

# Parade Judging and Awards

## San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association

The Swallows Day Parade is one of the nation's largest "non-motorized" parades in the country. The Parade does not allow motorized vehicles or devices (generators, golf cars, scooters, etc.) in any entry. Note: medically approved electric wheelchairs are allowed.

### ENTRY FEES

Non-profit / schools: \$0	Non-commercial, 1 to 4 people: \$0
Commercial/Business: \$100.00	Non-commercial, 5 or more people: \$25.00

Commercial entries may carry the NAME ONLY of the sponsoring firm or organization. Entry fee is required with submission of the parade application. Please make check payable to **SJC Fiesta Association**.

Banners and banner carriers are the responsibility of the entrant.

### JUDGING

This is an adjudicated parade. Decisions of the Judges will be final. With the exception of equestrian units, all competitive units adjudicated by the SCSBOA must maintain a pace of 220' per minute through the competition area. **Competitive units must not stop in front of the SCSBOA adjudication stand.**

**Bands Judging** will be by the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA). Bands, Drum Majors, Auxiliary Units, Solo Majorettes, Majorettes, Percussion, and Marching Units will be judged in line of march.

**Equestrian Judging** will be by the Professional Equestrian Parade Judge with the California Show Horse Association (CSHA). **Equestrians will be pre-judged at 8:00 AM on Buchheim Field.** You must be pre-judged to qualify for an award. Pre-judging will end promptly at 10:00 AM.

### AWARD PRESENTATION

All band and equine awards will be presented at the stage in Historic Town Center Park, which is part of the Mercado. Awards presentation starts approximately 30 minutes after the end of the parade. You do not want to miss the excitement of these presentations and the thrill of the winners. You must be present to receive an award. The Fiesta Association does not mail out trophies, plaques, or buckles.

### AWARDS

**Bands:** Trophies are awarded for 1st and 2nd place in categories A, B, and C. The prestigious Swallows Sweepstakes Trophy will be awarded for the best band unit.

**Equine:** Equestrian horse drawn and hand drawn float categories will receive plaques for 1st and 2nd places. Categories marked with an asterisk (\*) will receive belt buckles for 1st place with the famed "Swallows" logo and lettering. 2nd place entries will receive plaques.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.swallowsparade.com](http://www.swallowsparade.com)

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## Parade Rules

1. **Failure to follow the instructions of Parade Officials shall be cause for disqualification.**
2. **At no time is any person or unit allowed to hand out or throw anything along the parade route. This creates a potentially dangerous situation between spectators and horses.**
3. All parade participants must be checked in by **10:00 a.m.** The Parade will start promptly at **11:00 a.m.** Late check-in will be subject to disqualification.
4. Forward motion must be maintained throughout the parade route. Entries must remain in assigned position throughout the entirety of the parade.
5. Prior to entering the lineup, the Parade Application and Liability release form must be signed by each individual participant and turned in at Check-In.
6. Band directors must have in their possession parent release liability forms. The Parade committee must approve all entries.
7. Any participant causing the delay of the parade or interfering with the orderly management of the Parade is subject to disqualification.
8. **Individuals under the influence or in possession of alcoholic** beverages and/or illegal substances are strictly **prohibited**. Violators will be removed immediately from the parade.
9. Decorations must be fireproof.
10. Balloons and noisemakers are **prohibited**.
11. Political or controversial entries are **prohibited**, as is handing out political information.
12. Participants are prohibited from discharging firearms, sirens, or creating loud noises, along the parade route.
13. All participants must be uniformed, costumed, or appropriately attired.
14. There is a limit of 50 people of each group, except for marching bands. Children will be permitted to march **ONLY** if accompanied by one adult for every 10 children.
15. The Parade Committee shall remove any animal or entry they deem unfit for the safety of the parade.
16. The Parade Committee accepts no responsibility for false statements made by applicants or entrants.
17. Distribution or throwing of merchandise or articles by any participant is **not permitted** along the parade route. This includes candy, trinkets, etc. Any such activity will result in **immediate** disqualification.
18. **Parade participants are prohibited from the use or inclusion of motorized vehicles or motorized devices (generators / golf carts / scooters, etc.). Note: medically approved electric wheelchairs are allowed.**

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The Swallows Day Parade is intended to be a day of fun and celebration. Please observe safety issues and signs when around wagons and horses. We welcome the return of our traditional groups and look forward to meeting new participants. Have a great parade day and thank you for being a part of the celebration!