

## **Policy on Firearms at SCA Events—Revised and approved October 2020**

1. The possession of modern firearms at SCA events is prohibited, with the exception of those parts of Alaska and the Northern Provinces of Canada where bears create issues of safety.
2. This rule does not impact law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties, park rangers, or site staff who maintain firearms in the performance of their duties on a private site owned by a party other than the SCA.
3. If possession and transport of a firearm is permitted by local, state, or national law and by site regulations, a firearm may be stored out of sight in a locked vehicle or locked gun box within a vehicle. At no time may the firearm be removed from the vehicle while at an SCA event site, unless under circumstances described above.
4. The possession of air or carbon dioxide compressed air rifles or handguns firing pellets, BBs or air-soft pellets is prohibited at SCA events.
5. Any displays of pre-17th century firearms must be static in nature, and the firearm must not be functional nor displayed in such a manner that anyone other than the owner can handle it without express permission. Such firearms may not be charged or discharged at an SCA event, whether with live ammunition or blanks. No ammunition, wadding, or black powder is permitted on site. There is one exception for the Pennsic cannon, which is grandfathered into this regulation.
6. The use of carbonate facsimile "cannons" or other noise making devices will be controlled by the event steward and/or the corresponding seneschal who will determine whether they will be allowed and under what circumstances, with all consideration given to those who might be impacted by the noise.