

## **XXI. Firearms Policy<sup>73</sup>**

1. The possession of modern firearms at SCA events is prohibited, except for locations such as 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 federal law and by site regulations, a firearm may be stored out of sight in a vehicle in accordance with federal, state, and local laws. In addition to said laws, the firearm must be stored in a locked gun box and/or have a trigger lock. At no time may the firearm be removed from a 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, incapable of discharge, and the barrel must be made of solid material such as a metal rod or wooden dowel.
6. No ammunition, wadding, or black powder is permitted on site. There is one exception for the Pennsic cannon, which is grandfathered into this regulation. 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.

## **XXII. Policy on Hunting, Slaughtering, and Butchering<sup>74</sup>**

1. The hunting or slaughter of live animals is prohibited at SCA functions. This prohibition does not include fishing, nor does it include necessary actions taken to protect event attendees from dangerous animals. The butchering of animals may be allowed as part of a class, demonstration, or for food preparation; however, all modern health regulations must be followed if the meat is to be prepared or served as part of a feast or other such SCA-sponsored food service. Furthermore, SCA participants are not to be subjected unawares to a scene that would violate reasonable sensitivities.