

## 5 rules to get to the Polenta e merluzzo (cod and polenta) safe and sound

### 2 Oranges

Don't forget to look around you at all times and protect your face with your arm: better to keep your eyes open than get a black eye.

Don't stay too close with your face to the protection nets: they are slack and give easily.

Don't throw oranges at the carts outside of the orange-throwing squares: the rule is to throw at the people in the carts not at those on foot.

Don't take oranges from the orange-throwers' crates: ask first.

Don't throw oranges at horses: it's cruel.

Don't throw oranges at the horse drivers: they'll be cruel to you...

if they get down from their box.

Don't throw oranges at throwers without masks, especially if they're engaged in head-to-head fighting, you'll come off worse.

Wear casual clothing, wellington boots or shoes that don't slip and are easy to wash.

### 4 Horses

Don't stroke the horses: they may not necessarily like it!

Don't stand in front of the horses: they might decide to set off without telling you.

Don't stand behind the horses: they might kick out without any notice.

Don't stand around near the horses: they have blinkers and can't see you.

Don't let children or strollers pass between you and the horses.

### Be careful with strollers

It is absolutely forbidden to walk with pushchairs and prams in via Palestro, piazza di Città, Borghetto and all the areas involved in the Battaglia delle arance.

### 1 Berretto Frigio (Phyrgian Hat)

Never go out without your Berretto Frigio: apart from making a poor show, you might regret it. Don't leave your Berretto Frigio lying on your shoulder: it's as if you don't have it on and you might even lose it. Be careful: wearing a red hat that isn't the true Phyrgian style means you've got Ivrea Carnival all wrong!

### 3 Historical Parade

Don't cross the parade: it's extremely rude to do so.

Don't get too near to the Mugnaia's (Miller's daughter's) coach while it's moving: the wheel are heavy and the Escort even heavier!

Don't ask for sweets and mimosa when the Mugnaia's coach is stationary: she only throws them when it's moving.

Don't push or jostle the Pifferi (Pipers): they're very touchy... and boxwood is hard!

Don't throw anything into the bells of the brass band instruments: it's off key.

Don't talk during the Funeral March: after all it is a funeral!

### 5 Volunteers

The guys in K-ways are working for you: respect them!

Do what they say, otherwise they will involuntarily tell you where to go.

Patience is endless... but not at Carnival!