. Fierté Montreal reserves the right to refuse or withdraw participation when a clear and documented discrepancy exists between these two aspects, particularly when a group's public statements or practices actively contradict the rights and dignity of 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

Any breach of these provisions, observed before, during, or after the Parade, may result in the withdrawal of the group's participation, without notice or compensation.

→ Moment of Silence

There will be a moment of silence during the Parade. We ask you to cease all music and noise at this time. This moment is dedicated to the memory of the lives we lost far too soon to AIDS, lesbophobia, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. We also take this moment to commemorate the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, children and Two-Spirit or LGBTQIA+ people. May this moment of reflection inspire and guide us in our actions. The time of the moment of silence will be confirmed at the information session in July.

→ Eco-Responsibility

Single-use materials must be limited. Distribution of promotional items or printed materials is strictly prohibited. Waste must be sorted and disposed of in designated areas. Confetti is prohibited.

→ Non-Discrimination and Harassment

Participants must comply with the non-discrimination and harassment prevention policy.

Complaints are reviewed by the team designated by Fierté Montréal, and proportionate sanctions may be applied.

[Consult the Harassment Prevention and Non-Discrimination Policy and the Complaint Handling Mechanism for Hate Speech or Discrimination](#)

→ Force Majeure and Cancellation

Fierté Montréal, its board of directors, executive direction, staff and volunteers, cannot be sued for damages or otherwise in the event of the non-respect of the guidelines contained in this guide, its entirety or in part, following a fire, a storm, a flood, a war, a rebellion, an insurrection, a riot, a civil commotion, a strike, a worker's conflict, a fuel shortage, an accident or as a result of unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure beyond Fierté Montréal's control, whether or not the causes resemble those listed above. The registration fees cannot be refunded in the aboved-mentioned cases, but registration may be postponed to the next edition subject to prior agreement before August 31, 2026.

→ Special Measures for the 2026 Edition

As part of the suspension of Category C4 for the 2026 edition, and in order to ensure consistency in the application of this decision, the display of official flags of foreign sovereign states is prohibited for all groups participating in the Pride Parade, regardless of their registration category, for this edition. This provision applies to national flags whose primary purpose is to represent a foreign sovereign state. This rule applies without exception to all countries and foreign sovereign states. Cultural, religious, identity-based, or rights advocacy movement symbols are not covered by this provision. In cases of ambiguity regarding the nature of a symbol, the decision rests with Fierté Montreal Festival.