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ANTIGUA & BARBUDA FESTIVALS COMMISSION
MAS BAND REGISTRATION FORM:
(To be completed in duplicate)

NAME OF MAS BAND: _____

NAME OF BAND LEADER; _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHYSICAL LOCATION OF MAS HOUSE: _____

NAME ON ELECTRICITY FOR MAS HOUSE: _____

ELECTRICITY NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS; _____

CONTACT NUMBERS: _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ (C)

THEME OF MAS; _____

DESIGNER OF THE MAS; _____

BUILDER OF MAS; _____

CATEGORIES THEME:

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| 1. HISTORICAL | ---- | 4. ORIGINAL FANTASY: | ---- |
| 2. CULTURAL | ---- | 5. TRADITIONAL | ---- |
| 3. TOPICAL FANTASY | ---- | 6. ADVERTISING | ---- |

TYPE OF BAND:

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| 1. MINI BAND (10 – 74) | ---- | 3. MEDIUM BAND (125 – 350) | ---- |
| 2. SMALL BAND (75 – 124) | ---- | 5. LARGE BAND (351 +) | ---- |
| 5. MARCHING BAND/CHEERLEADERS | ---- | | |

I HEREBY ATTEST AND DECLARE:

- 1. THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND I AM TO PROMPTLY SUBMIT SATISFACTORY PROOFS OF THE ABOVE.**
- 2. THAT I HAVE NOT ENTERED INTO ANY AGREEMENT THAT PROHIBITS MY MAS BAND FROM SUCCESSFULLY MAKING THIS APPLICATION.**
- 3. FOR THE GENERAL SAFETY OF REVELERS AND SPECTATORS, BAND LEADERS, THEIR ROAD PARADE CREWS MUST COMPLY WITH ANY INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY OFFICIAL ABFC MARSHALLS AND THE POLICE. THE POLICE COMMAND, THE DEFENSE FORCE COMMAND AND ABFC ROAD PARADE COMMANDER ARE THE FINAL AUTHORITY AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE/ HAVE ARRESTED ANYONE IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RULES.**
- 4. I HAVE READ AND AGREED TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE MAS RULES & REGULATIONS**
- 5. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ANTIGUA & BARBUDA FESTIVALS COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE MY APPLICATION AND THAT ANY FALSE OR MISREPRESENTATION I HAVE MADE IS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR MY DISQUALIFICATION FROM THIS COMPETITION.**

SIGNATURE OF GROUP LEADER/MANAGER

DD / MO / YR
DATE:

BELOW FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY -----

RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF ABFC: _____
SIGNATURE

DD / MO / YR
DATE

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR COMFORT

Welcome to Antigua and Barbuda's National Festival hot spots, fetes, main stages and road activities held mainly in the public domain of the city of St. John's and surrounding road circuits; with targeted hot spots island wide leading up to the week each event production.

Antigua and Barbuda National Festival activities are open to all private, corporate, big and small businesses for creating, executing and participation. They encompass many pre-during-post private fetes and hot spots however the major week of Carnival encompass - Carnival Opening Parade; Carnival Monday - J'ouvert and Tee Shirt Mas; Carnival Tuesday - Costume Bands, Winners of competitions, Individuals, and Floats segueing in to Las Lap; and Beach 'thank you' Sunday bash.

Antigua's Carnival is coordinated for the executive producers The Government of Antigua and Barbuda through Antigua and Barbuda Festival Commission (ABFC) and the Ministry of Culture, Sport and National Festivals.

ABFC with support services from the executive producers' Government Ministries and Departments KINDLY ask ALL business fetes, hot spot fetes, road fetes and road parade participants to adhere to the rules and regulations listed below for your own **HEALTH, SAFETY and COMFORT**

1. **Registration** – ALL groups, troupes, floats, animals and service providers must register at ABFC Office to be allowed to participate on and in any road parade activities.
2. **Sponsors and Logos** - We ask that all road parade groups, troupes and floats adhere to the official KEY sponsors of Carnival listed. All other sponsors are allowed minimal branding rights (To be determined and agreed upon by ABFC). No political signs/logos
3. **All Mas Bands, Tee shirt bands and J'ouvert bands** – Sale of alcohol requires a liquor license. This is obtained by purchasing a \$100.00 stamp at the post office and then going to Police Headquarters to obtain same. Please display prominently in mobile bar area.
4. **All participants, in consideration of participation in this event, agree to: Indemnify, hold harmless and release the ABFC and the St. John's Development Corporation or any related agents, volunteers and employees, from any and all liability for any injury or damage which may arise out of or in any way be connected with participation in any of Antigua's Carnival road parades activities. Please make certain all your service providers have personal and vehicle insurance liability.**
5. **Maintain adequate space** as dictated by road parade marshals and security - All groups, troupes, floats and music trucks.
6. **Entries with children under 18** must have parents / group, troupe / float road parade committee chaperones walking alongside who provide supervision.
7. **Cultural Musical Bands, and groups affiliated** E.G. cheer leaders, precision marching units, drill teams, flag wavers etc. must also have marshals attached for supervision.
8. **Entries using sound amplification** for musical purposes and for addressing the audience—no indecent language/no speeches/no political campaigning.

