

**Association of the Anniversary of the Battle of Nations near Leipzig 1813 e.V.
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Safety rules and rules of conduct

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General note

The following safety and behavior rules of the “Association of the Anniversary of the Battle of Nations near Leipzig 1813 e.V.” (from here on called “the organizer”) are **based upon** the safety rules of the “Historical Military Association 1813 e.V.”, the “Napoleonic Association”, the rules and recommendations of the “Institution for statutory accident insurance and prevention in the administrative sector” of the German Republic - as well as the official and currently effective standards and instructions and the official German Federal Law - and **do not replace** these regulations. The Organizer commits himself to the correct registration of the event, including the required approvals, licenses and permits.

§1 Area of validity

1. The following safety rules and rules of conduct apply exclusively to the events (for example the bivouacs, the combat portrayals, ceremonial celebrations) on the occasion of the Anniversary of the Battle of the Nations near Leipzig 1813 and to the declared locations for the events of the Organizer, the “Association of the Anniversary of the Battle of Nations near Leipzig 1813 e.V.”
2. Hereby these rules are valid for both the periods of times as determined and approved by the Organizer, as well as for all the locations used by the Organizer for events.

§2 Announcement

1. The safety rules and rules of conduct are to be made known to every participant at the beginning of every event (for example notice boards). Additionally, copies have to be made accessible. A copy has to be handed out to the chair persons and/or the lawful representatives of the societies, as well as to the commanders of the different troops. The receipt is confirmed by signature and then entrance tickets are handed out, permitting access to the areas of combat portrayals.

§3 Liability

1. Receipt of the safety rules and rules of conduct is confirmed in writing. With this written confirmation, these rules are agreed to be accepted. For participating

societies, the chair person and/or lawful representative confirm receiving these rules with their signatures, and accept the responsibility to announce these to their members and for them to observe these rules strictly. Participants or societies without entrance tickets are not allowed access to the areas where the events take place, or to participate in the combat portrayals.

2. Everyone partaking in the events of the Organizer is responsible for their own weapons and munitions (cartridges, paper rounds, etc.) regarding storage, transport and functionality. Additionally, the German Law on Fire Arms and the Explosives Act apply.
3. Participation in the events takes place at everyone's own responsibility, danger and risk. Every participant is to insure him/herself sufficiently against damage or loss of property and/or injury to persons. The Organizer accepts no liability. Exceptions are possible for liability claims covered by the Organizer's "insurance against the damage to third parties". All cases of damage and loss have to be reported to the Organizer immediately and subsequently a written protocol has to be delivered.
4. In the case of breach of safety rules and/or rules of conduct, the Organizer maintains the right to exclude individuals or societies from taking part in the events or to prevent them from accessing the grounds of the events (domestic authority).

§4 Execution of military historical events (From here on called "combat portrayals")

A) General regulations for the execution of combat portrayals

1. The Organizer sets up a master-plan for the complete battle portrayal. In this master-plan the complete course of the battle portrayals is determined, as well as the tasks of the individual troop commanders. All actions and orders are to be executed according to this master-plan. The responsible staffs (authorized by the Organizer) are to be included in setting up this master-plan.
2. The staffs (Side 1 = Allied Forces, Side 2 = France) commit themselves to admitting the plans of their commanders at least 4 hours before the start of the combat portrayal in a meeting (officer's meeting). These specifications will then be handed to the troop commanders. All individuals and members of societies have to follow these instructions without fail.
3. The ban on alcohol and narcotics is to be followed completely for the carrying of all cut and thrust weapons, for operating all front-loading weapons and canons, as well as for all contact with or handling of flammable or explosive materials. Within their spheres of activity the troop commanders and other parties responsible for groups have the duty to see that this ban is strictly held to.
Those breaking this policy will be excluded from the combat portrayals or even from the complete event.
4. Shooting is only permitted in the areas allocated by the Organizer and within the times permitted by the regulatory authorities.

For this, only front-loading fire arms and cannons from the napoleonic epoche that have been shot and that are fitted with the official test mark will be allowed (percussion guns and pistols not allowed).

