

The Napoleonic Association Ltd Health and Safety Code

SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTICIPANT AT AN NA EVENT TO ENSURE SO FAR AS IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE, THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THEMSELVES, FELLOW PARTICIPANTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE AWARE THERE IS A RISK OF BODILY INJURY OR DEATH INVOLVED IN ALL PARTS OF RE-ENACTMENT AND BY ENTERING THOSE ACTIVITIES THEY ACCEPT THIS RISK.

Participation

All re-enactors taking part must be a member of the NA or an invited guest or belong to an invited Unit/Group. Any Unit/Group attending must provide a copy of their insurance policy to the NA

It is the responsibility of each person taking part in the event to ensure they are well practised, safe and competent in the use of all the equipment they will be using and accredited to do so.

Individuals must not participate in the event whilst under the influence of alcohol or any other substances that will affect their safe judgement.

Persons with relevant medical condition(s) shall notify the NA prior to taking part. All participants must ensure they comply fully with all verbal or written instruction given by any NA Company Officers.

Protection

All participants who take part in the battle re-enactment are advised to wear appropriate hearing protection to ensure their safety. Each participant is fully responsible for their own safety and those around them when participating in an NA event.

Weapons

All weapons for use in battle re-enactments or displays during an event must be in a fit working condition, fit for use and free from burrs or cracks.

Individual participants are responsible for the condition of their weaponry and display weapons.

All Unit/Group Military Commanders shall be responsible for conducting a safety check of all their members' weapons every morning prior to their Unit/Group taking part in any event activity.

The only persons to be in possession of a firearm, whether a section 1 or 2 firearm are those person lawfully entitled to be in possession of them.

Any participant found to be in unlawful possession of a firearm and those persons knowingly allowing the unlawful possession of a firearm by a participant at an NA event will be reported to the Police, removed from the site and will be barred from attending future events and have their membership of the NA immediately terminated.

Black powder will only be issued to those persons entitled to receive it, who will be responsible for it whilst in their possession. No black powder is to be brought to events, unless expressly asked to do so in writing by the NA. All black powder is to be returned at the end of each battle re-enactment as detailed on each day, failure to do so will result in that person(s) being removed from the event and being barred from attending future NA events and have their membership of the NA immediately terminated.

No pyrotechnic may be used or placed without the permission of the NA Pyrotechnics Officer, who is responsible for all pyrotechnics effects at NA events.

Bayonets/swords maybe affixed by opposing infantry bodies during a battle re-enactment, but never to opposing cavalry such as when

infantry are in square during a battle re-enactment.

Infantry may march with bayonets/swords fixed when not in a battle re-enactment as part of their marching drill and weapon training. No sword may be drawn by those persons carrying them, unless accredited to do so. The codes on sword combat must be strictly followed and only used by those persons accredited to do so by the NA.

The shaft of Pole Arms (Sergeants Pikes) must be held in both hands and mustn't be slid through the leading hand when the participant is undertaking activity other than that laid down in the Drill Manual for the period. Never must the pike ever be pointed directly in close proximity to another participant.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

All children under the age of 11 will not be allowed on the area designated for battle re-enactment.

All 11-18 years olds participating in a battle-re-enactment must do so under the direction of their parent/guardian or carer.

Parents/Guardians or carers of Children or Young Person must be fully aware of the type of re-enactment carried out by the Association and fully accept the safety risks and subsequent implications of allowing their children to part in a battle re-enactment. All Children and Young Persons must be accompanied by their Parent/Guardian or carer at all times, who will accept full responsibility for their safety, care and behaviour for the duration of the event. This includes supervision throughout the day and night; lack of supervision will not be tolerated. Those Young persons who have a relevant firearms licence to be in possession of a firearm may take part in the battle re-enactment, providing they are capable of being able to use the weapon safely and be accredited in the use of them and remain under the care of their Parent/Guardian or carer at all times.

The NA Committee reserve the right to refuse any person under the age of 18 from taking part in a battle re-enactment.

FIRST AID

The NA site manager will ensure that first aid facilities are available relevant to the needs of the number participating in the event. In the event of first aid being required by a participant, they should be assisted as necessary, with all safety precautions being followed that are necessary at the time.

INCIDENT LOG

An incident log is maintained and updated by the Company Safety Officer. Any incidents which result in injury or risk of injury are to be reported to the Company Safety Officer or his nominated representative at the event immediately who shall record and investigate any incident.

FIRE PROCEDURES

Participants must ensure that they do not do anything which may create the possibility of the outbreak of fire. In all instances the safety procedures issued by the Company Safety Officer are to be followed, but in the event of a fire the following actions must be done:

1. Raise the alarm.
2. Clear the immediate area.
3. Arrange for emergency services to be called to the location.
4. If appropriate tackle the fire.
5. Do not put yourself at risk.

PLEASE NOTE: THE NAPOLEONIC ASSOCIATION LTD AND THEIR APPOINTED COMPANY OFFICERS WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY FINAL DECISIONS ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL MATTERS AT THEIR DISCRETION.

THE ON SITE SAFETY OFFICERS WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE EVENT.