



National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation

~Rules and Regulations~

The National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation, Inc. will hereinafter be referred to as the "Foundation."

Foundation events are open to **Everyone** in good standing.

- Any person expelled from or denied membership in the NMLRA is excluded from the above provision.
- A. NMLRA members and families attending an official Foundation sanction event must show the current NMLRA membership card and pay proper fees to be allowed to enter the event and participate in any or all competitive events. Each adult Member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, exercisable in person, by showing their numbered medallion, on each matter submitted to the *camp meeting* for a vote at each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous (Memberships will be available at the gate for participants who need to buy them.)
- B. Non-NMLRA members may attend foundation events and participate in all activities and competitions fully and on an even basis with NMLRA members; Each adult Non-Member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, exercisable in person, by showing their numbered medallion, on each matter submitted to the *camp meeting* for a vote at each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous. In order to attend and participate in a Foundation event, non-members must pay an event participation fee, that can be upgraded to full NMLRA membership at any time during or within thirty days from the conclusion of the Foundation event in question.

General Rules:

- All Foundation Rendezvous will run a minimum of one full week.
- All clothing, lodges and accouterments must be in the period of 1640 through 1840 in North America.
- Absolutely no modern footwear and sunglasses of any kind, unless medically required. Period eyewear is encouraged for those wearing glasses.
- All modern items (coolers, bottles, cans, plastic, etc.) must be kept out of sight at all times.
- All Photography equipment (cameras, camcorders, etc.) must be covered when not in use and NO flash photography.
- Cell phones should be kept out of sight at all times.

- Stealing or fighting at any Foundation event will result in immediate expulsion from the event. Depending on severity. The Local Law Enforcement will be notified.
- No dogs, cats or pets are allowed in any of the primitive areas.
- Please keep our camps maintained. Dispose of refuse properly when departing camp.

Registration Rules:

Participants in a Foundation event are expected to pre-register. If they do not, adult participants (18 and over), will each pay \$10 extra at the gate. All gate registrations and membership sales will be recorded on the proper forms supplied by the Foundation Business Office. Children who are not pre-registered will not be assessed an extra fee. Pre-registration deadline is postmarked 30 days prior to the official start of each event. All pre-registrations that are postmarked after the 30-day deadline will be returned to sender. In the event that someone does not attend the Foundation event for which he/she was pre-registered, he/she can request in writing a refund of the pre-registration fees within 30 days of the close of the event. Refund requests shall be submitted to the Foundation Business Office.

Pre-Registered/ Non Pre-Registered Early Set-up Rules:

- Early setup will start on Wednesday prior to Saturday start date for those that are Pre-registered campers or traders. If you are not pre-registered you are welcome to setup but there will be a required additional charge of \$5.00 per day per adult until start of Rendezvous.
- During early set-up there will be no time limits on vehicles and no requirements for primitive dress, but PLEASE remove vehicles as soon as possible.
- There are no rules for dress or vehicles after the closing ceremony.
- There are no changing tents at the front gate.
- Start dates are published per particular rendezvous. Please consult flyer or website.

Start of Rendezvous Set-up Rules:

- One (1) hour time limit for vehicle in camp. If you need accommodations, please speak with your Gate Captain.
- You must be in primitive dress from the time your canvas is up until the time your canvas is taken down.
- There are no rules for dress or vehicles after the closing ceremony.
- There are no changing tents at the front gate.
- Start dates are published per particular rendezvous. Please consult flyer or website.