The special permit (according to the German Explosives Act § 27*¹), the permit for cannon firing (according to the German Explosives Act*²), as well as a German Identity Card or a passport is to be carried at all times. Foreign participants should carry an appropriate special permit, their European Firearms Pass, as well as the passport or Identity Document of their country.

The Organizer has the right to check the front-loading fire arms and the cannons and to exclude them from the event when decided necessary.

*¹ §27 SprengG

*² SprengG

5. The use of firecrackers, pyrotechnic articles, or smoke grenades by participants is forbidden.
6. Close combat and fighting scenes with cut and thrust weapons are prohibited! Exceptions are representations by groups or individuals, which have been permitted by the Organizer. These exceptions are to be documented in the master-plan of the combat portrayals, as developed by the Organizer.
7. Conquests or capture of field signs, or equipment, or of persons against their will are not permitted.
8. All finds are to be handed to the Organizer after the combat portrayal.

B) General regulations for infantrymen in combat

1. Before each combat portrayal, fire arms (guns and pistols) have to be examined and found in perfect functional order. This check is executed by the troop commanders. If any malfunction is discovered, the use of the weapon is prohibited.
2. The troop commanders are responsible for the correct execution of loading the arms and for the participants to adhere to the required security distances to other participants and to spectators.
3. The loading contents of paper cartridges are not to exceed the specifications by the manufacturers. The cartridges are only to be produced with the use of local daily press publications and may only be sealed by folding. Sealing these by glue or tape or staples is forbidden.
No other contents besides the powder charge are allowed. Loading the weapons with powder flasks, tins, horns, or other objects is prohibited.
4. Loading of weapons is only allowed when standing.
5. As a matter of principle, firing of arms (guns, pistols) is either done aiming really high (over head) or aiming really low (direction ground), according to the properties and condition of the ground. Direct, horizontal firing at persons or horses is prohibited. When firing, the minimum distance of 15m is to be observed.

6. Single marksmen (skirmishers/hunters) are allowed to load and fire by themselves when observing the safety rules.
7. When weapons fail to shoot, the shot is to be repeated at the next order, without reloading. When after repeated attempts the shot does not fire, the pan has to be freed of powder and the gun to be shouldered.
The weapon can be made to function again under supervision and according to the safety rules in the rear range of the battle field.
8. After the combat portrayal the troop commanders are responsible for checking that the unloading of the fire arms is executed correctly.
9. Bayonets are only allowed to slip on after the direct order of the troop commander.
10. Guns and bayonets are to be held vertically in front of the body during cavalry strikes. Kneeling infantrymen are not allowed to point bayonets at horsemen.

C) General regulations for artillery during combat portrayal

1. Only cannonry that has been authorized by the Organizer is permitted to be used.
Before each combat portrayal, all cannonry has to be examined and found in perfect functional order. This check is executed by the troop commanders. If any malfunction is discovered, the use of the cannonry is to be prohibited.
Only replicas of canons and howitzer from the napoleonic epoch, with wheels of max. 1m diameter, in addition to the according official firing permit as issued by the national authorities are allowed to be used during the event. A copy of this permit has to be carried at all times. Mortar and similar standing cannonry are not permitted.
At least 3 persons are required to man every cannon or howitzer. These persons are to possess the necessary technical expertise and fulfill the legal requirements.
2. The troop commanders are responsible for the correct execution of loading the arms and for the participants to adhere to the required security distances (min. 50m to the front, min. 10m to the sides and back), to other participants and to spectators.
3. It is obligatory to wear leather gloves when operating cannonry.
4. When cannons fail to shoot, the shot is to be repeated at the next order, without reloading. When after repeated attempts the shot does not fire, the powder charge has to be made unusable by using water and cleaned immediately after the portrayal by scrubbing.
5. After each shot, the residues are to be removed with scrubbers and the muzzles have to be cleaned with wet wipers.
6. Cartridges have to meet the certified requirements for gunpowder measures. Grain flour is recommended as plugging material. All materials containing bigger solid particles are prohibited. The cartridge shell is allowed to be built up by a maximum of 2 layers of the following materials: aluminum foil for household use, or paper from the local daily press publications.
The charges are to be fired solely by using ignition devices certified by the authorities for fire arms. For all other methods of firing the regulations of the Insurance Association are valid.

