

Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association  
Policy Summary  
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SCHEDULING:

1. Presentations for Max Effort events to be made at the August meeting.
2. MCWRA will appoint a Sponsoring Unit to coordinate with event organizer(s).
3. That standard forms be established for individual registration and individual release of liability.

DEFINITION OF EVENTS:

1. Max Effort: 100% participation urged. If reenacting an actual event, then those branches that were actually there should be included in the scenario. If the reenactment is not of an actual battle, all branches must be included in the weekend scenario.
2. Benefit: Admission is charged for benefit of recognized non-profit organization. Admission proceeds must be donated in their entirety and cannot be used to defray costs of putting on the event.
3. Sanctioned: No specific definition. MCWRA approved event other than the above.
4. Listed: Non-MCWRA event for information only.

UNIT DEFINITION AND STATUS: (10/01)

1. An MCWRA unit is defined as a recognized group , that generally prefer to fit into a category of, infantry, cavalry, artillery, Guerrilla, Provost Marshal, medical, civilian or etc.
2. A recognized unit is one that has successfully undergone a probationary period, been accepted by the Board of Directors, and meets the criteria listed below. Infantry: 10 individuals  
Cavalry: 8 individuals together with mounts  
Dismounted Cavalry 10 individuals  
Artillery: One artillery piece approved for authenticity and safety, by three (3) Artillery Officers appointed by the board. Plus a minimum crew of five (5) individuals. Artillery Units may include more than one gun with adequate crew.5. No artillery unit will be accepted for MCWRA membership, nor new piece by an established unit, if the piece is not approved by the three (3) artillery officers appointed by the board.  
Guerrillas: 5 individuals with or without mounts.  
Provost Marshal: 5 individuals with or without mounts.  
Medical: 3 individuals.  
Engineers: 5 individuals.  
Other Units: 5 individuals performing authentic functions. (The numerical criteria for a combatant unit is number of combatants age 16 or older.)
3. Each new unit will undergo a probationary period, of one year.
4. Each new probationary unit must have a sponsor from the same branch who will recommend to the Board of Directors when the probationary unit meets the criteria for full membership. Cavalry must be sponsored by a unit of the same branch etc.. Any non-combatant units may be sponsored by any unit.
6. All units must maintain the minimum number of members to maintain active voting status and unit status.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

1. Individual dues are \$10.00 per calendar year, prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>. After April 15<sup>th</sup> dues are then \$15.00 .
2. Dues are \$10.00 per family membership, prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>. After April 15<sup>th</sup> family dues will be \$15.00.  
Family membership established to include parents and children under age 16.
3. A lifetime membership fee established of \$100 individual, or family.
4. Membership is \$ 10.00 per event prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Membership is \$15.00 after April 15<sup>th</sup>. A membership fee makes the person a MCWRA member and covered under the insurance umbrella for that event and the remainder of the MCWRA event for the calendar year. The sponsoring unit is the Primary responsible party for ensuring that non-MCWRA members are charged for membership for that event. The Secondary responsible party is the Provost Marshal.
5. Dues paid after April 15<sup>th</sup> shall be \$15
6. Regardless of what time of year dues are paid, they are only good for the calendar year paid in.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING:

1. Ballots to be issued in the Western Campaigner, mailed to the MCWRA Treasurer for paid membership verification. Ballots may also be printed from the MCWRA website. To be sealed until next board meeting when opened and counted. Secretary to maintain ballots for one year.

2. Each member 16 or older, whose dues are paid is entitled to vote.
3. All family memberships to receive one (1) ballot.
4. One member equals one vote; in a family situation, if another vote is desired (wife, other combatant, etc.) another membership is required. Membership entitles the member (and in a family membership) to one vote, MCWRA liability insurance and the newsletter.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Regular Board meetings be scheduled on a quarterly basis.
2. One Board meeting is set to coincide with the scheduling meeting. Potential events should be presented at the August meeting.
3. Date for next meeting to be set at each meeting before adjournment.
4. Minutes list all units/representatives attending meeting in addition to board members.
5. Insurance limits set to \$2 Million.
6. In order for family members to be covered under MCWRA insurance in a family membership, all names of family must be turned in to the treasurer.
7. Institute use of a sponsor's questionnaire for anyone applying for a Sanctioned Event.
9. MCWRA Logo is available for use by members if approved by Board of Directors.
10. Event sponsors to be required to purchase MCWRA insurance .

