

WEST IRON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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UPPER PENINSULA FIRE FIGHTERS TOURNAMENT



2024

129th ANNIVERSARY

Upper Peninsula Volunteer Firefighters Association



New Membership



This year the West Iron County Fire Department is hosting the 129th annual Upper Peninsula Firefighters Association Convention, on behalf of the Upper Peninsula Volunteer Firefighters Association.

We welcome all fire departments from the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin to come join the association and participate in this long-standing event.

Any organized fire department in any city, village, or township of the Upper Peninsula or of Wisconsin is welcome to become members of the association.

The following costs are associated with joining and participating in the association.

Entrance Fee \$10.00

Association yearly dues per department \$45.00

Members assessment fee per member \$2.00

If your department is interested in joining please contact Association at:

Brad Burke

Secretary U.P.V.F.A

402 Wilson Ave

Iron River, MI 49935

Phone: 906-284-2140

Email: Upvfa.sec@gmail.com

129th ANNUAL UPPER PENINSULA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY: WEST IRON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Department Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please complete this form and pay your Association Dues (\$45 per department plus the special assessment of **\$2** per member). The Association Secretary must have this form as well as payment no later than **May 15th, 2024**. Please make checks payable to the **Upper Peninsula Firefighters Association** at the address listed below.

Department Roster

Race team roster team captain/ chief (delegates alternates): _____

Special assessment- number of members: _____ @ \$2= \$ _____

Association Dues = \$45

Total amount sent to the Association: \$ _____

Please email you **DEPARTMENT PICTURES BY MAY 1st, 2024**, to: Westiron.sec@gmail.com

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Brad Burke
402 Wilson Ave
Iron River, MI 49935

129th Upper Peninsula Volunteer Firefighters Association Tournament

Hosted by:
West Iron County Fire Department
640 N 9th Ave
Iron River, MI 49935

The West Iron County Fire Department is proud to welcome everyone to Iron River for the upcoming 129th Annual Upper Peninsula Volunteer Firefighters Tournament. We hope you will find the enclosed information helpful in making your tournament enjoyable.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact any of the following members:

David Thomas (906) 284-0206
Darren Ghiotto (906) 284-2479

Or e-mail questions to: westiron.sec@gmail.com

Please submit the following items to the address above by **May 1st, 2024**:

- Updated department picture
- Tournament book advertising
- Photo copy of department roster

We look forward to seeing you all in July!

West Iron County Fire Department

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR
INFORMATION**

**IF YOUR DEPARTMENT
HAS ONE OF THE
TRAVELING TROPHIES,
PLEASE BRING IT WITH
YOU TO TOURNAMENTS**



We are excited to host the 129th Annual Upper Peninsula Volunteer Firefighters Tournament! We wanted to extend a personal invitation for you to participate in this year's event.

Rules have changed so more fire departments can be involved, especially smaller departments. Even if you wanted to participate just in certain events please show up and be a part of this great event. So, if you have never participated in

or it's been a while since you've been involved in a tournament, please consider coming to this one. All of us at West Iron County Fire Department are working hard to make sure this will be a fun event for everyone involved! If you have any questions about how you can get involved in this event, please email us at westiron.sec@gmail.com and we will answer any questions you might have. We are excited to see you in beautiful Iron River, MI for the 129th Annual Upper Peninsula Volunteer Firefighters Tournament!

Sincerely,

Darren Ghiotto, Tournament Chair

David Thomas, Tournament Chair

Ryan Morgan, Tournament Secretary

129th Upper Peninsula Volunteer Firefighters Association Tournament

Hosted by the West Iron County Fire Department

Theme: Forged In Iron

Dates: July 26th – July 28th

Contacts: David Thomas (906) 284-0206
 Darren Ghiotto (906) 284-2479

Schedule

Friday July 26th

- Registration - 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CDT)
 - Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall
- Chief's Meeting – 10:00 AM (CDT)
 - Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall
- Credentials Meeting - 11:00 AM (CDT)
 - Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall
- U.P.V.F.A Meeting – 11:30 AM (CDT)
 - Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall
- Race Captain Meeting – Immediately following the U.P.V.F.A Meeting
 - Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall
- Dress Parade – 6:00 PM (CDT)
 - Line up starts at the intersection of North 8th Avenue and West Genesee St
 - Judges Station will be located on the south side of the intersection of W Genesee St and N 2nd Ave
- Street Dance - 7:30 PM (CDT)
 - Located in front of the VFW
- Shirt Tail Parade – 9:00 PM (CDT)
 - Staging to take place at The Armory (9 W Franklin St)
 - Judges Station will be at the same location

