



Country Music Parade Terms and Conditions of Entry

1. Country Music Parade entrants are encouraged to walk the 1km route. This is to improve interaction and engagement between participants and parade spectators.

If a parade entry includes a vehicle there are restrictions as to the type of vehicles that are permitted. See below for these conditions.

Making Your Entry Amazing

2. As trucks and large vehicles are not permitted in the parade this removes the option to decorate a 'float'. Walking entrants will need to provide colour and decoration to provide an interesting entry into the parade. We suggest that walking entrants dress brightly or in costume or uniform. Entrants are encouraged to carry flags, banners or props that are relevant to the theme in order to make their entry as eye catching as possible.
3. In addition to costume and hand-held props, consider including items that can be decorated and pushed/pulled along the parade route. For example, a cart, bicycle, trolley or wheelbarrow.

Music & Musicians

4. All entries must have at least one country music artist walking/travelling as part of their entry, a live music performance **or** pre-recorded music playing. If your entry has walking participants only, a phone and good quality Bluetooth speaker carried by an entrant is a simple way to add music.
5. The parade coordinator can assist in allocating an artist to join you/your group in the parade. Please indicate in the Country Music Parade Entry Form if you would like an artist allocated to your entry.

Permitted Vehicles & Transport

6. No enclosed vehicles (e.g. sedan, SUV, hatchback) are permitted in the cavalcade. Convertible cars, open cabin cars (e.g. Jeep) and utilities (utes) are permitted.
7. Other than convertible cars, utes, motorbikes, motorised scooters & trikes and approved registered golf carts, no other motorized vehicles are permitted in the parade.
8. Trucks, non-convertible cars, mini-buses, coaches, motor homes are NOT eligible to enter the parade, unless permission is granted from the event organiser. First responder vehicles (Police and Fire & Rescue for example) may be permitted.
9. Bicycles are permitted. Riders must wear appropriate safety equipment including helmets. Bike riders under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

Entries with Vehicles

10. Entries that include a ute are encouraged to have a country music artist on board, either performing live music or playing the artists' pre-recorded music. The parade coordinator can assist in allocating artists to vehicle entries. Please indicate in the Country Music Parade Entry Form if you would like an artist allocated to your entry.

11. All drivers must be appropriately licensed for the type of vehicle being driven and their name recorded on the Country Music Parade Entry Form. No learner or probationary license holders will be permitted to drive vehicles in the parade.
12. NSW Police require all drivers to supply details of their drivers' license by the close of application date.
13. All vehicle owners hereby indemnify Tamworth Regional Council from any claims of any kind however occurring to participants, passengers or property whether directly or indirectly.
14. All motorised vehicles must have current Transport for NSW registration together with Compulsory Third party Insurance and have number signage (supplied by Tamworth Regional Council) displayed at the front and rear of the vehicle.
15. Motorcycles are limited to 12 per entry, and each rider is required by NSW Police to supply a scanned copy of their drivers license by the closing date for applications.

Safety

16. Each entry is required to provide a copy of current Public Liability Insurance (a minimum of \$20 million) at time of lodging the entry form. This insurance must be current at the date of the parade, 25 January 2025.
17. While travelling to and from the parade, your vehicle licence plate must be visible.
18. All electrical equipment (including leads) must be tagged and tested to comply with minimum industry standards.
19. If your entry includes musical equipment and speakers, on an approved vehicle (e.g. ute), the equipment must be safely secured to your vehicle and you must have a wet weather contingency to protect this equipment.
20. If you have any participants riding on the vehicle's tray, all sides and back of the ute tray must be in place to prohibit people from falling off. Participants must have a solid structure (such as a fixed rack or rail) to hold onto and participants must be holding onto this at all times with at least one hand. No one may board or alight the vehicle once it is in motion on the parade route. Participants must board or alight the vehicle only when it is at a complete stop.
21. Drivers must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Breath testing may occur at start and end areas.
22. Drivers must be present with their vehicle at all times.
23. You must provide Tamworth Regional Council with your driver's name, license number, mobile phone number and consent for NSW Police to perform general background checks. We work closely with NSW Police for the safety of all participants and spectators.
24. No smoking is permitted by anyone participating in the parade during the parade.
25. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted on or off floats. The parade route passes through an Alcohol-Free Zone. All participating drivers will be breath tested by NSW Police before the parade commences.
26. Each entry must have a nominated supervisor and driver. The supervisor is responsible for briefing participants to ensure the care and control of all individuals involved in the parade entry. Children must be supervised at all times.

