

GENERAL

Safety and Authenticity rules are controlled and enforced by members appointed by the Vice-President/Chairperson to the Safety and Authenticity Committees. These rules may be changed at any time by a majority vote of that committee.

One (1) general safety/authenticity inspection of both Allied and Axis participants WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE SAME DESIGNATED TIME AND LOCATION at any WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsored event, so that all participants can observe that it was conducted.

The safety/authenticity inspection formation will be conducted as follows: For example, American, British/Commonwealth and German participants will form three (3) separate box formations facing each other. Vehicles/heavy equipment will be separated by nationality and parked hub to hub so as to be inspected properly. No INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS OR UNITS will retire to the field before the general inspection takes place.

Exception to above:

Event planning staff members who need to enter field, when an unforeseen incident, accident or emergency requires their immediate attention that would interfere with the smooth running of the event, if not attended to. It will still be the responsibility of said members to be inspected prior to entering the field as a participant or participants.

Violators of safety and/or authenticity rules can be brought before the Board of Directors for disposition. It is the responsibility of each individual member registered at an event to be inspected by an appointed Safety/Authenticity officer at the mandatory event inspection. Willful avoidance of the inspections shall be grounds for removal of the offender from the event. Repeated offenses shall be grounds for removal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.

SAFETY

1. Any person, unit or chapter sponsoring any event where WWII H.R.S., Inc. people are participating and/or the WWII H.R.S., Inc. name is used, MUST have a safety officer on site to oversee all aspects of safety. This safety officer must be registered with the chairperson of the Safety Committee at least thirty days prior to the event. Safety Officers may be registered on a permanent basis each year.
2. All participants at all events where the WWII H.R.S., Inc. name is used MUST be members of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. or a recognized re-enactment group. All persons belonging to units forming MUST be attached to a chartered unit willing to accept responsibility for their safe conduct.
3. Any person under the age of 18 may participate in a public, living history or static display event wearing ONLY civilian period clothing.
4. Unit CO's must be at least twenty-one (21) years old, and agree to be responsible for the education of all unit members about the WWII H.R.S., Inc.'s safety rules and the safe conduct of his unit members. Free-lancing or participating without unit affiliation is grounds for dismissal from an event.
5. Absolutely no ignitable devices are to be thrown or fired at any vehicle. Nothing (NO MATTER WHAT IT IS) will be thrown or fired at the driver, nothing is to be thrown at or near a horse. Weapons are not to be fired at wildlife.
6. All action in or around buildings or bunkers must be under the control of at least two (2) safety officers who have the authority to halt the event if they spot any dangerous circumstances. Appointments may be made on site.
7. Alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs may not be consumed at any event, in violation of civil laws. Alcoholic beverages are not to be used within an eight (8)hour time period prior to and during the use of weapons.
8. No weapon is to be fired directly at anyone closer than fifty (50) feet or whenever anyone is close to the muzzle of a rifle. This applies to the persons who are next to you, as well as in front of the muzzle. Watch out for the other persons hearing.
9. All pyrotechnics must be approved by the on site safety officer.
10. No projectile may be fired at less than a forty-five (45) degree angle from the horizontal. Signal flares must be fired at (90) degree angle from horizontal.
11. No live ammo is to be brought to any WWII H.R.S., Inc. events EVER!