#### Event Schedule Information:

1. Presenters for events should come to the August meeting with their money for insurance at that time.
2. If it is necessary for the event sponsors to cancel the event, MCWRA will return their insurance funds upon request.

#### WESTERN CAMPAIGNER:

1. Western Campaigner cut off delinquent members after the April 15<sup>th</sup> issue.
2. Western Campaigner will not publish anonymous or name withheld letters..
3. Editor may issue a six page newsletter when necessary.
4. Use First Class postage on the newsletter.
5. Inserts to Campaigner on a first-come, first-served basis, not to require additional postage, to be selected/approved by the Editor, relate to educational or member information and \$10 insertion fee paid.

#### SAFETY:

1. Overall commander of each side is responsible for safety; each unit commander is responsible for safety of his/her unit.
2. Fire safety is the responsibility of each unit and individual attending an event.
3. The rules "no pets in camp" is considered a part of our safety regulations. This shall include the period sutler area.
4. Flags shall not be captured unless a choreographed Part of the scenario.
5. **There will be no live fire at events.**
6. If a live projectile is fired or another incident threatens the safety of the event, the battle will immediately be stopped and all troops will remain in place until the situation is resolved and instructions are issued by the senior commanders.

#### AUTHENTICITY AND PARTICIPATION:

1. Roles of male participants are limited to those generally accepted as male roles, and roles of women to those generally accepted as female roles, by 19th Century perception.
2. No household pet (dog, cats, etc.) in camp. This shall include the period sutler area
3. Minimum age for participation in battles in any capacity (including musician, powder monkey, color bearer, etc.) is 16. Amended 11/18 to reduce the age of NON-combatants (non-weapons bearing ) to 13 years of age subject to the following a) must be able to perform the job assigned, b) must be under direct adult supervision. Must still be 16 to carry a weapon or work an artillery piece

#### GENERAL CONDUCT:

1. Provost Marshal required for each side at all MCWRA events, responsible to overall commander and responsible for maintaining order, can draw on units for assistants as needed.
2. Parental Responsibility: Parents are responsible for supervising their children at all times. Unit Commanders/NCO's should enforce this requirement.
3. No illegal drugs will be allowed at MCWRA sponsored events at any time.
4. No alcohol will be consumed at MCWRA sponsored events between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or anytime the camps are open to the public.

## **RULES OF CONDUCT:**

A: The following rules shall serve as minimum standards of conduct expected of all members/units of the MCWRA and non-member participants attending an MCWRA event.

Only period uniforms, clothing, accouterments, materials, weapons, etc. will be used. In general, military appearance will be that of the common soldier of the Civil War in Missouri during the years 1861 – 1865; firearms shall be of period correct type, reproduction or original common military arms (where deemed safe), no metallic cartridges may be used on the field (these arms are defined as original or reproduction arms based on those manufactured prior to 1865). Dependents and civilians are welcome to participate in normal historical roles in proper attire, unless present as potential recruits. Women will be allowed to participate in the ranks if they properly conceal their gender and present a good first person impression. Troops will follow all reasonable and safe orders given to them by properly elected or designated officers and NCOs. Officers and NCOs shall be treated with the military courtesy due their rank and title. Specialized Impressions or Personae shall not participate upon the Battle Field except through prior arrangement of the specific event and with the approval of the Event Organizer/Host Unit.

B. Cause for a member or unit's suspension or dismissal from the MCWRA shall include, but not be limited to the following actions: Failure to comply with the provisions set forth in the By-laws and Policies of the MCWRA. Actions that tend to embarrass or discredit the MCWRA or member units thereof, including slander of a member or member unit. Disregard for safety rules and/or continued unacceptable behavior at events or camps where they represent the MCWRA.

C. During a MCWRA sanctioned event, any member or unit accused of the items contained in Section B, Rules of Conduct, shall appear before an Event Review Board consisting of the members of the MCWRA Board of Directors present at the event and the Host Unit commander to hear charges and offer a defense. The accused may request his/her Unit commander to appear before the review board on his/her/their behalf. After charges and defenses are presented, the Event Review Board shall determine, by simple majority vote, the appropriate punishment. The punishment may include, but is not limited to, immediate suspension or expulsion from the Association. The findings and punishment of the Event Review Board is appealable to the full MCWRA Board of Directors, whose decision is final. If an Event Review Board is convened and the President of the MCWRA is not present, the Board shall report its findings and rulings to the President after the event.