

Spearfish Creek- Rules governing Firearms and imitation firearms

1. All blank firing weapons should be treated as a live firearm
2. All weapons should be loaded no earlier than 15 mins before start of show or after members of the public have left show area, whichever is the later. Or advised differently by event gun marshall.
3. No loaded weapon should be cocked unless it is about to be fired or test fired. (see Number 12) If you do not have the training or experience required we reserve the right to restrict what guns you are allowed to fire, due to an accident in which a cocked gun went off and injured someone, anyone seen breaking this rule will not be allowed to fire ANY gun until they have been re-trained.
4. Do not fire any weapon unless you are at least 20 feet away from anyone in front of you and at least 15 feet clear of anyone beside you. If someone is lying on the ground during a show then make sure that you are at least 15 feet away before firing any gun. Never fire directly at someone, always fire to one side. Remember that side blasters or forward venters if fired at the ground will still make dirt spray up causing potential injury.
5. All guns are to be clear of ammunition ,live or spent, when public are in the camp area
6. No member of the public should be allowed to handle an “on ticket” weapon unless the licence holder is present. Blank firers, Deacts, and off ticket weapons may be handled under direct supervision, persons under the age of 16 with permission and in the presence of their parent or guardian.
7. No Weapon edged or other wise should be handled or loaded whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs. At this point they should be in a place of security for the remainder of the day/night.

8. At the end of a show all weapons are to be clear of live and spent ammunition before the public are allowed back into camp/show area. In the event of a jam inform event gun marshall then make safe the weapon in your tent.
9. At ALL Spearfish Creek events, those who are shot gun or firearms licence holders and have with them registered weapons, must have their licenses on arriving at the event. All registered weapons must be clearly stated on the licence, and where relevant, the licence must state “for re-enactment purposes”.
10. No gun is to be fired before 9am or after 6pm unless arranged through event gun marshall
11. Weapons may be taken into halls and bars with the following restrictions
 - a) Edged weapons should be securely tied down and NEVER drawn for any reason
 - b) Once alcohol has been consumed side arms should remain holstered until you return to camp
 - c) No rifles, shotguns, muskets etc
12. If test firing of any weapon is required this must be done away from camp and public and you must shout TEST FIRING before you fire and make sure you have been heard, and then only after the event gun marshall has been informed and agrees. Also only when camp/event constraints permit.

The above rules apply to all Spearfish Creek members and guests and at all events.

These rules are not for negotiation and must be followed at all times. They have been put in place for the safety of members, their guests and the public and to protect the reputation of Spearfish Creek Re-enactment group. In addition these rules have been drawn up with good and best practice in mind in relation to the law, primary event organisers/ land owners and public liability insurance underwriters