Safety and Conduct Rules:

- There will be NO discharging of any firearm or artillery piece, including snapping of cap, lighting of fuses, etc., whether with blank charges or otherwise, within a shelter or camping area. The Booshway may make an exception expressly. In such cases, camp will be notified in advance for official signal guns. **ABSOLUTELY NO MODERN FIREARMS** will be possessed, sold or traded anywhere on Rendezvous grounds including Modern Camping and All Parking Areas, by anyone at anytime. No throwing of knives & hawks, other edged weapons, use of bows, whips, blowguns, slings, clubs or sword play etc., **IN CAMP**, except in designated areas. Absolutely no loaded, primed or capped firearms in camp.
- There will be no flammable liquids such as kerosene, lighter fluid, propane, etc., allowed in the primitive camps at any Foundation Events. (Special considerations may be made for handicapped campers and for food vendors to comply with federal, state, local and NRLHF regulations). All state and federal regulations must be observed.
- Fires must be contained and must be attended at all times. A minimum of two gallons of water in an open container must be kept within five feet of the pit specifically for fire control.
- The sale in any form (donations, cash, trade) licensed or otherwise, primitive or modern, of any *alcoholic beverage* on any Foundation Rendezvous controlled grounds is *prohibited*.
- Safety and conduct of young people under the age of sixteen (16) is the responsibility of their parents. No use of firearms, knife, hawk or other weapons or tools without direct supervision of the responsible adult is permitted. This includes the practice blocks & practice shooting, and other areas & activities designated by Booshway of that event.
- At the Events, non-compliance with the safety and welfare of the participants by any Foundation Event Booshway or staff can result in removal from that position and replacement by the Board of Directors.
- There will be no live animals shot, killed, or butchered at any Foundation Rendezvous.
- The Rendezvous must provide certified potable drinking water, sanitary facilities and refuse service. All sanitary facilities will comply with applicable government regulations.
- No camper vehicles, trailers, pop-ups, etc. hidden by canvas are allowed in the primitive camp.
- Horses, mules and oxen are the responsibility of their owner and must have current health records to present at the gate. All tack, wagons, buggies & accessories must be period appropriate and in good working condition.

Emergency's / Emergency Plans:

- The Rendezvous must establish an Emergency Plan including who to contact and how to evacuate anyone from the Rendezvous site in case of an emergency. A camp may be marked if someone in that camp has medical problems. An emergency plan is to be given to the Booshway in charge of the event. All event Booshways must contact the local police, emergency squads and fire department and coordinate an emergency plan. *Refer to "Watch Guidelines" document*

- Emergency vehicles will be parked outside the main gate or will be concealed if parked inside the main gate.

Provisions for handicapped participants at Rendezvous:

- Hooters for handicapped will be made available at the entrance and/or within 100 yards of the camp meeting area.
- Handicapped participants will be allowed a 16-ounce propane tank for emergency heat. The propane tank will be kept in the living quarters at all times. It is required to have a fire extinguisher.
- Handicapped parking will be provided adjacent to the event entrance, as practical.

NMLRA Foundation Event Rule:

The Foundation shall not sanction a Rendezvous to be held on dates that conflict with the National Muzzleloading Championship events held at the Walter Cline Range, except in cases specifically authorized by the NMLRA-National Muzzleloading Rifle Association Board of Directors.

Foundation Staff Rules:

- ONLY current NMLRA members (regular or associate) in attendance at the Rendezvous can be elected as a Rendezvous Staff member and must maintain NMLRA membership throughout their Rendezvous service. Staff members are elected no more than two years in advance.
- No staff members (Booshway, Scribe, Clerk, etc.) will be paid for their services from event funds
- Prior to or during a Foundation Rendezvous, non-compliance with Foundation Rendezvous Rules and Regulations, or Foundation Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, by any Foundation Rendezvous staff member, Booshway, Segundo, Scribe or others, may result in disciplinary action taken by the Board of Directors. Disciplinary actions may range from removal of the person from his/her position to permanent banishment of the person from all Foundation events and Foundation membership, and recommendation of expulsion from membership in the NMLRA.

Calendar Rules:

Foundation Event Calendar dates will not be confirmed more than two years in advance.

Advertising Rules:

- Advertisement and/or pre-registration for two or more years of the same Rendezvous will not be permitted; only the year following the current Rendezvous will be allowed.

