**RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. **Registration**

All registration applications are subject to the approval of Historic Brattonsville and the Culture & Heritage Museums of York County, South Carolina.

The commanding officer must be indicated on the registration form, along with an estimated number of participants for each unit.

Every participant must sign a York County Indemnity Agreement (waiver) upon arrival at the event. We must have original signatures on the release form. Forged signatures are a liability for you*.* Minors must have waivers signed by either a parent or legal guardian. In signing the Indemnity Agreement you are agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations below.

**Anyone not registered and caught must immediately register with the event staff or will be asked to leave.**

1. **Vehicles and Parking**

Vehicles are permitted in authentic camping areas to unload. After unloading, vehicles must be moved to designated reenactor parking areas. If arriving on Friday, please be mindful that Historic Brattonsville is open to the public until 5:00 p.m. **No vehicles are allowed in the camp area after 9:00 a.m. Saturday and until after the battle on Sunday.**

A parking pass with your name and unit displayed on the windshield is required for each vehicle to park. The pass must remain visible at all times when you park in the designated areas. (We must be able to contact the owner of any vehicle quickly.)

Artillery pieces may be quartered with the unit; however, no modern trailers or vehicles may remain in camp.

Historic Brattonsville, the Culture & Heritage Museums, and/or its agents thereof reserve the right to tow any and all vehicles and/or trailers, unattended or otherwise, parked in inappropriate areas at the owner’s expense.

1. **Camping**

Metal detectors and digging of fire pits are prohibited. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, and/or use of illegal drugs are prohibited.

No loaded weapons may be brought into any camp. Weapons may not be discharged in camp at any time.

During hours of site operation, please be mindful of appropriate language and behavior in front of the public.

Adequate firewood and hay will be provided by Historic Brattonsville at designated points. Each participant is responsible for cleaning up their bedding hay at the end of the event by filling the trash bag provided by Historic Brattonsville.

**All participants must camp within the perimeters of the organization they will be serving with for the entire weekend.**

All modern items, including food containers, will be kept out of public view at all times.

Civilians must be in period attire if remaining in the camps during the weekend. Civilians camping in military mixed camps are subject to the discipline of the organization with whom they are registered.

Each organization is responsible to police its own area during and after the event, leaving the area as it was found or better. **After the Sunday battle, all campfires should be extinguished and trash bagged and placed in designated areas on your way out.**

Brattonsville staff will have the authority to enforce conduct in the camps as well as enforcing the event rules and regulations.

1. **Horses/Cavalry**

All horses brought onto the site are required to have a current Coggins certificate. A copy of this certificate must be provided upon arrival or submitted in advance. Failure to produce proof of Coggins will result in the horse not being allowed on the property.

Horses are forbidden in company streets and sutler row and must be ridden at a “walk” amongst non- combatants.

The unit commanders have the authority and responsibility to inspect and grant a “go” or “no go” final say in matters concerning drill, uniform requirements, horse tack, and condition of horse, as well as the proficiency of the rider.

Brattonsville staff reserve the right to determine if horses or riders are able to participate in battle reenactments.

1. **Artillery**

A safety zone of 50 yards in front of the cannons will be maintained whenever the guns are firing. No loading of cannons will occur and an immediate ceasefire order must be given when cavalry or troops are within the safety zone. Passing in front of cannons is extremely dangerous and must be avoided.

1. **Uniform Standards**

Uniforms must be properly cut in accordance to 18th century patterns and made of natural fibers (linen or wool). Footwear is restricted to approved period boots or shoes. Non-period eyewear, wrist watches, and face or ear jewelry is discouraged. Sunglasses were not commonly worn in the mid-18th century and are likewise discouraged.

All soldiers should strive to wear their uniform in a military manner. All shirt and waistcoat buttons should be buttoned. Accouterments, including haversack and canteen, should be worn high on the hip.

Kilts, bagpipes, Indian attire, inappropriate furs, feathers, bandanas, frontier trappings, and other questionable attire are prohibited.

No officers, except field & staff or general staff, shall have a rank higher than Captain.

Women portraying male soldiers must make an effort to hide their gender.

1. **Battles (and rules of engagement)**

**part 1.**

No one except military participants or combatants will be allowed on the battlefield during the battles. All combatants must be registered with a participating unit.

No participant under the age of 16 years will be allowed to carry or fire any firearm or serve on any cannon crew at any time on Brattonsville property. No participant under the age of 16 years will be allowed on the field during the battles. No exceptions!

No cameras or electronic video equipment are permitted to be carried on the battlefield during the battle reenactment.

Flags must be replicated of the correct style and pattern used at the battle scenarios and in camp, pending site approval.

Direct, aimed fire shall not take place inside **40 yards** distance. In no case will firing take place inside **25 yards** distance between opposing forces. Close fighting, if done, shall be rehearsed prior to the battle. This will be done only by those groups given permission by the commanding officers to do so and only if it pertains to the battle scenario. Except when simulating a hit, all participants are expected to remain with their units. No charging the enemy by an individual (or any other non-scripted skits) will be tolerated.

**Battles (small arms)**

**part 2.**

All weapons must pass the weapons inspections prior to the start of the battles. Weapons failing inspection must be cleaned or repaired to the satisfaction of the inspecting Brattonsville staff member before being used.

Infantry long-arms shall be loaded with no more than 90 grains of powder. All infantry long arms must be period military arms.

The only thing entering a barrel should be powder. Cartridges may NOT be made using glue, staples, tape, wadding or any other foreign material. Flash guards are required.

No fixed bayonets during the battles. Ramrods may be carried but not used. Bayonets must remain sheathed during battles. No side knives may be drawn on the battlefield.

1. **General Rules**

**No live ammunition, fireworks, or modern firearms will be allowed on the grounds**. Violators will be expelled from the event!

NO PETS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS! DO NOT BRING DOGS, CATS, CHICKENS, ETC.

The use of drones is strictly prohibited.

Historic Brattonsville reserves the right to limit numbers of any branch of service to instill correct historical ratios.

Historic Brattonsville, or agents, reserve the right to immediately expel from this event any personnel in violation of any rules listed in this posting as well as any personnel acting in an unsafe, disrespectful, destructive, or disrupting nature towards the land, the authorities, spectators, or fellow participants.