27. Drivers are restricted to < 10km/h. They are also asked to avoid coming to a stop and/or creating excessive space between their vehicle and the entry in front of them. Each vehicle driver is to allow the distance of two standard cars.

Handing out of Items

28. Handouts, including any kinds of confectionery or food, are not permitted in the parade. Objects must not be thrown on the Parade route or handed out to audience members.

Parade Order & Marshalling

29. The parade order is an important part of this decision-making process and while consideration will be given to factors such as participants ages, abilities and other commitments, the final parade order is at the sole discretion of the Tamworth Regional Council. Entrants will be advised of their position approximately 1 week prior to the parade day.
30. On parade day, all entrants must wait in the section to which they have been assigned within the parade marshaling area. The parade marshalling area is located on Peel Street between Hill and Roderick Streets and on Kable Ave, near Peel Street. Due to road closures that will be in place for the parade, access for all entrants into the marshalling area is at Roderick Steet via Marius Street.

Media

31. The parade may be recorded for online web steam, as well as photographed from various media outlets. You and your organisation's participation in the parade constitutes permission to authorise official Tamworth Regional Council media partners to video, photograph, record and transmit the messages, signage, participants and vehicles from your parade entry. You are responsible for notifying your participants that they may be captured on film for broadcast use.

Prizes and Prize Categories

32. The following prize money is available for well decorated entries that meet the theme requirements. Prize money will not be awarded if there is no entry deemed suitably decorated or deserving of a place.

Category	First	Second	Third
Best marching band, dancing or entertainment group	\$500	\$250	\$100
Best commercial organisation or business	\$500	\$250	\$100
Best community group	\$500	\$250	\$100
Best social, hobby, special interest or school group	\$500	\$250	\$100
Best sporting group or equine entry	\$500	\$250	\$100

Equestrian Entries

33. Horses are the only animals permitted in the parade unless a written expression of interest has been made to Tamworth Regional Council for approval by the official closing date.
34. The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) requirements state that all participants have a responsibility to maintain good horse biosecurity, therefore horses that meet the following criteria are NOT permitted take part in the parade:
- i) are suspected of suffering from infectious or contagious diseases or
 - ii) have been in contact with other animals suffering from such diseases
 - iii) have been in contact with horses which are not free from infectious or contagious diseases or
 - iv) have come from places or establishments which are not free from such diseases

For further information, please read this DPI document and ensure all conditions are met, [Horse Events: NSW guidelines for organisers and competitors.](#)

35. All riders 18 years and under are to wear helmets at all times during the event.
36. Horses must be led or ridden. If being led, they must have a bit in their mouth.
37. Experienced riders and horses are only permitted in this event.
38. All horse riders and handlers must adhere to the instruction of the Parade Horse Marshall at all times.

General Terms & Conditions

39. Participants are not permitted to:
 - a) Wear or otherwise display commercial, political, religious or offensive signage or logos;
 - b) Engage in ambush marketing;
 - c) Distribute political, religious, advertising or promotional material
40. All drivers are to adhere to the Police and the event manager's instruction at all times, or will be asked to exit the parade.
41. There is no limit to musical marching bands or dancing groups. If dancing on the cavalcade route road surface, dance routines must dance in forward motion only.
42. Tamworth Regional Council accepts no responsibility for damage to vehicles participating in the parade.
43. This is a non-political event. Entries deemed to carry political messages or views will be automatically disqualified. Vehicles displaying vehicle manufacturer branding or signage more than manufacturers' badges will need to submit a photo of the proposed vehicle for pre-approval before lodging an entry.
44. Any entry on the day of the event that is considered to be inappropriate or predominately promoting a competitor of the parade or festival sponsors will be rejected (please see www.tcmf.com.au for a full list of current sponsors).
45. Any entry that breaches the 2025 Country Music Parade entry conditions will be withdrawn from proceeding in this event by the event organiser, Tamworth Regional Council.
46. Entrants may be provided with a sign with the organisation's name and/or a country music artist's name. The sign will remain the property of Tamworth Regional Council and will be collected in the dispersal area for future reuse.