12. No one may fix any bayonet to any rifle, except for controlled (posed, staged) photographs. Violations of rules 10 and 11 are grounds for dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.
13. Wood tipped blanks may only be used in semi-automatic and automatic weapons equipped with blank adapters, NEVER IN A BOLT ACTION RIFLE.
14. Homemade weapons must have a safety check on site at each event, whenever and wherever they are used. There is no such thing as a blanket permit or letter of registration for homemade replicas. Shot guns must be registered with the WWII H.R.S., Inc.
15. The use of metal body parachute flares, military artillery, and grenade simulators are not allowed, except for staged spectator events under the supervision of a WWII H.R.S., Inc. approved safety officer, to be used in controlled areas ONLY.
16. Star crimped blanks may be used in a non-blank adapted bolt action rifles. The rifle must be fired at a forty-five (45) degree angle and not less than fifty (50) feet at anyone. The bore must be clean of any debris prior to the safety/authenticity inspection. Blank adapting bolt-action rifles are optional at the time.
17. All persons MUST wear a helmet while tactical in the field. This helmet must pass the authenticity rules for the unit being portrayed. Exceptions are:
 - a. Extreme heat where sun stroke is possible.
 - b. Extreme cold weather, when cold weather gear must be worn.
18. All glasses must have safety or shatter-resistant lenses.
19. All shoulder weapons must be on safe when a person is loading or unloading from a vehicle and in the field, except when actively engaging a target.
20. Refusal to follow the instructions of a safety officer are grounds for dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. Safety officers have the authority to remove any safety offender from any event and file for the offender's dismissal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. by mailing his complaint to the chairman of the safety committee within thirty (30) days of the event.
21. If a member of the safety committee is at any event he becomes the senior safety officer for that event. If two (2) or more safety committeeman are at an event, the commission date establishes seniority. The senior safety officer or the chairman of the safety committee has the final say in all on-the-spot safety decisions.
22. All safety rules must be printed in "THE POINT", at least once a year.

VEHICLE SAFETY

1. All motor vehicles must be driven by a licensed driver, regardless of off or on road use. The driver must be knowledgeable of the type of vehicle he is driving. PROPER LIABILITY INSURANCE IS MANDATORY. Any vehicle driven off road MUST HAVE A GROUND GUIDE, to avoid personnel hiding in foliage.
2. Service brakes shall function on all wheeled vehicles.
3. Emergency brakes (parking brakes) should be functional, if a vehicle was originally equipped with such brakes.
4. Tires shall have a minimum tread depth of 2/32 inches.
5. Tracks shall be properly adjusted.
6. Steering system shall be functional.
7. Lighting shall be operational if used for night operation.
8. An onboard fire extinguisher is required

AUTHENTICITY

1. We are here to portray the normal look of the WWII soldier, not the exception.
2. Re-enactment unit rank structure for all battle scenarios will reflect the actual size and structure of the unit being portrayed. This will be based on the type of unit, the time period being portrayed, and a twenty-five (25) percent loss in unit strength can be figured in due to combat loss. The starting point will be the smallest element and working up. Event sponsors will be responsible for assigning the field commanders for their event. Re-enactment unit rank structure for displays should be fitting to the type of display the unit has set up at the event and the needs and wants of the event sponsors.
3. Medals or decorations that were not created pre-June 1945 may not be worn. Appropriate awards, badges, campaign, and citation ribbons may be worn if they reflect the credits of the unit being portrayed. US medals of valor

