



STEP UNIT & DRILL TEAM 2011 RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Each unit or team should consist of at least 12 and not more than 32 members total. All members must be at least 10 years of age.

All units must carry an identifying banner or sign. The banner or sign must be professionally produced.

All marching units must maintain forward motion. Counter marching, reverse marching and/or stopping the forward motion of the parade without specific instructions to do so is prohibited.

All performances must be in good taste compatible with the Carolinas' Carrousel's mission to enhance our community life through quality family-oriented entertainment and the promotion of academic and artistic excellence. Routines and /or expressions of a lewd, obscene nature are expressly prohibited. Likewise, actions portraying violent, abusive and/or offensive behavior are not appropriate. A [Conduct Agreement](#) form must be signed and included with Application.

Unit supervisors marching with the unit (i.e., First Aid team, etc.) must:

>Be confined to a minimum number and included in the unit's Data Sheet member count.

>**Wear coordinating attire that identifies them with their respective unit.**

>Follow parade officials' instructions as to their position of march to help ensure that the view of the unit itself is not obstructed along the entire parade route and especially in the telecast area.

PARADE AWARDS

The following prizes will be awarded to outstanding groups participating in the parade:

>\$300 to the best-performing Step/Drill Team (Rhythmic dance/movement; no band or percussion accompaniment)

>\$300 to the best-performing Step & Rhythm (Rhythmic dance/movement; percussion accompaniment, no band) or Show Band (Other bands that do not march in traditional military style)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All entrants must provide evidence of current Comprehensive General Liability Insurance including Contractual Liability (Limits of \$1,000,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined in an insurance company with a Best's rating of A or A+ is a minimum requirement). **Entries lacking insurance will not be considered.**

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

All entrants must sign and return a provided [Release and Indemnity Form](#) agreeing to indemnify Carolinas' Carrousel, Inc., its officers, directors and employees and hold them harmless with respect to all defenses that they shall be required to make in connection with any claim or action arising out of the participants' involvement with the parade and/or other festival activities.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

>Participants must be 10 years of age or older.

>Each participant must be uniformly dressed; uniforms must be neat and clean.

>Each unit or team should consist of not less than 12 or more than 32 members.

This total number is to include steppers/drillers as well as flag unit, banner carriers, percussionists, supervisors and auxiliary units.

>Each unit or team should demonstrate their ability to march in formation with straight lines, keeping in step with the music and performing in precision.

>Entire routine must not be less than 3 ½ minutes nor more than 5 minutes in length.

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS

>All applicants must include a color photograph of each uniform type worn within the group (including flag unit, banner carriers, supervisors and all auxiliary units).

>Each group must submit a video (VHS or DVD) of its routine. The video must show all equipment to be used in the parade.

>Adults that will accompany the group in their parade performance must also be included in the video.

NOTES: Participation in the Belk Carolinas' Carrousel Parade is by INVITATION ONLY. The Parade organizing committee reserves the right to limit the total number of units of all types (floats, marching bands, step units/drill teams, special units) that will be included in parade.

Step Units/Drill Teams invited to participate in the parade will be required to submit a non-refundable entry fee of \$50.00.