7. Ramrods and wipers are to be held vertically in front of the body during cavalry strikes. Blanks are not permitted to be used.

D) General regulations for cavalry during combat

1. All cavalry men are required to have sufficient horse riding experience und be able to control their horses. Horses have to be fit to take part in the combating – to cope with the shooting and firing around them.
2. Safe distances are to be held during strikes on infantry and artillery. To prevent falls and subsequent damage or injury, this is absolutely essential. This also is valid for riding in the vicinity of spectators.
3. Cavalrymen are allowed to just touch bayonets etc. and not to make any strikes or thrusts.
4. It is forbidden to ride directly towards single performers or towards line or square formations.
5. It is forbidden to frontally ride towards units that are not organized and towards units or cannons which are ready to fire

E) Conduct during interruptions or ending of combat portrayal

1. All blank weapons are to be held overhead, horizontally and with both hands. Cavalry put back their side arms; lances are taken to the side and held straight up. Infantry has to stand at order arms or must take the guns sideways. For artillery, ending of fighting is indicated by crossing ramrods and wipers over the cannon muzzle.
2. Safety of the muzzle has to be ensured: muzzle empty, wiped, scrubbed.

§5 Behavior in bivouacs

1. All participants have to report to the camp commander (named on the invitation) directly after arrival and then occupy their allocated bivouac lots. Driving onto the bivouac grounds is only allowed with permission of the Organizer, and only for loading and unloading. Vehicles then have to be parked in the areas allocated by the camp commanders without delay.
2. All weapons and gun powder have to be stored safely - inaccessible for unauthorized use. Supervision is to be organized by the participants themselves. The Organizer does not accept any responsibility or liability for loss or theft. The Organizer has to be notified immediately in case of loss or theft and provided with a written protocol.
3. Production of paper cartridges in the bivouac is prohibited. The Organizer provides sufficient allocated areas for preparing paper cartridges, under the condition that the rules of safety and fire protection are adhered to.
4. Tents and other installations are to be erected according to the historical standards of the event and so as not to obstruct the ways of participants and spectators.
5. Horse riding is prohibited in the bivouac, so is unauthorized shooting.
6. Camp fires are only allowed in the areas allocated by the Organizer. Safe distances are to be held to all flammable objects, especially to straw, tents, gun powder, as well as to trees and shrubbery. The size of fireplaces has to be suitable for the purpose of the fire (cooking fires: max. height of flames 1m). Firewood has to be dealt with

economically. Permission to remove the lawn under the fireplace can be acquired; the sod subsequently has to be returned to the site. Suitable fire extinguishing media has to be held available on site (water, soil, fire extinguisher) by the operator of the fire.

7. All accumulated litter is to be collected in bags provided by the participants and disguised during the course of the event. After the event the bivouac area has to be left behind in an orderly state; wood and straw brought to the central, allocated areas, litter disposed into the appropriate containers.
8. The Organizer is allowed to appoint persons, groups of people or professional security services in his own interest, as to ensure that the historical appearance of the event meets the required standards and that the safety and order regulations are kept.

These people will be publicly announced and made recognizable by the Organizer. The Organizer reserves the right to impose penalties in this regard.

9. The appointed persons and groups are allowed to check the correctness of registration and bivouac site and if necessary rectify these.
10. For the cavalry units horse owners arriving from the EC, have to provide the valid EC Equine Pass in which the required proof of immunization is recorded. Horse owners traveling from non-EC countries have to provide the appropriate, valid documents from their own country. From the vaccination till the arrival at least 7 days are required to have past. With his/her signature the horse owner assures that a valid third party insurance exists for the horse. Damages or injuries caused by horses are not insured by the Organizer. The Organizer has the right to appoint qualified personnel to inspect the state of health of the horses. In the case of detecting illness, infection or injury, the Organizer reserves the right to prevent the horse to access the bivouac grounds.