

Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Band Leaders Association (ACCBA)



PARADE OF BANDS 2024

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND APPLICATIONS

The enclosed information describes in detail the guidelines, rules and regulations governing the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Parade of Bands. Please thoroughly read this information and complete the registration application.

The Competition and Registration is open to a maximum of 25 Carnival Masquerade Bands and Steel Orchestras that register with ACCBA for the current Carnival season. ACCBA reserves the right to refuse the participation of any band, group or individual. Any band that does not participate as an individual band (a band with its own music truck, unless otherwise approved by ACCBA) in the 2024 Atlanta Caribbean Carnival will not be allowed to register in future Atlanta Caribbean Carnival parades. Any band that has less than the minimum required as an individual band in 2024 will not be allowed to have a registered band. ACCBA has the right to add bands associated with promotion of other cultures to enhance the carnival and sponsorship.

Mas Bands that register or participate in any event that is in direct conflict with Atlanta Caribbean Carnival will not be allowed to register to participate in the 2024

Parade of Bands without approval from ACCBA members. All Mas Bands must submit a completed registration application by February 16, 2024, to be considered as a registered band.

A. Band Registration

To be eligible to participate in the Parade of Bands, each masquerade band must:

- **Be officially registered by fully completing the enclosed registration form and submitting the band registration fee no later than February 16, 2024. The below fees include Permit, Police, EMS, and Sanitation cost to manage the parade. Our parade is not free, the City of Atlanta no longer provides police at no cost to handle our parade. The registration fee are as follows:**
- **ACCBA members less than 100 masqueraders – \$600**
- **ACCBA members 200 masqueraders - \$1000**
- **ACCBA members 300 and up masqueraders - \$1500**
- **Non- ACCBA members' fee is \$1500.00.**
- **Registration late fee - \$100.00 if paid after February 16, 2024.**
- **All payments must be made payable to ACCBA and can be submitted by invoice, credit card or Zelle to treasurer.atlantacarnival@gmail.com.**
- **Each band must Portray a theme that contributes to the spirit of Carnival.**
- **Each band must be accompanied by a live music truck or a DJ.**
- **Each band must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) costumed masqueraders.**
- **Start assembling at the starting point (see parade route starting point) on Saturday, May 25th, 2024, by 9:30am no exceptions.**

Bands not properly assembled by 9:45 a.m. will be relocated. Any band not properly assembled at 10:45am will not be allowed in the parade.

- **All bands must have their truck or music vehicle and support vehicles at the parade route no earlier than 9:30 AM. Roads will be blocked off at 9:30 AM.**
- **All bands must have identifiable Band Marshal(s), one for every twenty (20) masqueraders, to ensure an orderly process along the parade route. If more than 200 masqueraders per band, you will be required to have additional security for your band.**
- **All bands will be charged \$30.00 per wristbands per masqueraders please include in your costume cost. All fees are used to assist with cost of the parade, Sanitation, EMS, and Police Officers.**

C. Masquerader Directions at the Venue

- **Law enforcement may ask bands to turn the music off if there are complaints from residents or businesses. All bands are asked to comply with law enforcement.**
- **The Band Marshals and Security officers will be required to remove all non-masqueraders out of the parade procession and direct those patrons to the entrance of the park. Trucks are not allowed to turn or park in front of the entrance, or they will be towed. All illegally parked vehicles will be towed by a Tow truck per law enforcement.**

D. Parade Route – Please go to www.atlantacarnival.org and click on parade route

Parade Assemble: 9:30am to 11:00am

Parade: 11am to 4pm – 5hrs

Parade Route: Visit www.atlantacarnival.org

- **Bandleaders and Marshals must ensure that non-costumed persons do not enter the parade unless they are clearly identified as officials assisting in the overall conduct of the parade. All non-costumed persons will be required to enter through the main gate and will be required to pay the appropriate entry fee.**
- **Bandleaders must notify Atlanta Caribbean Carnival officials of the number of armbands needed for registered masqueraders by April 26, 2024. Only persons wearing an official 2024 Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Parade of Bands armband will be allowed through the participant entrance. Security Coordinator, and Atlanta Caribbean Carnival officials will strictly enforce this policy. Atlanta Caribbean Carnival officials reserve the right to deny entry to anyone not following the rules and regulations of the organization. Any band caught selling or distributing official armbands will be disqualified and will be subject to disciplinary actions by the organization.**
- **Bandleaders and Parade Marshals agree to cooperate with the Parade Officials to ensure the unimpeded progress of the parade. Failure to do so can result in possible removal from the parade by law enforcement.**

E. Bands on the Road

- **Each band will draw for a position in the parade.**
- **The numbers drawn will be used to identify the band in the parade along with their accompanying trailer, music truck, and support vehicle.**
- **Each band will be allowed one music truck or trailer and one support vehicle.**
- **Official number placards will be distributed to all groups.**
- **The numbers drawn must be visible in the front window of all the vehicles and attached to the group's banner.**
- **Any vehicles seen in the parade that are not registered or are not displaying their official number approved by the Carnival committee will be removed by the City of Atlanta Police at the request of Atlanta Caribbean Carnival officials.**

