

## **Firearms Guidelines for the event “18<sup>th</sup> Century Market Fair at Locust Grove”**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. ANY infraction on the below guidelines will result in immediate ejection from the event/Locust Grove property and a permanent ban on any future participation in the event. No exceptions. Items listed as prohibited may not be present on the grounds at Locust Grove at all during the event.

Each individual participant is fully and solely responsible for learning, comprehending, and honoring the Firearms Guidelines for the event “18<sup>th</sup> Century Market Fair at Locust Grove” in their entirety. If a participant does not understand any portion of this document or is unable or unwilling to honor any portion of this document, they may not handle a firearm at, prior to, or following the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Market Fair at Locust Grove. No Locust Grove staff member, volunteer, or shareholder may be considered responsible for incident(s) resulting from noncompliance with this document. No individual or organization (other than the one committing the infraction) participating in or associated with the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Market Fair at Locust Grove, including those specifically named in this document, may be considered responsible for incident(s) resulting from noncompliance with this document. Only the individual not in compliance with the Firearms Guidelines for the event “18<sup>th</sup> Century Market Fair at Locust Grove” may be considered responsible for incident(s) resulting from noncompliance with this document

Flintlock firearms of 1789 or prior design are the only type of firearm allowed at Locust Grove during this event, including set up and tear down times.

*Prior to the event opening to the public or upon arrival to the site if after that time:*

Each individual participant must sign into the event and sign a waiver acknowledging their awareness of and agreement to abide by the guidelines stated in this document, all rules of Locust Grove and the event and to abide by any instructions given by Locust Grove staff or event officials. Each participant will be directed to the location that this may be completed by an attendant at the main entrance to the site, by an event official at the Weeping Heart Trade Company tent, or by Locust Grove staff or volunteers at the front desk of the visitor center. If one option fails, move to another. There will be no exceptions to signing in.

ALL firearms brought on site must be checked for compliance with event standards at check in by Locust Grove staff. Firearms found to be in compliance will have a tag designated by the event tied to it. Tags must remain in place for the duration of the event. If your tag is lost, it must be replaced immediately. If a firearm is not in compliance, it must be removed from the premises or locked in a vehicle. If this is impossible, participants may request that Locust Grove staff secure the firearm until the conclusion of the event.

All cartridges, cartridge boxes, hunting bags, game bags, powder horns, and any such gear must also be reviewed by event officials at this time.

Sign in and firearms checks will be held from 6pm-8pm Friday evening and 8am-11am Saturday morning. In order to complete a late sign in and/or weapons check, the participant must locate

Brian Cushing (Locust Grove Program Director) or Lynn Lamb (Locust Grove Weekend Manager). Locust Grove staff and board members handling registration and completing firearms checks are not responsible for incidents resulting in noncompliance with this document. Each individual participant is individually and solely responsible for maintaining complete compliance with this document and is the only person or entity responsible and liable for incidents resulting from noncompliance with this document.

*At the event:*

Anyone wishing to participate in tactical scenarios must participate in morning colors each day. This is for the purpose of review by the officers and NCOs under whom they will be serving.

Anyone wishing to participate in tactical scenarios who are not members of a unit under a nationally recognized Revolutionary War reenactment organization will be placed under the command of a company commander. Such participants must follow said commander's instructions completely during the scenario and submit to drill and safely instruction prior to and following scenarios at said commander's discretion. The commander may deem such a participant unsuitable for participation in the tactical scenario at any time. This decision will be entirely at the commander's discretion and will be final. It may not be questioned or reversed by Locust Grove staff or other event officials.

Company commanders are not responsible for incidents resulting from noncompliance with this document. Each individual participant is individually and solely responsible for maintaining complete compliance with this document and is the only person or entity responsible and liable for incidents resulting from noncompliance with this document.

*General Guidelines:*

Approved firearms may only be loaded during designated tactical scenarios and only on the direct order of a designated officer or NCO who has been sanctioned as such by event administration.

Approved firearms may only be discharged during designated tactical scenarios and only on the direct order of a designated officer or NCO who has been sanctioned as such by event administration.

Only flintlocks with a functional internal half cock that will not fire on half cock and that have been proven as such will be allowed to be used during tactical scenarios.

Any firearms to be used in tactical scenarios must have a flash guard and hammer stall securely and properly in place. Hammer stalls must be kept in place during tactical scenarios except upon the order "present." They must be replaced immediately upon firing.

Loading may **only** occur from a cartridge box with a leather flap that thoroughly covers the cartridges.

Cartridges must be rolled in paper and may only contain FF or FFF black powder not to exceed 120 grains each.

FFFF black powder is prohibited.

Pyrodex and other propellants are prohibited.

Any form of potential projectile is prohibited.

Only loose powder may be introduced into the barrel of a firearm other than when participants are commanded by an officer/NCO to introduce a ram rod for the purpose of proving that the barrel is empty.

Prior to tactical scenarios, ramrod must be replaced in its proper storage beneath the barrel of the firearm or left in camp. Ramrods may not be removed from their proper storage beneath the barrel of the firearm for any reason during tactical scenarios or before the firearm barrel has been proven to be empty following tactical scenarios.

Firearms may not be pointed directly at an individual at any time, including during tactical scenarios.

When ordered to present, fire, etc., firearms must be elevated so that they are aimed safely over the heads of whomever is being fired "at." Firearms may never be aimed in the direction of the public, elevated or not.

Following the tactical scenario, each participant must prove that the barrel of their firearm is empty to the satisfaction of their designated event sanctioned officer before leaving formation.

Under no circumstances will an event participant allow visiting public to handle firearms, edged weapons, propellants, or weapons of any kind.