

San Antonio Living History Association

Safety Regulations

Black Powder

1. No Smoking when handling black powder.
2. No alcohol consumption while handling black powder.
3. Cartridges will be 35 grains for pistol, 70 grains for rifle, 100 grains for musket
4. ALL cartridges will be carried either in a leather cartridge box or canvas haversack with cover or flap.
5. NO cartridge belts or "bandoleers" will be allowed slung across chest or shoulder with cartridges visible.
6. No powder in powder horns will be carried during events. Priming horns are allowed for priming purposes only.
7. If cartridges are being loaded, they will be done only in a marked "safe area" that will be designated as such. You should already have your event cartridges rolled.

THERE MAY BE RANDOM CHECKS OF CARTRIDGES BEFORE BATTLES

Firearms

1. Only firearms of the 1830s time period will be allowed: Example: No Civil War Muskets - No percussion martial arms of any kind, because there were none at the Alamo.
2. Flintlock firearms are the norm for this time period, be they pistols, rifles, or shotguns. There might be a few exceptions because there were percussion caps available for pistols, rifles and shotguns in that order. This does not mean that there will be an overabundance of percussion firearms allowed. If you have a flintlock, bring it and use it.
3. NO PLAINS STYLE HALFSTOCK CARBINES SUCH AS HAWKENS, THOMPSON CENTER, OR LYMANS ARE ALLOWED, PERIOD!!
All Barrel lengths need to be 33" minimum.

ALL FIREARMS WILL BE INSPECTED AND MARKED AS SUCH.
If you try and use a firearm that has not been inspected, you will be escorted from the event. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

SALHA Safety Regulations - continued

Firearms - cont'd.

4. Flash guards and hammer stalls will be present on all firearms including pistols where applicable.
5. Firearms will NOT be loaded from any powder horn. Only pre-rolled cartridges will be used.
6. Ramrods are allowed, but will not be used during battle. Ramrods can be used for living history presentations only.
7. No projectiles of any kind will be loaded into any firearm during any of SALHA reenactment events.
8. All firearms will be checked by the Safety Officer or designated Event Coordinator before and after each event.
9. Do not load, prime, or cap any firearm until authorized by a Safety Officer, Event Coordinator or Unit Coordinator.
10. All firearms will be cleaned between battle events. They will be checked.
11. When firing - KEEP MUZZLES ELEVATED!
12. Try not to lean on muzzle of firearm – It looks good for pictures, but is not safe.
13. HALF COCK WILL BE IN WORKING ORDER, OR ELSE THE FIREARM WILL NOT BE USED.