- may not be worn by anyone who did not earn them in actual military service, to include medals awarded for both valor and service.
4. Hair must be cut (trimmed) in a 1940's style. It must be tapered and trimmed to the nape of the neck and around the ears so as not to touch the ears or collar. Blocked haircuts are not permitted. Sideburns can be no longer than mid-ear. Mustaches must be trimmed to 1940's military style (British troops exempt). All mustaches must be trimmed above the upper lip line. It cannot extend past the edge of the mouth more than 1/4 inched and cannot drop down around the corners of the mouth. A beard shall be defined as any facial hair, other than approved mustaches, which is no longer than a two (2) day growth (about 1/8 inches) and are not permitted except under the two (2) circumstances listed below:
 - a. Persons doing any partisan impressions at events.
 - i. Partisans are allowed to wear any type of beard. NOTE: Partisans are NOT allowed at WWII H.R.S., Inc. events unless an announcement is published in THE POINT or THE EDGE inviting them.
 - ii. Partisans must use the type of clothing and equipment normally worn in that country portrayed.
 - iii. Equipment to be used by partisans will be limited to German, Russian, Italian, French and British where appropriate.
 - iv. Partisan re-enactors must be able to provide documentation of their appearance and equipment for that particular country portrayed, if a question of authenticity arises. In that situation, Authenticity rule #12 will apply.
 - b. Beards no longer than two (2) centimeters are allowed in existing chartered Gebirgjager units (amends 10/92).
 5. Modern non-prescription sunglasses are not allowed.
 6. Weapons must be of pre-June 1945 military type used by the unit portrayed or an acceptable replica. NO air (BB) or CO2 guns are allowed. The authenticity committee may ban the use of pre-1945 weapons in cases where their use is not authentic. Weapons manufactured after 1945 may be used if they duplicate a WWII weapon.
 7. Uniforms, equipment, insignia, and emblems must be of a type, style, and material in use by the unit portrayed during WWII.
 8. WWII Italian camouflage may be used by Italian and German units (but must be sewn on the proper pattern for German units). Austrian and West German camouflage are NOT allowed.
 9. To serve as a member of the Authenticity Committee a person must be a member of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. for at least two (2) years, and send a letter to the chairman of the Authenticity Committee. A committee member serves until either he resigns or is dismissed. Members of the Authenticity Committee should be selected, whenever possible, from units showing the highest levels of authenticity.
 10. A member of the Authenticity Committee must be willing and able to attend events and make on-the-spot judgments about authenticity matters.
 11. Members of the Authenticity Committee may be removed from office for the failure to enforce the WWII H.R.S., Inc. authenticity rules or failure to renew their WWII H.R.S., Inc. membership on time. Any members of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. may challenge a committeeman's position on the committee. The challenge must be voted on by the other members of the Authenticity Committee. Removal is by a majority vote.
 12. Appeals on matters of authenticity may be made by the submission to the chairman of the authenticity committee in writing with six (6) photographs; three (3) of the items used by the re-enactor and three (3) photographs taken during the WWII period. These pictures must be proven original and/or copies from a published source and must show the disputed item in use by troops of the same unit, type, and rank as the re-enactor. A majority vote by the members of the authenticity committee shall decide the issue.
 13. The Authenticity Committee shall have the power to recommend to the Board of Directors the removal from the WWII H.R.S., Inc. of any person or unit that is flagrant or repeated violator of authenticity rules. The Board of Directors must then pass judgment on the recommendation.
 14. All members, units, or chapters of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsoring a WWII H.R.S., Inc. event must maintain minimum authenticity standards.
 15. In the enforcement of the authenticity rules, the committee will make allowances for the extreme cold and/or wet conditions, where the safety and health of the members may be threatened.

16. Any and all members and/or dealers of the WWII H.R.S., Inc. who manufacture reproduction uniforms and equipment for sale to other WWII H.R.S., Inc. members for the use at WWII H.R.S., Inc. events must provide a money-back guarantee (upon buyer's request) that the item(s) will pass authenticity inspection. Persons not honoring this guarantee, either written or otherwise, are subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors and/or removal from the event or from the WWII H.R.S., Inc.
17. The Authenticity Committee may rule that certain modern items, which have been allowed for use due to lack of available reproductions, may be banned when authentic reproductions or that item itself becomes widely available at reasonable prices.
18. All vehicles will be judged on a case-by-case basis and must be manufactured before 1946 or must represent a type used by Allied or Axis powers during the 1939-1945 period. All post 1945 vehicles must be altered to duplicate a pre-1945 vehicle and be properly painted. Photographs of all altered manufactured vehicles must be submitted to the Authenticity Committee along with authentic photos or photocopies of original photos of the same type vehicle. If judgment is in favor of the rebuilt vehicle, a permit will be issued by the chairman of the Authenticity Committee.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

For safety all WWII H.R.S., Inc. sponsored tactical and/or public events must be insured. A request form may be attained from the Secretary, or a form will be posted in THE EDGE. A certificate of insurance will then be sent to the requester. If this procedure is not followed and/or the requester's current membership dues are not paid in full, a certificate will not be issued nor will the event be advertised until done so.