- All advertisements must be submitted to the Foundation Business Office and the Board Secretary before being printed to ensure compliance with all Foundation standards. Advertisements will contain all dates, including early set-up and official opening and closing. If Advertisements include a pre-registration form, it must be the form provided by the Foundation Business Office, NO substitutions are allowed. Flyers will contain staff contacts, gate hours, visitor's information, emergency contacts, and a map.

Soliciting for Funds:

At Foundation events, there will be no soliciting of funds or support for purposes contrary to those of the event, or the Foundation.

Copy Right items Rules:

- All Rendezvous materials such as advertisements, checks etc., will be headed "NRLHF" and the trademarked name of that specific Rendezvous. *Please see MOU Rules*
- All registered participants will receive a numbered medallion issued sequentially. All medallions will bear the designation NRLHF- NMLRA and any other information deemed appropriate.

Event "Weapons" Programs:

- The Rendezvous must provide a shooting program with a safe, well marked, and well-managed shooting range on site. The most current issue of NMLRA Primitive Range Rules and regulations will govern shooting events.
- Shooting, knife, and tomahawk programs must include divisions for men, women, juniors (12-15) and sub-juniors (0-11).
 - Juniors- Any competitor who has not reached their sixteenth (16th) birthday at the time of registration. Juniors may also compete in intermediate matches and all open matches. Junior girls may also compete in Ladies matches.
 - Sub-Juniors - Any competitor who has not reached their twelfth (12th) birthday at the time of registration. Sub-Juniors may also compete in Junior, intermediate and all open matches. Sub-Junior girls may also compete in Ladies matches.
- Prizes for the men's & women's events must be comparable in both quality and value.
- The Rendezvous shall provide a minimum shooting program consisting of:

3 days of rifle range matches

3 days of smoothbore matches

1 smoothbore woods walk

1 Rifle woods walk

1 Blue Jacket Founders match

Archery matches or woods walk

Edged weapons walk (Knife & tomahawk)

Plus any 2 from the following list:

Pistol matches or woods walk

Shotgun matches

Artillery matches

Lance or spear matches

Silhouette matches

Other trail or Seneca type events

- Any decision by the Range Officer regarding any aspect of the range including scoring, conduct & safety is final.
- Eye & hearing protection is encouraged on the firing line.
- If there are to be artillery matches, a person deemed qualified by the chief range officer must be in charge of these events. The owner of the artillery must abide by NMLRA artillery rules as set down by the Foundation.
- Any duly registered participant and or staff member, at any NRLHF sanctioned Rendezvous, may compete in any event and may claim any prize(s) won as a result of that competition with the following exception:
- If any participant and or staff member directly involved in an event, and where that involvement may provide an unfair advantage from knowledge of the scenario or situational plan for that event, then that participant may compete but shall HAVE NO SCORE and may not claim any prize(s) from that competition.
- In the case where there is a score not based on a scenario or situational plan, then there is no advantage to anyone being allowed to compete.

Trade Rules:

Each Rendezvous will have a Trade Captain and Committee. It will be the duty of the Trade Committee to complete a rendezvous compliance inspection of each trading participant. It will be their duty to periodically check the Trade Licenses for value compliance.

All vendors/traders must conform to all Federal, State, County, Township, and Foundation laws and rules. It is the responsibility of the vendor/trader to contact local departments of Fish and Game Commissions to assure compliance.

- All Commercial and/or Blanket Traders selling goods at an NRLHF event, are required to be licensed by the Trade Committee and pay the appropriate fees. Trader fees are to be paid with your event registration.
- After setting up your business, or setting out your blanket a rendezvous compliance inspection will be done. The Trade License must be visible at all times during the event. A license can be

revoked anytime during the event, if the Trader violates any part of the Trade Rules and Regulations or the Rendezvous Rules.

