

Charlotte Caribbean Carnival MasBand Association



Parade of the Bands 2022

RULES, REGULATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

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

All parade participants must submit a completed registration application by April 15th, 2022 to be considered as a registered band/parade participant. Only registered Bands are allowed to participate and vote on any issues presented by the Charlotte Caribbean Carnival Association. After April 1st all registrations must include the late fee assessment. Non-MasBands i.e. marching bands, Steel Bands/ Riddim groups, majorette/dance groups etc. registration fee will be waived but must be completed by April 1st, 2022, any applications completed after this date will be subject to a late fee.

Application Fees/other fees:

1. Group 1 - MasBand: **\$300.00**
 - These groups will be entered into Band of the year judging and best truck sound competition. (25) or more costumed members.
2. Group 2 - Ineligible MasBands / Non-costumed bands / T-shirt bands: **\$150.00**
 - These groups will not be included in band of the year judging but are included in the best truck sound competition
3. Group 3 -Others i.e. marching bands, Steel Bands/ Riddim groups, majorette/dance groups etc.: **Free**
 - These groups are exempt from Application fees to be involved in the parade, and will not be judged or eligible for best truck sound.
4. Individuals: **\$50**
 - These individuals will not be included in any judging. To be considered as an individual carnival costume must be worn. No T-shirt will be allowed within this group. Individuals are not allowed to join any other MasBand on the road and will be instructed at a closer date which truck they will be assigned to. Individual masqueraders will be eligible for participation in the carnival parade and water throughout the parade route. **NO FOOD** will be provided to these members. Final registration date for this group is **10 JUN 2022.**

*****Late fee: required if registered is completed after April 1st, 2022 (applies to Groups 1, and 2): \$50*****

Please note that even though your band will not be eligible for judgement you are expected to follow the rules of the road as laid out in this agreement and park fee is required.

COMPETITION

A. Categories

- Band of the year
- Best Truck Sound of the Year

B. Eligibility

- **Band of the Year Competition**

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

- i. Be officially registered by fully completing the enclosed registration form and submitting the band registration fee no later than April 15th 2022. The registration fee are as follows: \$300.00
- ii. Must be a costumed band
- iii. Have a minimum of twenty (25) costumed masqueraders.

- iv. Start assembling at the starting point, by 11:00 a.m. Pre-judging will commence PROMPTLY at 12:00 a.m. Bands not properly assembled by 11:00 a.m. will be relocated and will have a MINIMUM of 10 points deducted. Any band not properly assembled at 11:45 will not be allowed in the parade.
 - v. All bands must have their truck or music vehicle and support vehicles at the parade route no later than 11:00 AM.
 - vi. Your Band Marshalls will be responsible for ensuring an orderly process.
 - vii. Each band is responsible for providing their own band marshals. One (1) marshal per every 15 members. All Marshals should be properly identifiable.
- **Best Truck Sound of the Year**
To be eligible for the best truck sound of the year each truck must have
 - i. DJ or Live performer
 - ii. Be officially registered by fully completing the enclosed registration form and submitting the band registration fee no later than April 15th 2022. The registered as Group 1 or 2
 - iii. Trucks must be at the start of the parade route no later than 11:00 to avoid point reduction.

C. Judging and Scoring

The judges shall decide on the points (100) to be awarded for the Masquerade Band competition using criteria detailed in this package:

- **Pre-judging is vital to us having a timely commencement of the parade.** Prejudging will commence at 1:00 p.m. Bands not properly assembled by 12:45 a.m. will be relocated and will have MINIMUM of 10 points deducted. Any band not properly assembled at 12:30 will not be allowed in the parade.
- Judging for Carnival will be done by four judges, a fifth judge who is the head judge will also score but his/her scores will only be used in the event of a tiebreaker. The judges will have to determine a clear winner for each place.
- The score to be awarded will be the aggregate points of the judges.
- The decision of the judges shall be final and binding

D. Prize Distribution - Cash prize and trophies

Prizes will be awarded using the following guidelines:

- As previously noted, in the event that there are two bands having the same total score after using the head judge's score, creating a tie for 1st place, there will be no 2nd place since Charlotte Caribbean Carnival will only pay the following prizes:
 - (Masquerade) Band of the Year - 1000.00
 - Best Sounding Truck - \$500.00
 - People's Choice – Trophy
- All prize checks will be made payable to the registered band or bandleader.
- In order to be eligible for prizes and incentives, all registered masquerade bands must complete the entire parade route on June 25, 2022. Bands must abide by all Charlotte Caribbean Carnival rules and regulations and law enforcement. Any infractions of the law or Charlotte Caribbean Carnival rules will be grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of prize money.

E. Location of the Judges (TBD)

Judging for the 2022 Charlotte Caribbean Carnival competitions will take place at the following locations:

- **Pre-judging at the start of the parade route.**
- **Final judging will be completed on the stage.**

- o Judged bands will have five (5) minutes to perform on the staging area for the judges. Non-judged bands will have three (3) minutes to perform on the staging area.
- o Bandleaders and Band Marshals agree to cooperate with the Parade Marshals to ensure the unimpeded progress of the parade. Failure to do so will result in the loss of points and possible removal from the parade by law enforcement.
- o Bandleaders and Marshals must ensure that non-costumed persons do not enter the park unless they are clearly identified as officials assisting in the overall conduct of the parade. Regarding crowd control, people may "jump up" with the band at band leader's/band security discretion after prejudging and prior to entering park without loss of points from the Judges.