Saturday July 27th

- Breakfast provided by the Legion – Open from *will be announced closer to tournament* (CDT)
- Team Captain's Meeting – 9:00 AM (CDT)
 - Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall
- Races – 10:00 AM (CDT)
 - Located on W Genesee St near the Iron River City Hall
 - Races will start near the hydrant located in front of City Hall and make their way w/b towards N 2nd Ave
 - Judges Station will be located on the side of W Genesee St
- Fireman's Ball/Awards Ceremony 7:00 PM (CDT)
 - Located inside The Armory
 - Ball begins at 7:00 PM with the Awards Ceremony starting at 9:00 PM

Sunday July 28th

- Commercial Parade – 9:00 AM (CDT)
 - Staging to take place at West Iron High School parking lot.
 - Judges Station also the same as the other parades.
- Overall Ceremony Winner – Immediately following the completion of the Commercial Parade
 - Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall

Local Accommodations

Hotels/Motels/Cabins/Resorts

City of Iron River

- Americinn
- Lakeshore Motel

City of Crystal Falls

- Bigfoot Hideaway

Crystal Falls Township

- Michi-Aho Resort
- Paint River Landing
- Crystal Waters Resort

Bates Township

- Sunset Lake Cabins

Stambaugh Township

- Ski Brule
- Chicaugon Lake Inn

Amasa

- Tall Pines Hotel

Mansfield Township

- Way Dam Resort
- Timberlane Resort

Campgrounds

- Bewabic State Park - Crystal Falls Township-
- Camp Christine - Mastodon Township
- Dawson Lake Park - Mansfield Township
- Deer Lake Campground - Crystal Falls Township
- Gibson Lake Campground- Crystal Falls Township
- Glidden Lake Campground - Mastodon Township
- Golden Lake Campground - Stambaugh Township
- Imp Lake Campground - Watersmeet Township
- Klint Stafford Memorial RV Park - City of Iron River
- Lake Ottawa Campground - Stambaugh Township
- Lake Ste. Kathryn Campground - Bates Township
- Norway Lake Campground- Bates Township
- Paint River Blockhouse- Bates Township
- Paint River Forks Campground - Iron River Township
- Paint River Hills Campground - City of Crystal Falls
- Pentoga Park Campground - Stambaugh Township
- Perch Lake Campground - Bates Township
- Runkle Lake Campground - City of Crystal Falls
- Sunset Lake Campground - Bates Township
- Tepee Lake Campground - Kenton
- Wilderness Shores (WE Energy) - Mansfield Township

Restaurants

City of Iron River

- Alice's Supper Club
- American Legion Post 21
- Bumps Burgers
- Contrast Coffee
- Delightful Desserts & More
- Kermit's Pizza, Pub, and Grill
- Main Street Café
- McDonald's
- Mr. T's
- Outer Limits Bar & Grill
- The Pasty Corner
- River North Bar & Grill
- Riverside Bar & Pizzeria
- Scott's Subs and Pizza
- Subway
- The Stand
- VFW Ottawa Post #3134

Iron River Township

- Wooden Nickel Bar & Grill

Amasa

- Amasa Sawblade
- Horseshoe Bar
- Tall Pines of Amasa

Stambaugh Township

- Snipe Lake Pub & Grill
- Brule Café and Saloon

City of Crystal Falls

- Buddha Bean Coffee Co.
- Chung's Bar & Grill
- Crystal Lanes
- Curious Pig Restaurant and Catering
- Firebrick Bar & Grill
- New Leaf
- Infield Bar and Pizza
- Logan's Place
- Raven's Nest
- Subway
- Tasty Rex Bakery
- Tufts Rondon VFW Post #2891

Bates Township

- Seven Embers Coffee Shop

Mansfield Township

- Way Dam Resort

Tipler, WI

- Sach's Rendezvous

Alpha

- Alpha Brewing Company

Caspian

- Cozee Bar
- Fuzz & Schmoo's Bar & Grill

129th U.P.V.F.A. Firefighter Tournament Race Rules

1. Five Firefighter Ladder Race

- To begin the race, all five racers must be seated on chair with their backs against their seat.
- At the signal from the starter, they may immediately begin dressing into their gear.
- Racers must be completely dressed before crossing the start line.
- Four racers must have a hand on the ladder before it can be advanced.
- Four racers will secure the ladder at a safe angle while the fifth racer will climb the ladder, touching every rung with a hand or foot.
- Time will end when the top rung has been touched.