- a. A trader is any person(s) who sets up a trade shelter-lodge or sets out a trade blanket or hide with goods for sale, trade or barter.
- I. Small Trade Blanket - One blanket or hide per license, and must not exceed 110" X 110". Blanket or hide must be of one piece construction. NO FEE is paid if total of goods for sale does not exceed \$500.00
- II. Large Trade Blanket - Two or more blankets or hides with items for sale. Trades goods with a value from \$1.00 to \$1500.00. The Fee will be \$10.00.
- b. Commercial Trader - Anyone who offers goods for sale, trade, or barter with a total value over \$1500.00 is required to pay the current Trader fee of \$35.00.
- c. All Trade areas shall enrich the event atmosphere, and shall not use any type of plastic tarps. The items in a Trade Shelter or Blanket must be original, hand-crafted or authentic reproductions or adaptations of trade goods common to North America and must be displayed in a manner similar to that common during the 1640 to 1840 time period.
- d. Small primitive display racks may accompany a trade blanket, the display shall not be a nuisance or danger to the visitors or residents of the event, and the display must be approved by the Trade Committee.
- e. All Trade goods (original, hand-crafted, and authentic reproductions or adaptations) shall conform to all federal, state, county, township, and NRLHF rules and regulations. For specific information, contact the proper authorities in the event area. This is your responsibility.
- f. NO photocopies of copyrighted material shall be sold or displayed.
- g. NO alcoholic beverage shall be sold, traded or bartered, OR in any way distributed for profit.
- h. Animal parts or protected species that do not conform with the laws of the State the event is held, and the Federal Government, shall not be sold, displayed, or possessed at the NRLHF event. For specific information contact the proper authorities in the event area. This is your responsibility.
- i. TURQUOISE JEWELRY will not be considered an appropriate trade item unless the style and type can be documented as pre-1840.
- j. CASSETTES, CDS, VIDEO TAPES: These items are to be displayed in a period container or are to be covered at all times. A period sign may be displayed offering the items for sale.
- k. Books, patterns, paintings etc. pertaining to the period, may be sold and must be displayed in a period manner.

- I. NO-NO ITEMS: PLASTIC PACKAGING, STYROFOAM, STICK ON PRICE TAGS SHOWING. SODA SOLD IN CANS, DREAM CATCHERS, BREECH LOADERS, CANDY IN PLASTIC PACKAGING, PVC POP GUNS, AND ANYTHING NOT CONSIDERED TO BE PRE.1840's. The burden of proof is on the Trader and NOT the Trade Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF NON-PERIOD TRADE ITEMS THEIR CONTAINERS, PACKAGING AND LABELLING.

1. The Trade Representative will notify and explain the nature of the problem and request compliance with the Trade Rules and Regulations and explain the consequences of non-compliance.
2. If the Trader disagrees with the Trade Representative, they will remove said item(s) and will contact the Trade Captain with their reasons for disagreement. All decisions of the Trade Captain are final.
3. If, after the above steps, the Trader is still in non-compliance and the Trader refuses to comply with the Trade Rules and Regulations, he/she/they will be asked to remove all Trade items for the duration of the event. If the Trader still refuses to comply the booshway will be contacted for further actions and the Trader may be asked to leave the event.

TAXES: PROCUREMENT OF ALL FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP BUSINESS LICENSE AND OR THE COLLECTION OF CONSUMER SALES TAX IN THE STATE WHERE THE EVENT IS HELD, IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRADER.

*Any further question should be directed to the event Trade Captain.

Propane Rules:

- If any State and/or Federal rules apply, they will be followed and it is the responsibility of the vendor to contact the appropriate agency for compliance.
- All propane systems, including pilot lights, must be completely shut down when *not in use*.
- It is required to have a fire extinguisher at all cooking stations.
- It is recommended that the Booshway contact a "Certified" propane company to conduct an Inspection of all vendor's propane systems prior their use at any of our events. Vendors will be responsible for any inspection fees.

Requirements for every Foundation Rendezvous:

- At least three (3) bids must be attained for the large expense items. These items include, but are not limited to firewood, medallions, port-a-johns, water, ice, trash, camp feast, printing of flyers, printing of gate books. If problems arise, contact the Business Office.
- An accounting of all income and expenses shall be submitted by the Booshway and the Clerk to the Foundation Business Office, on the provided forms, within 60 days following the conclusion of the Rendezvous. Copies of all appropriate IRS acceptable receipts must be attached to the final report forwarded to the Foundation Business Office.

