

# SouthWest Civil War Association

## General Safety Test (2008)

**1.) Rowdiness, public drunkenness, or abusive language are only allowed:**

- A.) after the public or spectators have left
- B.) only where the public cannot witness it
- C.) during an event for "authenticity" purposes
- D.) at no time are any of the above allowed

**2.) Smoking or open flames are prohibited:**

- A.) when handling black powder in any form
- B.) when in the artillery powder magazine safety zone
- C.) after battles until all weapons and cartridges have been secured
- D.) all of the above

**3.) You can pick up or handle another person's weapon (or artillery implement):**

- A.) while rifling through the "dead" at the end of a battle
- B.) only with the owner's permission, or if you think it is lost
- C.) anytime, after all, re-enactors are friendly
- D.) when cleaning up your company street

**4.) Spectators can handle weapons:**

- A.) whenever they would like to learn more about them
- B.) to help convince them to join your unit
- C.) only in controlled demonstration scenarios
- D.) as long as they ask for permission first

**5.) Loaded weapons, ammunition, powder, or caps:**

- A.) will never be put in the hands of spectators
- B.) do not need to be guarded
- C.) may be out of sight, possession, or control during battles only
- D.) are not to be visible at any time

**6.) In order to clear or fire a weapon (outside of the battlefield):**

- A.) you must be 5 yards from spectators/general camp
- B.) you must yell "clearing!" to alert those nearby
- C.) you must have authorization and supervision of the unit leadership
- D.) you must be 5 yards from any picket line

**7.) The front safety zone for a loaded artillery piece is:**

- A.) 10 yards
- B.) 20 yards
- C.) 30 yards
- D.) 40 yards

**8.) The side and rear safety zone for a loaded artillery piece is:**

- A.) 10 yards
- B.) 20 yards
- C.) 30 yards
- D.) 40 yards

**9.) When at a reenactment or event,**

- A.) you may call out for a "medic" when acting as a wounded soldier
- B.) you must yell for a "medic" to have stretcher bearers take you off the field
- C.) you may only call "medic!" in case of an actual medical emergency
- D.) you must never use the word "medic" under any circumstances

**10.) Hand to hand combat scenarios are allowed:**

- A.) if opposing combatants come within 5 yards of each other
- B.) if rubber bayonets are used
- C.) as long as combatants are at least 10 yards from spectators
- D.) only with the approval of the army commanders and planned in advance with the participants beforehand

**11.) The only participants allowed to call for a "cease fire" are:**

- A.) any officer of either army
- B.) the commanding officers of each army
- C.) any NCO or officer who sees a safety violation
- D.) any participant who sees a safety violation

**12.) Ramrods or bayonets can be used on the battlefield:**

- A.) if an approved scenario using them is scripted and has been practiced
- B.) trick question: they cannot be used on the battlefield at any time
- C.) if you are close to spectators and want to demonstrate real loading
- D.) only if you are outside of the safety zone

**13.) All weapons must be field cleaned:**

- A.) at the end of each battle
- B.) before leaving the battlefield
- C.) at the end of the day
- D.) before company or battalion drill

**14.) How many grains of FFF black powder (no substitutes!) should be used?**

- A.) 80-90 grains for 54 to 58cal, 100 grains for 69cal, and 150 for 10ga shotguns
- B.) At least 80 grains for a rifle and 140 grains for a shotgun
- C.) 50 grains in any rifle and 100 grains in any shotgun, no more, no less
- D.) 70 grains for 54 to 58cal, 90 grains for 69cal, and 130 for 10ga shotguns

*(note: the correct answer is the MAXIMUM amount of grains allowed)*

**15.) If you see a cannon with implements held vertically on top of the wheels or hub:**

- A.) it means that the crew is challenging you, go capture them!
- B.) stay clear and prepare for a boom - it's loaded!
- C.) the cannon has run out of ammunition
- D.) the crew is preparing to load the piece

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS TEST. BE CAREFUL AND SAFE!**

You need at least 80% correct to pass Pass\_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_ (15 of 18)

Unit Commander's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Commander's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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