

# MÜNCHNER TRACHTEN- UND SCHÜTZENZUG

## Munich Costume and Riflemen's Procession

On the occasion of the world's biggest folk festival, the Munich Oktoberfest,

### Participation requirements

#### 1.) Physical appearance of the festival procession:

All festival procession participants (including children, flag bearers, placard holders, sutlers, those accompanying musical bands, group leaders and people on festival carts) must fulfil the following criteria:

Complete festival costume, from head to toe- regardless of the weather.

Preference is given to groups with traditional costumes typical of a specific area and historic uniforms.

*In detail, that means:*

Men: They are to wear headgear, jackets, closed vests, neckties, knotted ties, neckerchiefs, etc. (open neck-collars, rolled-up sleeves, modern wrist-watches, sunglasses and other fashion accessories detract not only from the festive character of the procession but also entitle us to withdraw these participants from the procession. They are to appear in uniform, clean footwear (black), although some groups wear traditional/costume footwear of another type.

Women: They are to wear headgear and to have a hairstyle appropriate to the costume (plaited, worn high, traditionally styled, with appropriate hair ornaments). Long, free-hanging hair without the appropriate hair ornaments is not allowed. They are to appear in matching-coloured costume hosiery or traditional stockings and clean, black shoes or boots, although some groups wear traditional/costume footwear of another type. Fashion accessories are – as described above for men- not allowed.

Please be mindful of the traditional appearance of your

accessories( bags, baskets, etc.).The appearance of the procession is enriched if you bring along small bouquets of flowers.

For small children accompanying the procession the same rules apply. The bringing of modern pushchairs/ baby-buggies can not be accepted, although we are happy to see small, decorated, wooden handcarts.

#### Sutlers:

Sutlers must, at all times, abide by the same requirements as apply to women. This means wearing complete costume and not simply light summer dresses.

#### Musical bands.

Those appearing with musical bands, military bands or brass-bands should blend in harmoniously with the overall festival appearance of the procession. Naturally, preference is given to musical bands in costume. The same particulars apply here as apply to men and women, as described above.

The procession is to take place, regardless of the weather. In order to be prepared for possible inclement weather, we ask you to bring with you protective clothing ( such as appropriate costume jackets, shawls or traditional/costume umbrellas).

#### Placards:

Your placard should display your association-name and its place of origin and should be handcrafted. Please refrain from inappropriate or gaudy placards or placards that are too big or transparent.

The placard bearer should also be dressed in costume.

2.) Carts, carriages and animals:

Preference is given to groups whose accompanying festival carriages or carts portray history, craftsmanship and traditional customs. The maximum measurements allowed are 4 metres wide, 4.6 metres high and 5 metres long. For group-leaders, coachmen, animal handlers and procession assistants the same criteria for appearing apply as for groups appearing in traditional costume. In order to ensure safety during the procession, you will receive from us addresses of coachmen and horse and carriage suppliers, whom you can contact directly. When you register, please have direct information ready regarding what you need and what you would like to portray. The participant bears the costs for decorating the wagons as well as the costs incurred for coaches, coachmen, horses and carriages. For this reason we dispense with any participation fee.

3.) Festival procession formation:

The 5.6 km. long procession starts at the Siegestor and goes along wide Ludwigstrasse to Odeonsplatz, along Briennerstrasse to Lehnbachplatz / Stachus, Sonnenstrasse, Schwanthalersstrasse and down to the Oktoberfest grounds. For this reason, rows of six participants ( or in very big groups eight participants) are required. The procession always makes its way down the middle of the street, the rows must remain in a uniform formation and, wherever possible, the group must remain close together. Marching-time for all festival procession groups is 108. Military bands and brass bands are requested to maintain a uniform distance from the other bands in front of and behind them. Each participating group must at all times remain in close proximity to its leading placard-bearer, as directed by the Festival Steward, in order not to leave any gaps in the procession- the instructions of the accompanying Festival Steward must be followed. Of utmost importance to all participants must be that the procession runs smoothly and that stoppages are avoided; for this reason dance performances are not allowed whilst the procession is moving. Only when the procession has come to a complete halt are short, spontaneous performances allowed- these are naturally appreciated. As usual in this , the year 2011, the procession will be broadcast live for two hours, and all over Europe, by the A.R.D. television channel.

4.) A participation fee is required for cities who, in addition to their own costumed or musical groups, bring along one or more of their twin cities. These participation fees are handled on an individual basis.

**In order to guarantee the outstanding overall appearance of the world-famous Costume- and rifleman's- Procession, we sincerely request you to adhere to the requirements.**

5.) You will know the exact time and place of where to set upon receiving the participation documents from the Festival Trust – these instructions are strictly to be adhered to.

6.) With our consent to your participation we are officially bound to offer you, cost-free, reserved seating in our Festival tent.

7.) Registration:

Only in the spring can a final selection be reached. Prior to this we need up-to date pictorial material and information about or a history of each group, in the form of an application, if not supplied already.

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