- The Foundation Business Office will copy and distribute the reports to the Board of Directors and the Council of Delegates.
- All new and renewed NMLRA memberships along with the money are to be sent to the Foundation Business Office within 10 days after the published closing date of the Rendezvous.
- The Foundation Business Office will forward the membership information and the membership money to the NMLRA.
- A list of anyone pre-registered but who did not attend the Rendezvous must be turned in to the Foundation Business Office within 10 days of the published closing date of the Rendezvous.
- The balance of money will be turned in to the Foundation Business Office within 10 days of the end of the published closing date of the Rendezvous.
- If after 60 days, no paperwork is turned in, or no satisfactory effort has been made to do so, the Foundation will collect all paperwork, money, and records for said Rendezvous and forward them to the Foundation Business Office.

The following states/regions are designated for Foundation events:

EASTERN:

New York	Pennsylvania	Maryland	Virginia
West Virginia	Delaware	Ohio	New Jersey

NORTHEASTERN:

Maine	Vermont	New Hampshire
Massachusetts	Connecticut	Rhode Island
New York		

MIDWESTERN:

Minnesota	Wisconsin
Iowa	Missouri
Illinois	

OLD NORTHWEST:

Ohio	Michigan
Indiana	Kentucky

SOUTHEASTERN:

Tennessee	Louisiana	Mississippi	Georgia
Alabama	Florida	North Carolina	South Carolina

*The Foundation no longer holds High Plains, Southwestern, Western or Pacific – States are available upon request.

Foundation Event Property:

Procurement-

- Any lease or property use agreement will be made in the name of the Foundation whose chief agent is the Booshway elect. Such leases will conform to such procedures as the Board of Directors may require. Such leases must be sent to the Foundation Business Office to be presented to the proper committee for approval before signing.
- When practical, the Foundation event will secure both a primary and an alternate site with adequate space for camping and parking.

Inspection-

A Delegate will visit the prepared site, and expenses will be paid for by the event. If no money is available, the Foundation will pay the mileage for the inspection trip.

Lack of Event Site or Personal-

- In cases where no site or Booshway is available in a designated Foundation event region by January 1st of the year preceding the Rendezvous, a site located across regional boundary lines in an adjacent state may be used. This measure would apply only in the exceptional circumstances mentioned above and the Board of Directors must approve use of such in advance.
- Any Foundation Sanction Event that does not have an approved site and budget nine (9) months prior to the events usual start date will be cancelled for the year. (Usual start dates: Southeastern Rendezvous first of April, Old Northwest Rendezvous end of June, Midwest Rendezvous and Northeastern Rendezvous middle of July, Eastern Rendezvous end of September)

Other-

- One Gate must be manned, especially during the posted regular gate hours. It is strongly suggested that gates be manned after regular gate hours (all night).
- Make signs for roads.

Foundation Equipment Rules:

- Booshway to Request in writing from the list provided in the Rendezvous Management Workbook to the Quarter Master. (60 days prior to rendezvous).
- Request verified with Quartermaster. (45 day prior to rendezvous).
- Complete transportation arrangements, with mutual convenience of all parties. Settle on pickup date and time. Settle on return date and time. (30 day prior to rendezvous).
- Checkout on written list. Verify and sign by a staff member of rendezvous.
- Booshway is responsible for care and condition of equipment while in rendezvous possession.
- Booshway is responsible for returning all items. Return/Check in equipment to be in same condition as received and as agreed upon in item "C" above. Be sure all items are clean and dry. There is to be a written statement of damages to returned equipment.

- Check in items to warehouse from above list in item “D”. Signed in and verified and as agreed upon in item “C” above.

NOTE:

This is a fluid document and may be modified as experience dictates at any time with or without notice.

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