

Parade Rules

1. A certificate of liability insurance, \$100,000 to \$200,000 minimums should cover all tournament trucks and all types of firematic parade equipment. This certificate must be in the possession of the WNYVFA secretary ten days before the start of the convention. No exceptions allowed.
2. Line of march will be as follows: firemen, ladies auxiliary, JR/Explorers, then trucks.
3. All politicians either riding or walking must be at the end of the parade.
4. Any uniform adopted by the fire company or department or any uniform worn by a guest company will be judged as a regulation uniform.
5. All units must submit a reply card to march or they will be placed at the end of their respective divisions. All reply cards should be received back by the local committee no later than July 15th. If you show up the day of the parade and no card is back you could be put at the end of the parade.
6. All units will have the privilege of stopping for one minute to adjust before entering the judging area. If after one minute, a unit is ordered to move, it must do so or suffer a three point penalty.
7. Any unit that stops in the judging area for any unnecessary reason, including drilling, will be automatically disqualified.
8. If any unit or part of a unit drops out of the line of march within sight of the judges, except for health reasons, the unit will be disqualified from any prizes.
9. Any member, company, or association that creates any disturbance (i.e. water fighting) along the parade route, will be disqualified for one year and will not be allowed to participate in any function or activity of WNYVFA.
10. The judging area will be clearly marked, the length shall not be more than 300' and no less than 250'.
11. A drill sergeant will be permitted to march with his unit.
12. No unit will be allowed to review the judges score sheets.
13. A unit can request their score sheet by writing to the WNYVFA parade chairman within seven days after the parade. Protests must be in written form and in the possession of the WNYVFA chairman within seven days after the parade. The protest will be reviewed by the WNYVFA committee and their decision will be final.
14. Any member, company, or association not adhering to the parade rules will be disqualified and will be ineligible for any prizes or trophies at the convention where the violation occurred. Sole judgement will be vested in the WNYVFA committee. All their decisions will be final.

Demerits

5 Demerits

- Lack of American flag (or Canadian flag, Canadian units only)
- Colors out of place
- Movement in judging area that will hinder following units

3 Demerits

- Precision of movement (lines, carriage of body)
- Failure to enter judging area after the request of the starter

1 Demerit (one person only)

- Open button
- Non uniform shoes
- Talking, laughing
- Non identical uniforms
- Waving
- Turning
- Smoking
- Out of step
- Breaking rank

Less than four in color guard will not be judged.

Less than a total of 8, including color guard, will not be judged as a firemen's marching unit.

Less than a total of 6, including color guard, will not be judged as a ladies auxiliary unit.

Prize List

Best Firemen's Color Guard		1 st - \$75	2 nd - \$35
Best Non Firemen's Color Guard		1 st - \$75	2 nd - \$35
Best Baton Unit		1 st - \$75	2 nd - \$35
Best High School Band		1 st - \$300	2 nd - \$100
Best Firemen's Band		1 st - \$300	2 nd - \$100
Best Non Firemen's Senior Band		1 st - \$300	2 nd - \$100
Best Firemen's Drum Corp		1 st - \$300	2 nd - \$100
Best Non Firemen's Drum Corp		1 st - \$300	2 nd - \$100
Best Cadence (drums only)		1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
Best Cadence (drums and bells)		1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
Best continental pips		1 st - \$300	2 nd - \$100
Best Firemen's Marching Unit:			
	8 to 15	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
	16 to 25	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
	25 and over	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
Best JR/Explorer Unit		1 st - \$75	2 nd - \$35
Best Ladies Auxiliary		1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
Best Appearing Fire Truck			
	1 to 5 years	\$50	
	6 to 20 years	\$50	
Best Motorized Antique		\$75	
Best Non-Motorized Antique		\$75	

Company Coming the Furthest

\$100

Daniel J. Miller memorial trophy awarded to best overall marching unit.

ALL PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AFTER THE CONVENTION PARADE.