

CITY OF DEARBORN 2017 HOMECOMING FESTIVAL RULES

2017 RULES FOR THE HOMECOMING FESTIVAL GROUNDS

1. For the three days of Homecoming, all of Ford Field Park is considered the festival grounds and shall be used for festival purposes only.
2. To provide a reasonable and accessible forum for religious and political expression and political campaigning, while maintaining an orderly and uninterrupted schedule of Homecoming activities and a free flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, all literature, DVDs, coupons, or paraphernalia (such as balloons, bumper stickers, flyers, nail files, etc.) and any type of political or religious solicitation, including signatures on petitions, shall be confined to a fixed location.
3. The fixed location for these activities for those businesses, organizations and individuals who have not paid a fee for a booth or other authorized vendor location is in a No-Fee Designated Area west of the carnival, on the grass, generally between the south picnic shelter and the covered bridge. This designated area is not to impede upon tents or booths rented by organizations with the approval of the Homecoming Committee. The location within the designated area is first-come, first-served for each group.
4. To allow maximum room within the No-Fee Designated Area, businesses, organizations or individuals distributing materials or soliciting from the designated area are not allowed to set up tables, canopies, brochure-holders, permanent or mobile shelves, briefcases on wheels, or other structures, within the designated area. Portable chairs, such as lawn chairs and camping chairs, are allowed to be set up only when occupied by a person. Empty chairs cannot be used to reserve space while unoccupied, or used to affix signs or balloons to when unoccupied. Empty chairs may be folded up and stored in the rear of the No-Fee Designated Area so that they are handy when they are needed for people to sit in, as long as storage space allows.
5. Signs must be carried and cannot be planted in the ground or attached to greenery, power poles, picnic tables or unoccupied portable chairs.
6. Members of any religious or political group are free to leave the No-Fee Designated Area to mingle in the crowds and engage in face-to-face discussions. Public speaking outside the No-Fee designated area that is designed to gather crowds is prohibited. Pedestrian and vehicle traffic shall not be impeded. No one is permitted to distribute anything of any kind or to solicit anything except from the fixed location as described above.
7. No vehicle-mounted religious or political signs shall be allowed within the Homecoming festival grounds, including the parking areas. No religious or political advertising, or advertising not authorized by the Homecoming Committee, shall be allowed on the public transportation authorized by the Homecoming Committee to travel through the Homecoming Festival grounds, including the parking areas.
8. Political candidates and religious or political supporters, commercial vendors, or nonprofit vendors, are not allowed to distribute free food products or free beverages, including water, on the Homecoming Festival grounds, including the No-Fee Designated Area and parking areas, except for sponsors authorized by the Homecoming Committee.

9. No performances, sales, demonstrations, distributions, exhibits or solicitations not authorized by the Homecoming Committee shall be permitted on the festival grounds, except as authorized in the No-Fee Designated Area.
10. Music or amplification of any kind is not allowed within the festival grounds, including the parking areas and the No-Fee Designated Area, except for activities scheduled by the Homecoming committee.
11. Only signs authorized by the Homecoming Committee shall be mounted or posted on the Homecoming Festival grounds.
12. Compressed air or helium tanks must be inspected and approved by the Fire Marshal and/or building inspector. All tanks must be appropriately secured to ensure they remain upright: chained to a post set in the ground, for example. Tanks must be safely transported from one place to another, remaining upright and off the ground (not rolled or dragged), with protective safety caps in place during transport. Prior approval is strongly recommended. Contact the Fire Marshal at (313) 943-2839.
13. No advertisements, fliers, coupons, or other such materials shall be placed on parked vehicles.
14. No animals shall be permitted in the park with the exception of service animals.
15. City ordinances prohibiting littering will be strictly enforced.
16. Group picnics are permitted in designated areas only with approval of the Homecoming Festival Field Director.
17. No persons shall engage in any conduct threatening, endangering or impairing the safety, health or comfort of others, or shall indulge in profane or indecent language, or any improper or indecent conduct, or any unduly boisterous or offensive conduct.
18. No loitering shall be permitted on the bridges or in any area where such activity would impede pedestrian or traffic flow in Ford Field Park during the three days of Homecoming.
19. With the exception of officially scheduled events, the playing of organized games such as football, softball and the like is prohibited at Ford Field during Homecoming. With the exception of scheduled and supervised activities authorized by the Homecoming Committee, no persons shall take part in the playing of games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects, such as, balls, horseshoes, kites or model airplanes at Ford Field during the Homecoming festival.
20. With the exception of approved Homecoming food operations, cooking and other fires are not permitted in the park during the Festival.
21. No roller blades, skate boards or riding of bicycles shall be permitted in Ford Field Park during the three days of Homecoming. Bicycles may be walked to designated bike storage areas on the festival grounds.
22. Chairs may be saved after 5 p.m. in front of the Main Stage. A person must be present to save the chairs. One person may save up to four chairs.

23. Space on the hill can be saved after 8 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday. Blankets must be 8 feet by 8 feet or less. All blankets must be removed after the fireworks each night. Stakes are not permitted.
24. No unauthorized sales or solicitations shall be permitted within 100 feet of any entrance to Ford Field Park during the three days of Homecoming.
25. Violators of these rules will be escorted from the festival grounds and prosecuted, if necessary.