

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2026

St. Patrick's Day Parade

GREATER NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

2026 PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Patrick Smith, coordinator@stpatricksdaysparade.org or (203)-494-0640

Written requests may be sent to:

Coordinator, Associated Irish Societies, P.O. Box 9078, New Haven, CT 06532

Stopping along the route: Stopping to perform along the route is **not permitted**, unless otherwise authorized by the Parade Coordinator prior to the parade. Any units stopping and performing in front of the reviewing stand or along the parade route without prior authorization will be automatically disqualified from the competition and forfeit contractual honorariums. Please ensure that all of your routines or performances can be executed whilst marching. There should be no participants exiting the line of march and into the crowd.

Competitive Judging: The official judges for the marching and musical competitions are independent with no affiliation to the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. Judges are located at the reviewing stand on Church Street in front of New Haven City Hall. Units are judged according to categories and will compete for a variety of awards. Award recipients are presented with a commemorative plaque during the Parade Awards Night to be held in Spring 2026. ***Be aware, in the past, judges have deducted points for lack of uniformity, excessive spacing between units, blocking spectators by handlers, and flag code violations!***

End of Parade Route: The last leg of the Parade Route concludes on Grove Street at Orange Street. Marching units are to **disperse on Elm and Orange Streets, not Church Street**. Please do not impede the flow of the parade participants by congregating on the path alongside Church Street.

Late Arrivals: All units should arrive & check in with division Marshal at their designated staging areas **no later than 12:30 P.M.** on Parade Day. If your unit arrives late for staging, your unit will be placed at the end of the parade (no exceptions).

No Candy or Giveaways: Per the order of the City of New Haven; No items such as necklaces, candy, toys or flyers are to be thrown from automobiles, trucks, floats or distributed from marchers to parade viewers. Under no circumstances should anything be thrown or handed out from a vehicle or from parade participants. This is a safety risk for parade participants as well as parade spectators. Units found to be throwing items will run the risk of disqualification and may forfeit contractual honorariums.

Signage: The presence of placards, banners or other devices including pamphlets intended to spread propaganda, political views or to embarrass any group or unit of marchers are prohibited. All commercial

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or corporate promotions or signage must have prior authorization by Parade Committee. If you want to promote your business in the parade please contact corporate@stpatricksdaysparade.org for information on our corporate sponsorship opportunities.

Alcohol: No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed or carried along the parade route, or in the staging/assembly area, by spectators or participants in the parade. The City of New Haven Police Department will enforce penalties for disorderly conduct and alcohol violations.

Parade Orders: Please read and bring copies of the parade orders for the members of your organization on parade day. For your convenience, the orders are published on the website, Parade Orders can be printed directly from the site www.stpatricksdaysparade.org, and at the link to www.paradecloud.com. Availability of the orders will commence one week prior to Sunday, March 15, 2026.

AGREEMENT: I recognize that the Parade is a family-oriented event and by submitting this application we agree to abide by the rules of conduct set forth in the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day's Parade Orders for March 15, 2026.

ON-LINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All Form Fields Are Required.

TYPE OF UNIT: Please pick category that most accurately applies to your marching unit.

UNIT REQUESTS: This section is reserved for those units that would like to submit a honorarium/appearance fee request (if applicable) or special request. Due to the policy changes with the City of New Haven regarding Police Overtime charges, we are asking all units when making a fee request to take under consideration, our governing body, the Associated Irish Societies, Inc. is a dedicated non-profit volunteer organization that depends solely on sponsorship and financial support to operate. To meet our financial requirements in 2026, we will hold firm all ex gratia payments to participating units at or below those of 2025

Honorarium Requests /Appearance Fee (if applicable): If you fail to enter an Honorarium /Appearance Fee amount we are not responsible. Please ensure that you clearly denote your requested appearance fee in the Unit Request field when applying.

UNIT DESCRIPTIONS: "What do you want an announcer to say about your unit?" The Parade Committee **does not** keep files, photos, etc. of group descriptions from previous parades. Please provide a

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current brief description/history of your unit with this application that may be used by television announcers during the News 8 WTNH broadcast. If available, please email coordinator@stpatricksdaysparade.org any photos which may be used in media releases to publicize the parade in various media outlets. Additional comments can be submitted with photos.

Mandatory Vehicle Information *Motorized Unit**

*****No Exceptions:** Owners of motorized vehicles participating in the parade are required prior to 3/1/2026 to submit a "Certificate of Insurance" with the parade application and **must** name the Associated Irish Societies, Inc. and the City of New Haven as "Additional Insured" on the specified date of March 15, 2026.

Please email the **required** Acord 25 and/or Acord 27 forms to the Coordinator [@stpatricksdaysparade.org](mailto:stpatricksdaysparade.org) with this application. Acord 25 & Acord 27 forms may be obtained from your insurance carrier. Please contact Coordinator if you have any questions!

OVERSIZED VEHICLES & FLOATS: The parade committee will strictly adhere to the following height and width restrictions: Vehicles can be no wider than 10ft and no taller than 12ft. (standard fire truck). The parade committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any float/trailer/vehicle that exceeds the stated parameters. **All floats/trailers must have side and rear railings.**

Please make sure your driver(s) can present a valid Driver's License on the day of the Parade.

PARADE APPLICATIONS: Deadline Friday, January 31, 2026. Submission of the parade application after the deadline of January 31, 2026 will be subject to a \$50.00 administration fee.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ON-LINE FORM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR OUR PARADE. WE WILL NOTIFY YOU ONCE YOU ARE CONFIRMED.

On-Line Application Form at:
<https://stpatricksdaysparade.org/apply/>