2. Four Firefighter Dress Relay

- To begin the race, all four racers must be seated on a chair with their backs against their seat.
- At the signal from the starter, both racers will dress completely before crossing the starting line.
- The racers must run down and tag their partner who is seated in an undressed position. The seated partner may not move until tagged by the beginning racer.
- The partners that have been tagged will then dress and run to the starting line.
- The partners must then undress from their gear and take a seat in the starting chair. Time will end once both partners have taken a seat.

3. Five Firefighter Coupling Race

- To begin the race, all five racers must be seated on chair with their backs against their seat.
- At the signal from the starter, they may immediately begin dressing into their gear.
- Racers must be completely dressed before crossing the start line.
- Three lengths of hose will be laid out.
- One racer will connect hose length 1 to the hydrant.
- Another racer will connect hose lengths 1 and 2.
- Another racer will connect hose lengths 2 and 3.
- A fourth racer will connect the nozzle to the end of hose length 3.

- The fifth racer will act as a safetyman with the nozzle man. The safetyman is required to be before water is coming out of the nozzle.
- Time will end when the target is moved out of the circle.

4. Five Firefighter Interchange Race

- To begin the race, all five racers must be seated on chair with their backs against their seat.
- At the signal from the starter, they may immediately begin dressing into their gear.
- Racers must be completely dressed before crossing the start line.
- Three lengths of hose will be laid out with the fourth length of hose lying alongside the third hose.
- A racer will connect hose length 1 to the hydrant.
- Another racer will connect hose lengths 1 & 2.
- Another racer will connect hose lengths 2 & 3.
- Another racer will connect the nozzle to the end of hose length 3.
- Another racer will be a safety man at the nozzle before water leaves the nozzle.
- The nozzle racer must push the target out of the circle. At that time, the hose will be clamped off then hose lengths 2 & 3 must be disconnected.
- Hose lengths 2 & 4 must then be attached and hose length 4 must also be attached to the nozzle.
- Once completely reconnected, the nozzle man must move the second target out of the circle. A safety man is required to be at the nozzle with the nozzle man before water comes out.
- Time will end when the second target is moved out of the circle.

5. Mystery Race

- The U.P. Association will approve rules of the Mystery Race Saturday morning after all other races have been completed. Rules of the Mystery Race will be revealed prior to the start of the Mystery Race.

Parades

See attached maps at the back of the packet for each parade.

Dress Parade

Staging Area

- Intersection of W Genesee St and N 8th Ave.

Route

- Start at the intersection of W Genesee St and N 8th Ave.
- March east on W Genesee St
- Finish line will be located near the Klint Safford Memorial RV Park.

Shirttail Parade

Staging Area

- Staging will take place at The Armory (9 W Franklin St)

Route

- Start at The Armory and turn left out of the parking lot.
- Proceed west on W Franklin St
- Turn left onto N 4th Ave. and continue south to W Genesee St
- Turn left onto W Genesee St and continue east
- Finish line will be located on N River Ave.

Commercial Parade

Staging Area

- Staging will take place at West Iron High School (700 Washington Ave)

Route

- Start at The West Iron High School and turn left out of the parking lot.
- Proceed north on east on Washington Ave
- Follow the road curving to the left then right and continuing north on Washington Ave.
- Continue north onto Lay Ave
- Turn left onto E Genesee St and continue east
- Finish line will be located on N 8th Ave

Cash Prize Raffle Tickets

This year's Raffle Prize is various levels of cash prizes. Tickets are \$20 per ticket and can be individually purchased up to time of drawing at 9:00 PM (CDT) during the Firefighter's Ball. There is no limit of tickets available for purchase by an individual, however this is a limit on the total amount of tickets available for this raffle. If departments are interested in purchasing tickets for members, please mail a check for the total price of tickets desired with "raffle" listed in the memo, and the corresponding number of tickets will be set aside to be picked up on Friday during registration.

Event Program

As we prepare for the 129th Annual U.P. Firefighters Tournament, we are asking each department to submit a department photograph to be placed in the event program. We respectfully request departments only submit 1 department photograph rather than individual photographs of each department member. Additionally, listed below are the prices for departments or business interested in purchasing an optional ad spot in the program. Department photos with captions and ad images/graphics can either be mailed to the address at the bottom of the page with payment or emailed to: westiron.sec@gmail.com. Please have photos and ad orders turned in no later than May 1st, 2024.