F. Bands on the Road

- Each band will draw for a position in the parade upon picking up parade wristbands.
- 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 number drawn must be visible in the front window of all of 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 from the parade.
- For everyone's safety no masquerader is allowed to ride on the back or sides of the trucks.
- Truck music should be turned off once truck enters into village grounds/parking lot

G. 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, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Officers and any other designated official to ensure a successful parade.
- Non-costumed individuals seen among the Masqueraders at judging points, other than Marshals and Officials, will cause a Masquerade Band to lose points. These individuals may obstruct the view of the judges and could affect proper adjudication.
- Charlotte Caribbean Carnival officials and CMPD will be communicating with band marshals in regards to keeping masqueraders in compliance with all rules and regulations.
- **ALL SPECTATORS AND NON-COSTUMED PERSONS MUST STAY BEHIND POLICE BARRICADES AT ALL TIMES! No spectators should be pulled into the parade route at any time.**

H. **DISQUALIFICATIONS/PENALIZATIONS:** This year there will be a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR NUDITY VIOLENCE AND INDECENT EXPOSURE**. Bands will be disqualified and escorted off the parade route for nudity, violent behavior and exposure by any individual, in or out of any band. NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to comply with any of the rules stated in this document may result in removal from the Parade.

I. ***Law enforcement may ask bands to turn the music off if there are complaints from local residents or businesses. All bands are asked to comply with law enforcement. The Band Marshals 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.***

J. Parade Route

Assembly will commence between 10am-12:30pm. The official parade route for the 2022 Charlotte Caribbean Carnival (TBD)

Bandleaders must notify Charlotte Caribbean Carnival officials of the number of armbands needed for registered masqueraders by May 30, 2022. Only persons wearing an official 2022 Charlotte Caribbean Carnival Parade of Bands armband in addition to carnival costume/band associate T-shirt will be allowed through the participant entrance. Parade Marshals, and Charlotte Caribbean Carnival officials will strictly enforce this policy. Charlotte 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 from judging and will be subject to disciplinary actions by the organization. Park fee \$2/participant (armband) needed will be collected at this time.

K. Floats/Music trucks

- *Floats/trucks should not exceed a length or 55ft.*
- *A max of (10) people excluding the driver are allowed on each truck/float.*
- *All masqueraders should be at minimum 6ft away from the truck/float.*
- *All trucks/floats must turn off all music and move off the parade route once they arrive at the end of the parade route.*

L. Judging Criteria

- **Band of the Year**

Theme	Portrayal identifies clearly with the theme of presentation	10
Organization/ Visual Impact	The impression that is created as a presentation/portrayal comes into one's range of vision and the effect produced throughout the whole performance.	20
Creativity	The inventive, innovative or creative skills displayed by a designer in depicting a presentation/portrayal arising from imaginative thought or idea.	20
Craftsmanship	The skills displayed by a designer in depicting a presentation/ portrayal that is a true or genuine production of the theme that is presented.	20
Presentation	The manner in which the portrayal unfolds as it goes across the judging point and the way it is established throughout the performance.	20
Pre-Judging	The manner in which bands line up and initial costume presentation. Appropriate number of Marshals	10
	Total Points	100

- **Truck of the Year**

Originality/Truck Design	Creative and unique design or decoration of the truck which depicts or displays the theme of the group/costume design.	20
Hype Level	Hype level of members/ DJ on the truck throughout the parade route.	20
Sound	Music clarity, overall sound and crowd involvement/response to music sections	10

	Total Points	50
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Charlotte Caribbean Carnival Band Registration Form

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Please complete all requested information. If information is not applicable, please indicate this as N/A.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Band: _____

Contact Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Estimated Number of Participants: _____

Social Media (twitter, Instagram, Facebook) _____

BAND REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Date: ____/____/____ (date payment received)

Select group registration below:

- Group 1: Masband fee: **\$300**
- Group 2: Non Mas Band participants: **\$150**
- Group 3: Other groups: **Free**
- Individuals: **\$50**
- Registration late fee **\$50** (applies to all registration after April 1st, 2022 between April 15th 2022)

Payment submitted via the following option:

- Paypal:** Confirmation #: _____ Date paid ____/____/____
- CashApp:** Identifier # : _____ Date Paid ____/____/____
- Cash:** Receipt #: _____ Date Paid ____/____/____
- Money order:** Check #: _____ Date Paid ____/____/____

Payment Details: All payments should be made via Cash, PayPal, CashApp or via cashier's checks or money orders payable to **Charlotte Caribbean Carnival. NO PERSONAL CHECKS**

PayPal - charlottecaribbeancarnival@gmail.com

CashApp - [_SCCCarnival](#)

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

BAND INFORMATION

Band Theme/Portrayal: _____

Brief description of your 2022 theme:

Sections:

1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____

4: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____

Type of Music on the Road:

- DJ
- Musicians
- Marching Band
- Other: _____

****Consent: must be completed for registration to be official**

_____(initial) I agree to the rules and regulations within this application and assume all responsibility, indemnification, injury and/or violations that may occur to any members registered under the group name within this application.

_____(initial) I confirm that Charlotte Caribbean Carnival is not liable for any members participating within the group being registered within this application.

For additional information please contact: cccmassband@gmail.com

Application checklist:

- Have you filled out the application completely?
- Have you included your registration fee?
- Have you reviewed the attached Rules and Regulations?

Please sign below to acknowledge you have read, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations.

Band Representative Name (PRINT): _____

Band Representative Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Deadline: Completed Registration Forms must be received no later than April 1, 2022 to avoid a late fee!