

## ALABAMA DIVISION SAFETY RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR MOUNTED CAVALRY

1. Unruly or uncontrollable horses will be ordered to leave the battlefield.
2. Cavalrymen should advance as organized units. Individuals should not be on the field, except as staff or unit couriers, or as part of an organized unit. All troops will be responsible to a unit officer.
3. At no time will cavalry units be allowed to override infantry or artillery lines. Only if the infantry makes an opening through their lines can cavalry be allowed to pass, and then only in organized columns.
4. Cavalry should maintain at least a 15-foot interval between infantry and artillery troops, being especially careful of those simulating casualties. All activity will be restricted to a walk or trot whenever working in areas where there are casualties on the ground.
5. If close contact fighting is allowed between opposing cavalry units, or opposing cavalry-infantry units, the scenario must be coordinated with the opposing unit commanders prior to the battle and observed by an official of the battle scenario. Only men participating in the prearranged activity will be allowed in the maneuver during the battle.
6. No trooper will be made to perform any activity that they do not feel can be performed in a safe manner to themselves and/or others.
7. Firearm inspection of cavalry weapons will be performed before every battle. No wadding is allowed in revolvers. Anything that will burn on firing becomes a projectile and could seriously injure others.
8. In close contact of cavalry units, no firing directly at each other will be allowed while the units are engaged. **NO FIRING OF WEAPONS DIRECTLY AT ANOTHER COMBATANT WILL BE DONE WITHIN FIFTY FEET.**
9. Stallions will not be permitted.
10. At all times be aware of the location of the spectators. Do not ride so close to any spectators as to endanger them because of an unexpected action of the horse.
11. The chain of command will be followed and all members are expected to follow orders of unit officers and NCOs. No one will break the host unit's scenario.
12. Women in the ranks. Inasmuch as Victorian women were precluded from serving as soldiers under arms during the War Between the States, a soldier who is discovered, by requested admission, to be a female shall be discharged from service and excluded from military duties on and off the field by the respective battalion commander as was the practice during the War.
13. The requirement to have current (dated within one year) negative Coggins papers for all animals is mandatory. All Alabama Division Cavalry troopers shall carry current negative Coggins papers to any event they might attend. Failure to present current negative Coggins papers or refusal to allow for the inspection of animals constitutes grounds for expulsion from the event.