Ad Options

Please select and return this portion with payment

1/8 Page B&W (\$50)

1/4 Page B&W (\$75)

1/2 Page B&W (125)

Full Page B&W (\$200)

Full Page Color (\$350)

Department/Business: _____

Image/Graphic: Included Emailed

Submit all questions and as material to:
westiron.sec@gmail.com

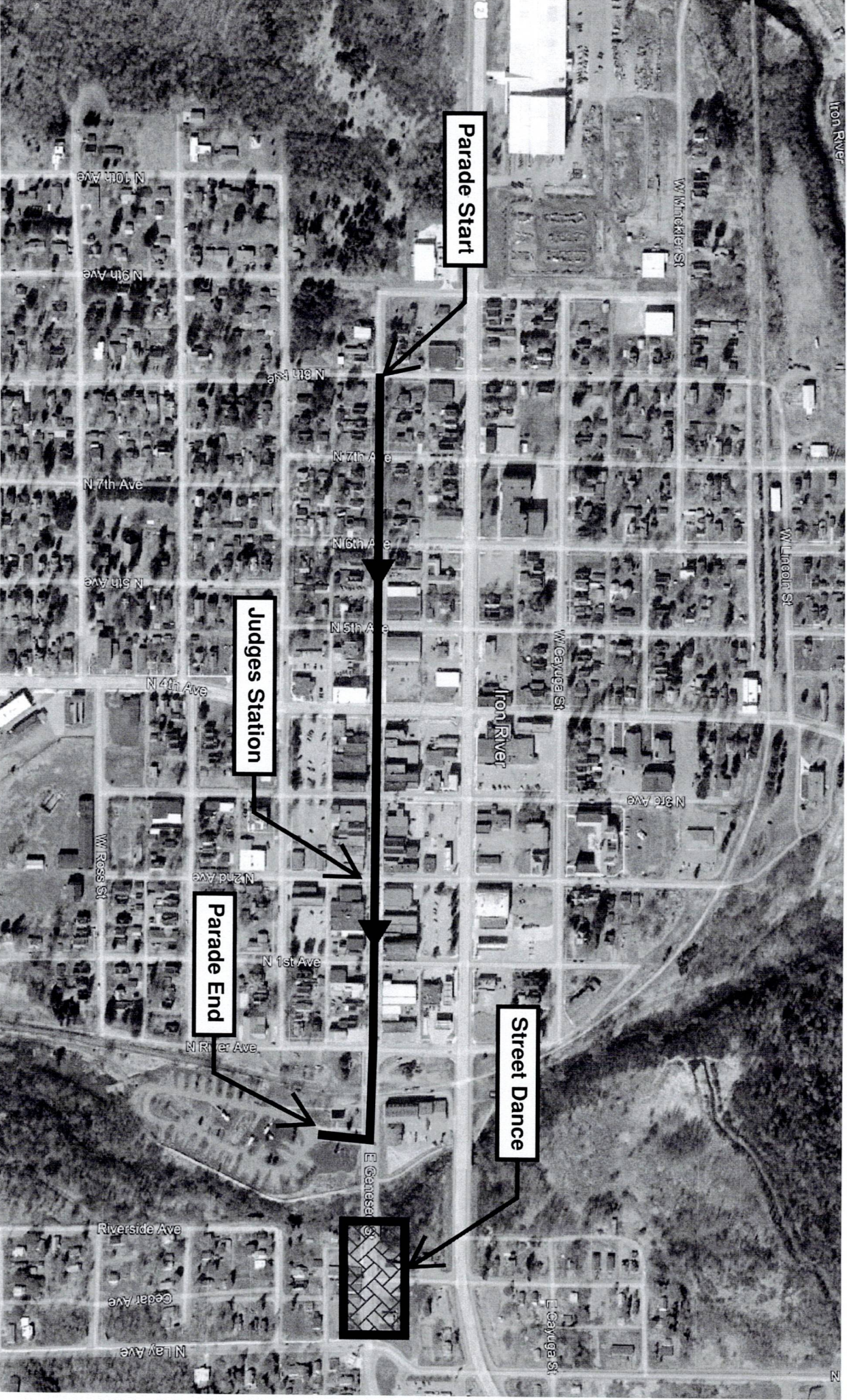
Please make checks payable to:
West Iron County Fire Department

Dress Parade - All Times are in Central

5:00pm - Line up starts at North 8th Ave and West Genesee St.

