

# 51st Annual St. Urho's Day – ST. URHO IN WONDERLAND

## Parade Participation Policy

### **Purpose:**

The St Urho's Day parade is a community celebration focused on togetherness, creativity, youth, culture, local pride and to maintain an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for everyone. Political campaigning or advocacy is not permitted. We encourage everyone to stay theme focused.

### **Non-Advocacy Requirement/Agreement**

The following are **not permitted** in the parade:

- Political party signage, symbols, agenda or branded materials
- **No** "Vote for/against" messages of any kind
- Issue-based advocacy (ballot issues, petitions, political causes, legislative positions)
- Clothing, banners, or handouts with political messaging
- Petition gathering or signature collection

### **Allowed Participation**

The parade encourages participation by:

- Community clubs & groups
- Local businesses
- Arts, music, and cultural organizations
- Emergency services
- Sports teams
- Historical, festive, or family-friendly displays

## Elected Officials

Elected officials may participate **only in their official, non-campaign capacity**, and without:

- Campaign staff
- Campaign signs
- Campaign clothing
- Political handouts
- **Official** capacity presence is about representing an office or government entity (mayor, chief, city council, county seats and other officeholders)
- **Campaign** capacity presence is about soliciting votes and promoting a political campaign

## Entry Review

All entries will be reviewed before the parade. The St. Urho Committee reserves the right to:

- Request changes to an entry to comply with the policy
- Remove entries from the lineup on parade day that violate the policy

## Conduct Expectations

All participants must:

- Follow volunteer and staff directions
- Maintain a family-friendly environment
- Treat other participants and attendees with respect



# 51st Annual St. Urho's Day Parade Registration Form

Group/Business/Organization Name:

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Contact Person:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Entry:

- Walking group                       Live Animals (must be pre-registered by March 1, 2026  
& leashed/contained at all times)
- Vehicle/Float
- Music/Performance
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of entry (for review):

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## Non-Advocacy Agreement

By participating in the Finland, MN St Urho's Day Parade, I agree that..

- **NO** "Vote for/against" messaging will be displayed or distributed.
- **ALL** participants in our group will follow the Parade Participation Policy.
- Parade staff reserve the right to remove or modify entries that do not comply.

I have read and agree to the Parade Participation Policy:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit signed registration form to Pamela Puskala by March 9, 2026.**

[pamelapuskala@gmail.com](mailto:pamelapuskala@gmail.com)

**Or mail to:**

St Urho Committee  
PO Box 582  
Finland, MN 55603