9. **Road Parades** are family events, so offensive language; offensive song lyrics; offensive clothing or gestures are strongly discouraged.
10. **Volume of amplified music** must be at a reasonable level. Children and adults are discouraged from sitting directly behind speaker boxes on trucks as it will damage their ear drums.
11. **Trucks / Container wheels** - All vehicles participating on the road are required to have their wheels + sides of the trucks covered with wood or fencing material 12 inches from the ground. Please see graphic description for reference. All vehicles **MUST** be checked pre-event start time.
12. **Floats should not exceed 8 -10 feet in height** – it becomes unsafe and unstable and a liability risk to personnel on it and on the ground
13. **Speakers and musical equipment** should not exceed 8-10ft in height – Ensure they are strapped securely to the vehicles carrying them. No personnel standing / sitting or unsecured on top of rig / speakers. It becomes unsafe and unstable and a liability risk to personnel on it and on the ground
14. **Revelers security rope system** - All bands over 100 people must use the rope system to contain their patrons. Bands using the roping system please ensure that the rope is $\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick and should be mounted at the back of the truck and not around the truck. Ensure ropes are heavily monitored by your SAFETY men at work.
15. **No glass bottles** - All bands on the parades are to dispense all drinks in plastic cups; ensure this pouring from bottle to plastic cup happens on the route and upon groups' arrival backstage Carnival City.
16. **Don't drink and drive** - **All drivers of vehicles within the parade should not be drinking alcoholic beverages; if caught may be removed from the parade by Traffic Police if seen to be a hazard to life and limb. The ABFC Road Parade Committee, St. John's Development Corporation or any related agents, marshals, men at work, volunteers and employees, will not be held responsible for any liability or any injury or damage which may arise out of or in any way be connected with drivers not adhering this safety rule.**
17. **Animals** - Entries involving animals of any kind must provide their own clean-up, and/or have their animals in "diapers", have dogs on leashes and be kept under control specifically by their professionally trained and certified owners. **ONLY** animals with a certified vet certificate of health and training specific to their function will be considered for road parade.
18. **Road Parade Route** – Will be posted and disseminated by ABFC. The judging and staging areas are positioned at various locations specified and agreed to as determined by the ABFC and the Antigua and Barbuda Police Force.
19. **ALL road parade bands, winners, and floats** - Are expected to perform along the ENTIRE PARADE ROUTE as agreed to from the ABFC and the Antigua and Barbuda Police Force.
20. **Judging areas** - All groups must pass the judging points and should continue past the point of being in front of area designated by ABFC Parade Committee, men at work and supported by health, safety and security grouping.

21. **During road parade** - Please ensure you do not block Carnival City ENTRANCES and EXITS. Any designated emergency roads in the city along the route.
22. **Ensure ALL BIG rigs/ containers/ mobile service provider trucks continue beyond the entrances to your designated containment area on Old Parham Road after Coronation Street once your grouping has entered Carnival City to cross main stage for final judging. Please ensure all vehicles ONLY park on the left hand side (Melbourne House, Global Bank, Community First Corporative Credit Union etc.) facing out of town. Failure to comply will result in traffic police escorting you off any other road and away from the parade route and your group for safe containment.**
23. **Public defacement of property and spectators** - Mud or paint “mas” and the spraying of any form of liquid on spectators is not allowed. Anyone in violation of this rule will be requested to leave the band by a Marshall or the police.
24. **Bands Parade Marshalls** – All registered bands are required to have a head marshal and group marshals:
 - a. The role of the Marshall is to assist with the control of their band, ensuring that the parade rues are not violated.
 - b. All band Marshalls must wear a t-shirt that identifies them as such
 - c. **All registered band marshals and ABFC marshal must attend the mandatory Head Marshall and Road Parade Commander meeting on *(July 18-20 one week before Opening Parade)***
Please see categories for size of band to coordination:
 - i. **Small Band (75 -124) 1 head marshal and 4 others**
 - ii. **Medium Band(125 -350) 1 head marshal and 6 others**
 - iii. **Large Band (351 +) 1 head marshal and 10 others**
 - iv. **Extra Large (750 and over 1 head marshal 10 others per 750 grouping**
25. **Pre assembling** - All Mas camps, groups, troupes, and floats must have a designated vehicular holding area which does not conflict with the official route
26. **Pre Assembly line up** – All registered parade vehicles must assemble at starting point on time. Vehicles arriving after this time WILL lose their position and be placed at rear of the parade.
27. **Band Banners** – For easy identification all troupes, groups, floats are required to have a main banner and segment banners that clearly identify their group.

Thank you for carefully reading and we wish you and your group a Safe and Fun filled time!
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