F. Crowd Control

- **Bandleaders, Band Marshals, and Masqueraders will ensure that no one is solicited on the day of the Carnival to join the parade.**

- **Bandleaders, Band Marshals, and Masqueraders will cooperate with the Carnival officials, security, City of Atlanta Police, and any other designated official to ensure a successful parade.**
- **Spectators are not allowed to join with the Masqueraders entering the festival village. Non-costumed individuals seen among the Masqueraders, other than Marshals and Officials, will cause a Masquerade Band to be held back from entering the festival village.**
- **Bandleaders caught giving away official wristbands will be removed from the parade and A fine will be imposed to all bandleaders that violate this rule.**
- **Any bandleader not adhering to all ACCBA rules will be charged a fine of \$5,000 and will not be allowed to participate in the parade unless the fine is paid no exceptions.**



BAND REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete all information requested.

If some information is not applicable, please indicate by entering N/A.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Band _____

Contact Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

BAND INFORMATION

Number of Participants: _____

Registration Fee ACCBA member \$600.00/1000/1500: __ Date Paid: ____ / ____ / ____

Registration Late Fee \$100.00: _____ Date Paid: ____ / ____ / ____

Registration Fee Non-ACCBA member \$1500.00: _____ Date Paid: ____ / ____ / ____

**** ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE ****

Band Theme/Portrayal: _____

Sections: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____

4: _____ 5: _____

Music on the Road: DJ _____

Musicians: _____

2024 Masquerade Band Theme:

2024 Costume Descriptions:

Section 1: _____

Section 2: _____

Section 3: _____

Section 4: _____

Section 5: _____

A. General Regulations

The rules and regulations that follow will serve as a guideline to assist you in your participation in the 2024 Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Parade of the Bands.

B. Design

Floats and Music trucks will be accepted based on:

- Aesthetic quality
- Originality
- Quality of construction
- Classification for awards
- Creativity in the design

C. Sponsor's Name and Band Theme

- The float or music truck shall bear the name of the community, organization, or sponsor on the side aprons.
- All signs must be high quality and legible.
- Commercial symbols or logos are permitted to the extent that the creativity of design dominates over the promotional aspects of the symbols or logos used.
- All band themes must be submitted on the application form.

D. Dimensions

- Floats and music trucks must not exceed 20 feet in width.
- Floats must not be taller than 12 or 13 feet high
- Floats with parts that are taller than the 13 ft height requirement must be able to be lowered in a quick and efficient manner.
- Maximum float length is 55 ft.

E. Decorations

The Atlanta Caribbean Carnival requires that all floats be covered with materials that will hold up under adverse weather conditions. These materials may include:

- Natural growth, flowers, plants, grass, and moss
- Vinyl floral sheeting
- Enamel paint
- Webbing or rubberized materials

F. Symmetry

- Floats and music trucks shall be constructed and decorated so that viewing from either side are equally appealing to the eye.

G. Lettering

- Letters on the floats should not exceed 18 inches in height.
- Logo work should be uniform with lettering.

H. Riders

- Builders or float sponsors are responsible for obtaining written consent or release from every rider on their float.
- A maximum of seven (7) people, exceeding the vehicle driver, are allowed on the float or music truck except for steel bands.
- All riders, including the driver must have a safety belt or safety railing incorporated into the float and or music truck.

I. Distribution of Materials

- Samples or other materials of any kind may NOT be thrown or otherwise distributed from the float, music truck, or other vehicles on the parade route.

J. Towing and Trash Liability

- If the breakdown of your float or music truck prevents the forward movements of the parade, the vehicle will be removed from the parade route at the nearest intersection at the Masquerade Bands expense.
- Atlanta Caribbean Bandleaders Association will not pay any liability for the cost of towing units after breakdown. All incurred costs will be paid directly by the float builder, vehicle owner, sponsor, or band responsible for the group.
- Any liability for the cost of removing costumes and or float items left on the streets along the parade route will not be paid by the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Bandleaders Association. These costs will be billed directly to the float builder, vehicle owner, sponsor, or band responsible for the group.

K. Vehicle Safety

- To ensure the safety of participants and spectators, floats and music trucks are **required** to have plywood/wood covering over the wheel wells.
- Band Marshals should be positioned at the wheel when trucks/floats are on the parade route.



FLOAT/MUSIC TRUCK REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete all information requested.
If some information is not applicable, please indicate by entering N/A.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Band _____

Contact Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Number of Your Sponsor(s) _____

Band Theme/Portrayal: _____

Music on the Road: DJ _____ Musicians: _____

Please give a brief description of your 2024 float design and construction:

For Additional Information

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