

NRLHF Event Rules and Regulations

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

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

- 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.
- 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.

Foundation Event Rule:

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

Calendar Rules:

- Foundation Event Calendar dates will not be confirmed more than two years in advance.
- All Foundation events must be separated by a minimum of five (5) calendar days from the "End Date" to the next "Start Date".
- All Foundation Rendezvous will run a minimum of one full week.

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 and any other information deemed appropriate.

Emergency Plans:

- The Boosway and First Aide Coordinator 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 concerns.
- All event Boosways 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.
- No vehicles will be parked across roads coming into camp.

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.

General Rules:

- 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 are to be kept out of sight at all times.
- No dogs, cats or pets are allowed in any of the primitive areas. Pet's being a problem in Modern Camp area will be subjected to the Foundations' nuisance rule.
- ONLY horses, mules and oxen with proper papers, will be allowed.
- Current health & Negative Coggins certifications will be required. You are responsible for the conduct of your animals. If you have any doubts please do not bring them!
- All tack, wagons, buggies & accessories must be period appropriate. All wagons & buggies must be inspected prior to use. Everyone, please leave your pets at home!
- Service Animals will be permitted as per ADA rules. "A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with disability." (10/2011)
- Please keep our camps maintained. Dispose of refuse properly when departing camp.
- The sale in any form (donation, cash, trade) licensed or otherwise, primitive or modern, of any *alcoholic beverage* on any Foundation Rendezvous controlled grounds is *prohibited*.
- There will be no live animals shot, killed, or butchered at any Foundation Rendezvous.
- The Rendezvous must provide certified drinking water. No form of bathing or washing of any items is allowed around the spigots. DO NOT hang water buckets on the spigot, they will break.
- All sanitary facilities will comply with applicable government regulations. standard for the portable restroom industry is **1 portable toilet** per 10 workers per 40-hour work week when serviced one time per week.

- Trash must be in tied plastic bags for pickup. Please preserve our reputation by cleaning up your campsite. Policing of refuse, especially cigarette butts is up to you. Do not litter at any time.
- No camper vehicles, trailers, pop-ups, etc. hidden by canvas are allowed in the primitive camp.
- The NRLHF will not spend money for, pay for, or donate any money for alcohol at any event held. (10/26/2014)
- No propane or kerosene heaters, Coleman lanterns , and charcoal lighter fluids.
- 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.
- Medallions are required to enter the rendezvous at all times and will be required for entry in any matches or competitions. All participants will receive a medallion, regardless of age.

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

- Early set -up will start on Wednesday prior to start date for those that are Pre-registered campers. If you are not pre-registered you are welcome to set up, but there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 per day per adult until start of Rendezvous.

Sutlers: Pre-registered Sutlers will be allowed to set up on Tuesday prior to the start of the event, however, they will be required to set up in a designated Sutler Area. (12/2013)

- 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.

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 will be recorded on the proper forms. Children who are not pre-registered will not be assessed an extra fee. Pre-registration deadline: Envelope must be postmarked 30 days prior to the official start date of each event. 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.

Refunds will be charged a 20% processing fee. 12/2019

Participants will be allowed to enter the gate on the Wednesday AFTER opening day for a fee of \$45 per person whether they are an NMLRA member or not. They will be allowed to stay for the duration of the event. This excludes the Corps of Discovery. (12/16/2014)

Start of Rendezvous Set-up Rules:

- 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.

Gate hours: Public Days – 7am – 9am, vehicles must be out of camp by 10am.

5pm – 7pm, vehicles must be out of camp by 8pm

Non Public Days – 8am – 10am, vehicles must be out of camp by 11am

3pm – 5pm, vehicles must be out of camp by 6pm

With the exception of the Corps of Discovery and special circumstances to be left to the Booshway's discretion. (9/2013)

Safety and Conduct Rules:

Conduct which disrupts the peace and order of the camp may result in immediate expulsion from the event. Stealing, fighting, or illegal drug use will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion from the event. Depending on severity the Local Law Enforcement will be notified.

Booshways and Staff members are not above Local, State and Federal Laws. (10/2011)

- 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 fire pit or Brazier specifically for fire control. **No** cutting of live trees or brush. **No** hauling of firewood or water with your vehicle during setup or tear down. Share the wood, don't hoard it!
 - 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 a responsible adult is permitted. This includes the practice blocks & practice shooting, and other areas & activities designated by Booshway of that event. ALL edged weapons (knives, hawks, etc.) must be sheathed when not in use. All NMLRA rules and regulations apply. Any decision by the Range Officer regarding any aspect of the range including scoring, conduct and safety is final.

- At the Events, non-compliance with the safety and welfare of the participants by any Foundation event Boosway or staff can result in removal from that position and replacement by the Board of Directors.
- 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.
- Service Dogs: The NRLHF follows ADA rules and regulations.
- Disposing of materials from Chamber Pots in trash bags is strictly prohibited!
- **NEVER dispose of sharps** (needles) in regular trash. Sharps should be put into a rigid, leak proof sealable container and taken home for disposal. (10/2011)
- If the event has a ~~Tavern~~ Gathering Place participants **MUST** have their medallion, a form of Identification (in most states you must be over 21 to consume alcohol), and must be in period attire. (12/16/2014)

Other-

- The NRLHF will not furnish Black Powder for any event. Black Powder may, however, be donated. (12/13/2015)
- 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 Staff Rules:

- No staff members 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 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.
- All Delegates and Business Office personnel shall be considered as “silent” staff at every Foundation event. (9/2013)

Foundation Rendezvous Requirements:

- 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 Delegate in Charge of the event.
- An accounting of all income and expenses shall be submitted by the Boosway and the Clerk to the Foundation Treasurer, on the provided forms, within 60 days following the conclusion of the Rendezvous. Copies of all appropriate IRS acceptable receipts (marked with the event, year and Budget line number) must be attached to the final report forwarded to the Foundation Treasurer.

