

# PRIDE PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sunday  
August 10  
2025

## → PARADE

As the Festival's flagship event, the Pride Parade is an opportunity to celebrate advances in the rights of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and to highlight our demands. Organizations and community groups involved with 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, your participation in this celebration and march for the full recognition of the rights of people of sexual and gender diversity remains indispensable.

## → MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION

One person per contingent must mandatorily attend the virtual information session on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (ET). If, for any reason, you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. The presentation will be mainly in French, and the question period will be bilingual.

## → ECORESPONSABILITY

Fierté Montréal has set many objectives aiming to reduce residual materials and greenhouse gas emissions. The ecoresponsible measures applicable to the Parade are:

- Only electric, hybrid or biofuel vehicles are allowed to participate in the Parade.
- Fierté Montréal encourages participants to prioritize walking or active transportation.
- Fierté Montréal does not distribute water bottles to participants.
- **Any distribution of promotional objects or printed content is prohibited.**
- Each group is responsible for their own waste material before, during and after the Pride Parade. Groups must comply with the City of Montréal's waste sorting requirements.

## → VEHICLES

- **Only electric, hybrid or biofuel vehicles may take part.**
- Only vehicles participating in the Parade will be authorized in the assembly area.
- The person driving the vehicle needs to stay in close proximity with the vehicle for the duration of the waiting time in the assembly area, during the Parade and in the disassembly area.
- With the exception of motorcycles, golf carts, regular cars and SUVs, any group with a float, bus, pickup truck and truck, with or without trailer must designate four people to surround the vehicle near each wheel (front and rear axles) at all times during the Parade. For safety reasons, dolly wheels must be covered by rigid panels for a minimum of 30 cm (12 inches) from the ground (front and rear wheels of the trailer). A float that does not respect these conditions will not be allowed to participate.
- Floats must be safely constructed and operated to protect marchers and crowds.
- The maximum dimensions of any vehicle are: 14.5 meters (48 feet) long, 3 meters (10 feet) wide and 4 meters (13 feet) high from the ground. A guardrail 1.1 meters (42 inches) high must be installed on the dolly's platform if there are participants on the platform during the Parade.
- For reasons of visibility to the marchers of a contingent, the cab of a truck cannot have a bunk.
- All vehicles with electric or gasoline generators must be equipped with a chemical fire extinguisher. Generators and sound systems must be securely anchored to the vehicles carrying them.

- Vehicles must arrive at the assembly area at the specified time and place. Vehicles must be cleared for compliance and safety before they can take part in the Parade. Only vehicles complying with these instructions will be allowed to take part in the Parade.

## ————→ **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.

## ————→ **PUBLIC HEALTH**

We comply with the recommendations of the Direction régionale de santé publique. In the event of new sanitary measures applicable during the event (smog, COVID-19, mpox, etc.), an e-mail will be sent to the contact person indicated on the registration form.

## ————→ **WATER GUN, FOAM, BUBBLES AND CONFETTI**

Water guns and foam cannons are not permitted during the Parade. Personal sprays and soap bubble machines are permitted. Confetti may not be thrown on the Parade route.

## ————→ **PYROTECHNICS AND STROBOSCOPES**

All pyrotechnics, including fireworks, and strobes are prohibited during the Parade.

## ————→ **MUSIC**

In order to avoid any cacophony and to respect the desires of each individual group, we ask you to notify us at the time of registration if you plan to play music or musically animating your group.

## ————→ **NUDITY**

Light clothing is allowed, but genitals may not be visible.

## ————→ **ANIMALS**

Only animals staying in the vehicles or on the drays are permitted. No animals may walk in the Parade (with the exception of guide dogs and service animals).

## ————→ **ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

Drinking alcohol or using drugs is strictly prohibited during the Parade and in the assembly and disassembly areas.

## ————→ **HARASSMENT PREVENTION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Any person participating to the Fierté Montréal activities must act according to the following harassment prevention and nondiscrimination policy:

Fierté Montréal supports equal access and prohibits any form of harassment or discrimination regarding cultural affiliation, ethnic or national origin, beliefs, political convictions, income, sexual or romantic orientation, language, gender identity or expression, age except as provided by law, pregnancy, disability or use of a means to palliate that disability, neurodivergence, intersex status, relationship configuration, HIV/AIDS status, or having received a pardon.

Fierté Montréal is committed to providing an environment free of bullying and harassment. In a collective effort, Fierté Montréal expects everyone involved in Fierté Montréal activities to be proactive in preventing harassment and bullying. No abusive behaviour of any kind toward Fierté Montréal staff, volunteers or members, and vice versa, will be permitted. This includes verbal, physical, sexual and psychological abuse.

Fierté Montréal reserves the right to refuse any entity that does not respect the values of the organization. Any person, organization or entity that promotes hate, racism, belligerence, xenophobia, homophobia, lesbophobia, transphobia or sephobia will automatically be refused and will not be allowed to participate in Fierté Montréal activities.

## ————→ **CANCELLATION POLICY**

There will be no refund of Parade registration fees. However, if you need to cancel, we ask you to notify us as soon as possible. Your registration may be postponed to the next edition by prior arrangement with Fierté Montréal.

## ————→ **IN THE EVENT OF FORCE MAJEURE**

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 by prior arrangement with Fierté Montréal.

## ————→ **APPROVAL**

Participation in the Parade is conditional upon approval by Fierté Montréal. The submission of an online application should not be deemed as an obligation for Fierté Montréal to accept the participation request. After Fierté Montréal has analyzed the application, the participating group will be informed electronically of its acceptance to the Pride Parade.