

Shamrock Ratings

The Wearin' of the Green Parade's family-friendly reputation is something we are very proud of. After every parade, each unit (Krewe/float/tow vehicle/driver/walkers) is judged on rule compliance. Krewes receiving a 4 or 5 Shamrock rating have a guaranteed spot in the upcoming year parade as long as their entry is completed prior to December 31. After that date, other returning Krewes and new entries will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We strongly suggest that you make sure your riders are informed about our rules so that you can be a part of our "Hall-of-Famers."

Here is our rating method:



A float receiving a five shamrock is one where the participants and driver followed all of the directions; had walkers at all times; non-offensive music; driver obeying rules of the road plus not throwing and picked up their litter! An automatic invitation back to the next parade.



Although this float may have broken a rule, they either corrected it immediately when asked by a Parade Marshal or the offenses(s) were minor. They may have started their music too early or needed to make sure their Krewe reviewed the rules. An automatic invitation back to the next parade.



A float earning a three shamrock rating may have either bypassed the check-in; been a Krewe who threw commercial throws; played offensive music; had a poor parade driver or other major offense. Corrective action was requested.



A float earning a two shamrock rating has done two or more of the following: bypassed the check-in; been a regular float throwing commercial throws; played offensive music; had a very poor parade driver or other major offense. Corrective action was required. May not be invited back following year.



This float will not be invited back. If a Krewe earns a one shamrock rating, their behavior was either inexcusable or they have consistently had a low rating and we need to give someone new a chance.