6:00pm - Parade starts at N 8th Ave and continues down W Genesee St until the RV park

After Parade - Street Dance to follow at VFW Ottawa Post 3134



Shirrtail Parade - All Times are in Central
8:00pm - Line-up and Parade Staging to take place at The Armory (9 W Franklin St)
9:00pm - Parade Start; Parade route to start by going west down W Franklin St then turning left onto N 4th Ave, left onto E Genesee St, then ending at the N River Ave intersection.



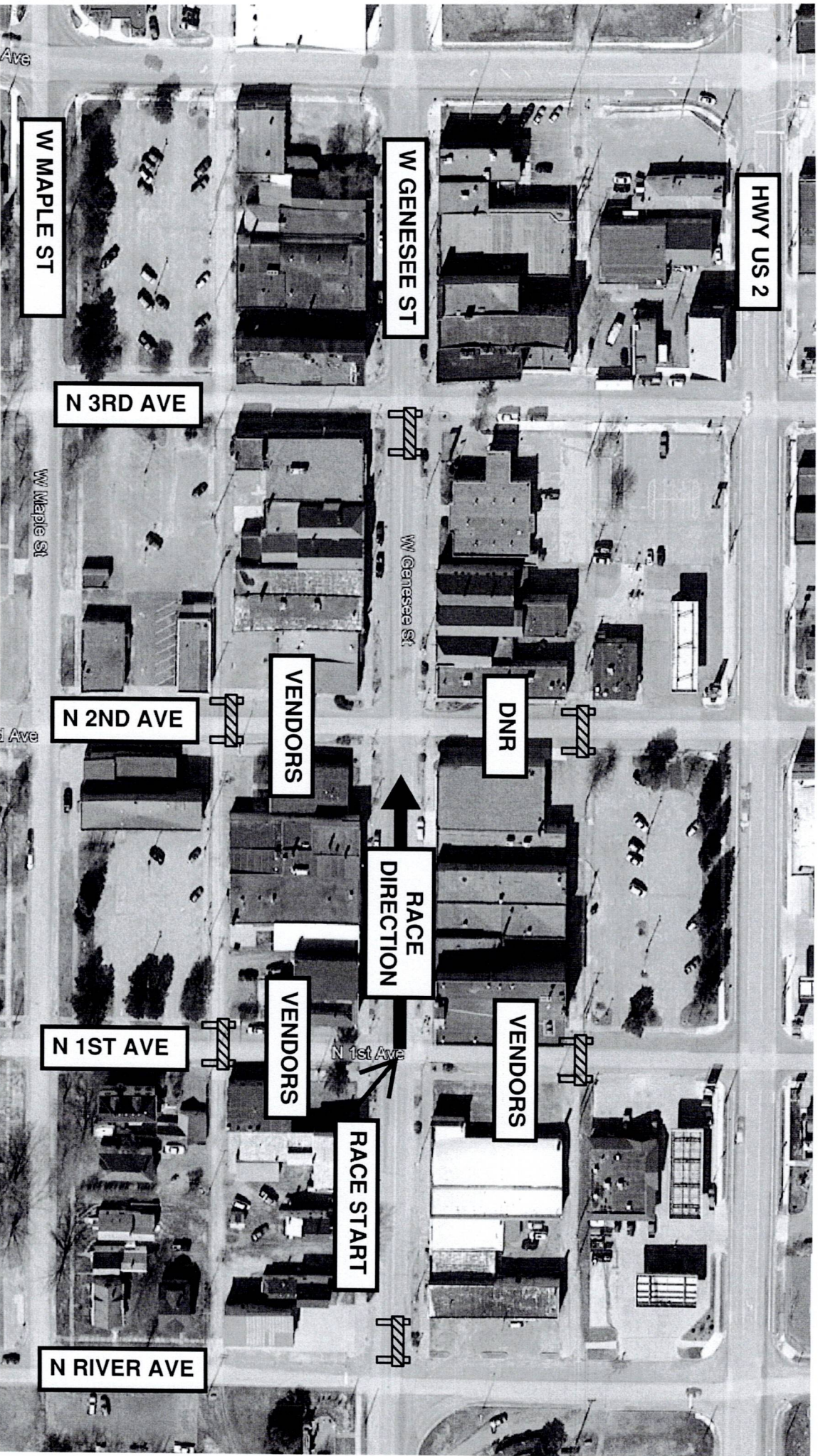
Race Day - All Times are in Central

8:00am - Vendor Setup on side streets labeled below

9:00am - Race Gear must be brought to Race Start by 9:00am

9:30am - Team Captain's Meeting to meet at Race Start Location

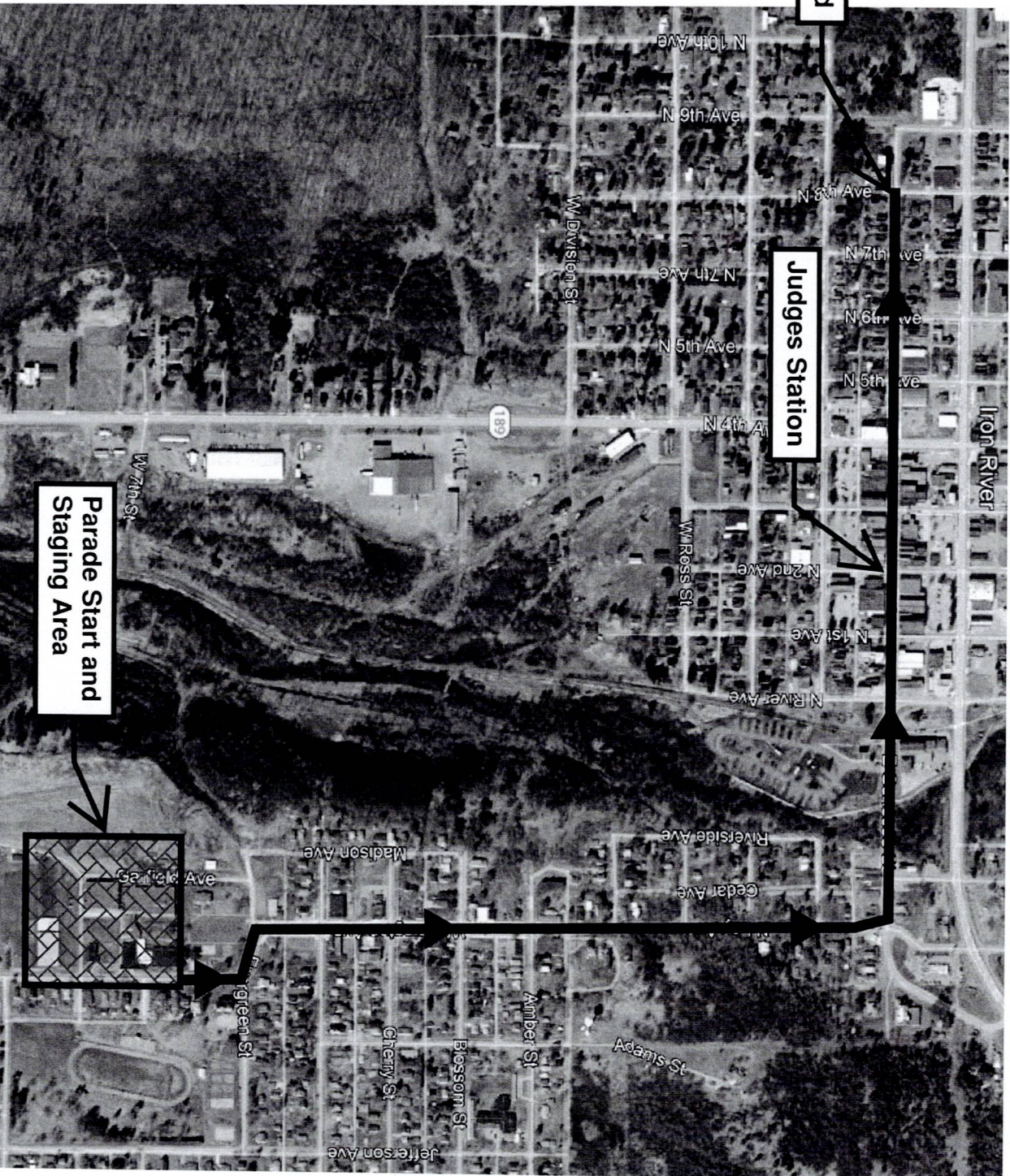
10:00am - Races will begin, starting location will be at the intersection of W Genesee St and 1st Ave