- A list of anyone pre-registered but who did not attend the Rendezvous must be turned in to the Business Office within 10 days of the published closing date of the Rendezvous.
- The balance of money will be turned in to the Foundation Treasurer within 60 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 and Foundation Treasurer.

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, flyers, and gate books must be submitted to the Business Office 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 the Advertisement includes a pre-registration form, it must be the form provided by the Foundation Business Office, NO substitutions.
- Flyers will contain staff contacts, gate hours, visitor's information, emergency contacts, and a map.

Voting

- No site can be voted on unless it has been checked out and approved by a Delegate of the NRLHF Board or it is listed in the Business Office as a used site. No representatives. (9/2013)
- A signed tentative land owner agreement is required prior to presenting the site for a vote. (9/2013)
 - Nominations for Delegates and sites/Booshways will be made the first Saturday, Sunday and Monday of each event at the camp meeting, with voting to take place Tuesday with an option of adding Wednesday if necessary by the delegate in charge and the Booshway. This rule does not apply to the Corps of Discovery event. (4/10/2014)
- **Absentee Voting:** An absentee ballot voting system will allow voting on a Delegate and a site by people who must leave camp before scheduled voting hours as long as three calls for nominations have been made. The sheet where medallion numbers are marked off will be available at the gate along with the ballots. Different colors will be used for absentee and regular voting. As campers leave camp, they will have their medallion number marked off the sheet and they may cast their ballots. In the event the same medallion number provided was used during regular voting hours, the votes will be thrown out by the people counting the votes. (10/1/2015)
- Each adult in good standing shall be entitled to one vote exercisable in person by showing their numbered medallion on each matter submitted to the camp meeting for a vote at each NRLHF sanctioned rendezvous.
- Voting ballots for site and delegate elections will be retained for one year after the event before being destroyed. Ballots will be kept in the Foundation Business Office. (12/2013)

Shooting Programs:

See Archery, Hawk & Knife and Rifle & Pistol Rules pages.

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.

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 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 must be presented to the Delegate in Charge to redeem Booshway Bucks.

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 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.

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

Large Trade Blanket - Two or more blankets or hides with items for sale. Trades goods with a value from \$501.00 to \$2,000.00. The Fee will be \$20.00. (10/2/2014)

Commercial Trader - Anyone who offers goods for sale, trade, or barter with a total value over \$2,000.00 is required to pay the current Trader fee of \$50.00. (10/2/2014)

All Trade areas shall enrich the event atmosphere, and shall not use any type of plastic tarps.

The items in a Trade Shelter or on a 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.

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.

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.

NO photocopies of copyrighted material shall be sold or displayed.

NO alcoholic beverage shall be sold, traded or bartered, OR in any way distributed for profit.

Animal parts or protected species that do not conform to the laws of the State the event 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.

Photographers are responsible for the legal processes involved in selling and/or publishing photos taken at NRLHF events. (12/2011)

TURQUOISE JEWELRY will not be considered an appropriate trade item unless the style and type can be documented as pre-1840. 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 for sale. Books, patterns, paintings etc. pertaining to the period, may be sold and must be displayed in a period manner.

■■ INCORRECT ITEMS: PLASTIC PACKAGING, STYROFOAM, And 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 questions should be directed to the event Trade Captain.

Propane Rules: (10/2003)

- 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.
- Food Vendors may make one trip into camp each day. The hours for this are at the discretion of the Booshway. (10/2011)

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 only look at potential sites if they have a prospective Booshway for the event.

(12/16/2014)

A Delegate will visit a 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 Sites or Personnel -

~~“Any Foundation Sanction Event that does not have an approved site and budget nine (9) months prior to the event 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)”~~ (Removed 4/10/2014)

In cases where no site or Booshway is available in a designated Foundation event region, a site located across regional boundary lines in an adjacent state may be used with Board of Directors approval.

Foundation Equipment Rules: Subject to change

Booshway to Request in writing from the list provided in the Booshway/Delegate Handbook to the Quarter Master. (60 days prior to rendezvous).

Request verified with Quartermaster. (60 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).

Check out 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. Be sure all items are clean and dry. There is to be a written statement of damages to returned equipment.

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	Michigan		

OLD NORTHWEST:

Ohio	Michigan	Indiana	Kentucky
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SOUTHEASTERN:

Tennessee	Louisiana	Mississippi	Georgia
Alabama	Florida	North Carolina	South Carolina

A regional rendezvous may be held in a neighboring state to that region if no local region has a prospective site for upcoming years.

The NEPR is allowed to hold events in PA anywhere North of I-80 and East of I-99. All other areas in PA still need area approval by the Board of Directors. (8/12/2013)

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