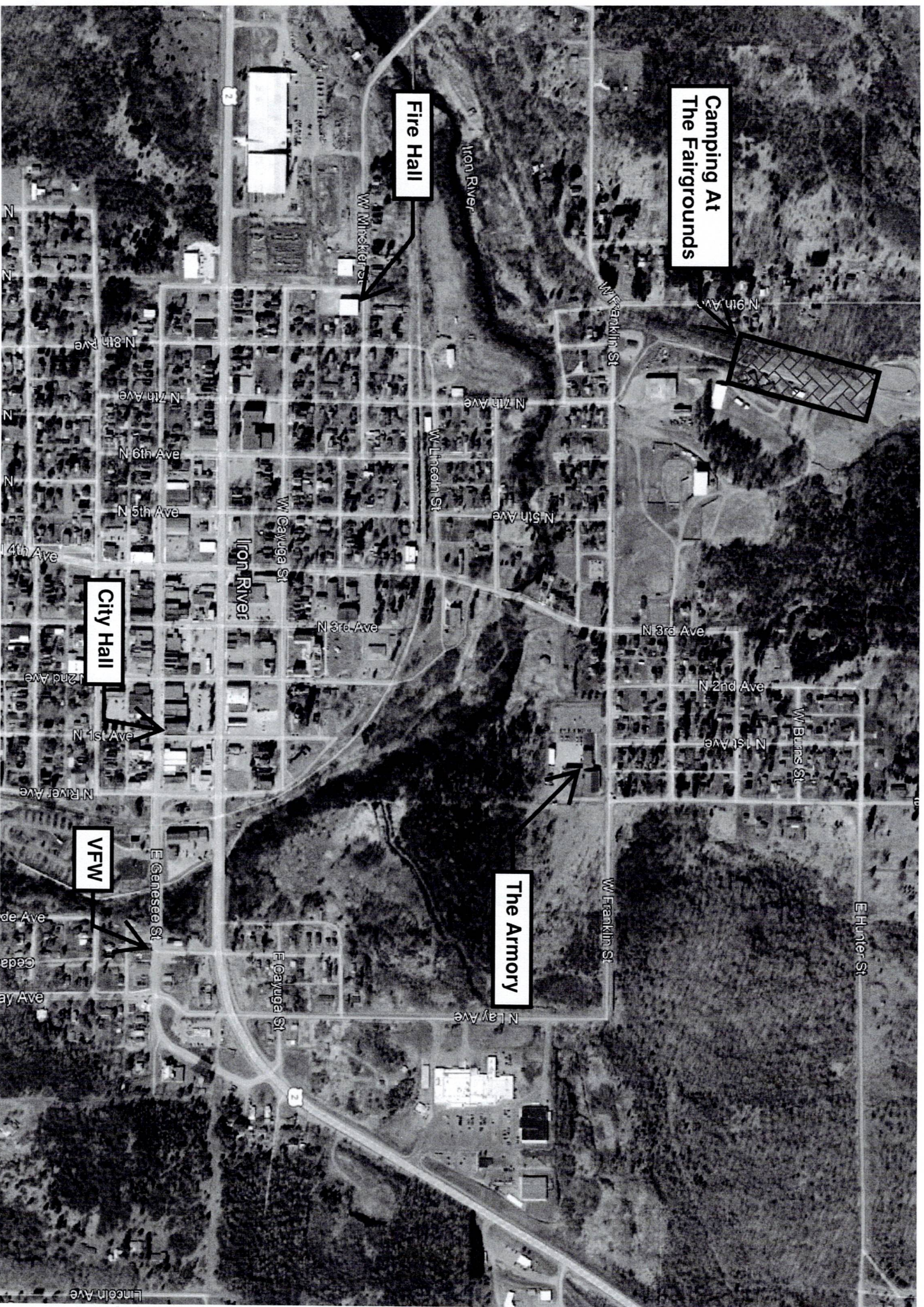
Commercial Parade - All Times are in Central

8:00am - Line-up and Parade Staging to take place at West Iron High School (700 Washington Ave, Iron River)

9:00am - Parade Start; Parade route to start by going north down Washington Ave then turning left onto E Genesee St, then ending at the N 8th Ave intersection.



MAP OF IRON RIVER



U.P.V.F.A PARADE SCORING INSTRUCTIONS

Scoring for Dress, Shirt Tail, and Commercial Parade

Parade Participation: Explanation of points scoring

Percent of active members of the department on the tournament roster at the start and finish of the parade will be used to calculate participation. **Number of members present is to be taken at the start and finish of the parade. If there is a difference between the number at the start and finish the LOWER number will be used in calculating the percentage.**

$$\text{Percentage} = \frac{\text{Number of members present}}{\text{Number of members on the roster}}$$

After calculating percentage, percentage shall be rounded off to the closest whole number for point distribution.

POINT DISTRIBUTION

Dress Parade

Shirttail and commercial parade

51% or more	20 pts			51% or more	8 pts		
46% - 50%	18 pts			26% - 50%	6 pts		
41% - 45%	16 pts			1%-25%	4 pts		
36%-40%	14 pts						
31%-35%	12 pts						
26%-30%	10 pts						
21%-25%	8 pts						
16%-20%	6 pts						
11%-15%	4 pts						
6%-10%	2 pts						

Dress Parade Score Sheet

Department Name: _____ Dept. # _____

1. Participation: 20 pts Maximum

Percent of active members of the department on tournament roster at the start and finish of parade.

NOTE: honorary members (red armband) are not included in active member count

Number at Start: _____ Number at Finish: _____ Total Pts: _____

2. Appearance: 20 pts Maximum

How the public views the department.

Excellent 16-20 pts

Good 11-15 pts

Fair 6-10 pts

Poor 0-5 pts

Total Pts: _____

3. Marching: 20 pts Maximum

In Step	1	2	3	4
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Columns	1	2	3	4
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Color Guard	1	2	3	4
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Precision 1	2	3	4	
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Spacing	1	2	3	4
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Total Pts: _____

4. Presentation of Colors: 20 pts Maximum

Colors guarded properly at least to the right of the national colors, department colors should be lowered when passing the reviewing stand to a point lower than the American Flag. Military hand salute given by the officer in charge.

Excellent 16-20 pts

Good 11-15 pts

Fair 6-10 pts

Poor 1-5 pts

Not Done 0 pts

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Total Pts: _____

5. Uniform: 20 pts Maximum

Hats		1	2	3	4
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Ties		1	2	3	4
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Dress Slack or Skirt, belt		1	2	3	4
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Shirt, Blouse, Badge					
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Optional Jacket		1	2	3	4
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Dress Shoes (Dark)	1	2	3	4	
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Total pts: _____

Judges Name: _____

Grand Total: _____

Shirt Tail Parade Score Sheet

Department Name: _____ Dept. # _____

1. Participation: 8 pts Maximum

Percent of active members of the department on tournament roster at the start and finish of parade
NOTE: Honorary members (Red Armband) are not included in active member count.

Number at Start: _____ Number at Finish: _____ Total Pts: _____

2. Public Reaction: 12 pts Maximum

Excellent 10-12 pts
Good 6-9 pts
Fair 3-5 pts
Poor 0-2 pts

a _____ Total Pts: _____

3. Originality: 40 pts Maximum

Excellent 31-40 pts
Good 21-30 pts
Fair 11-20 pts
Poor 0-10 pts

a _____ Total Pts: _____

4. Adherence to Theme: 40 pts Maximum

Excellent 31-40 pts
Good 21-30 pts
Fair 11-20 pts
Poor 0-10 pts

a _____ Total Pts: _____

Judges Name: _____

Grand Total: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIRT TAIL PARADE: NO MOTORIZED ENTRIES - NO OPEN FLAMES

Commercial Parade Score Sheet

Department Name: _____ Dept. # _____

1. Participation: 8 pts Maximum

Percent of active members of the department on tournament roster at the start and finish of parade

NOTE: Honorary members (Red Armband) are not included in active member count.

Number at Start: _____ Number at Finish: _____ Total Pts: _____

2. Public Reaction: 12 pts Maximum

Response and reaction of the parade watchers

Excellent	10-12 pts
Good	6-9 pts
Fair	3-5 pts
Poor	0-2 pts

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Total Pts: _____

3. Originality 40 pts Maximum

Excellent	31-40 pts
Good	21-30 pts
Fair	11-20 pts
Poor	0-10 pts

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Total Pts: _____

4. Adherence to theme: 40 pts Maximum

Excellent	31-40 pts
Good	21-30 pts
Fair	11-20 pts
Poor	0-10 pts

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Total Pts: _____

Judge's Name: _____

Grand Total: _____