

# CANNON ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Gunners Room, the Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town

SAPS Registration number 28/1/3/8/2/1 23704



## Code of Conduct

An undertaking by all gunner members of CAOSA

I, the undersigned member of the Cannon Association of South Africa (CAOSA), being a member participating in the act of cannon firing at public events, agree to abide by the word, meaning and spirit of the constitution of CAOSA, and the supporting documents referred to in that constitution, at all times.

### I undertake to:-

- A. Ensure that the safety of spectators is always regarded as more important than anything else.
- B. Abide by the rules, regulations and procedures as laid down in the Safety Training Manual.
- C. Follow diligently and promptly the lawful commands given by a more senior gunner during a firing.
- D. Study and comply with all current South African Police rules and regulations which have a bearing on the possession, storage, transportation and use of black powder and cannons.
- E. Ensure that the Head of the Provincial SAPS Explosives Unit and the District SAPS Station Commander are advised in advance by e-mail of the relevant firing.

### I further understand that:-

- F. The holding of office on the Committee of CAOSA has no bearing or influence on the conduct of a firing, this is the responsibility of the most qualified gunner present, or as appointed by a more senior gunner.
- G. In spite of experience in other fields of firearm and/or explosives I may have, the entry into the muzzle loading cannon fraternity begins at the bottom and that my advancement up the gunner seniority ladder is subject to peer review, evaluation by a senior, and ratification by a specially appointed Board of Senior Gunners.

H. I am liable to have membership terminated from CAOSA in the event of any conduct on my part which is considered by the committee to endanger participants or the public, or to be contrary to the aims and objectives of CAOSA. In the event of such termination of membership I will return to CAOSA all items which identify me with the association. In the event of such termination of membership being considered by the Committee to be a danger to the public, the Committee reserves the right to inform the SAPS of the reason/s for the termination of my membership.

**When firing a ML cannon I undertake to:-**

- I. Use only gunpowder (black powder or equivalent) in a muzzle loading cannon.
- J. Ensure that the charge of black powder for which a specific gun has been proofed and certified is not exceeded.
- K. Consult with a Senior Gunner before any form of experimentation with a cannon. The Senior Gunner will be fully informed of the nature, objectives, place and time of the experiment and will have the right either to attend, to authorise, or to prohibit the experiment.
- L. Report immediately to a Senior Gunner any plan, intention or activity by another member which is regarded as dangerous or risky.
- M. Fire only those cannons which have been proof fired and declared safe by CAOSA, and on which the member has had the approved training.
- N. Conduct all firings in such a manner as to offer minimal disruption to fauna and flora.

All of the above has been read and explained to me in detail and by signing this document I agree to behave in accordance with the word, meaning and spirit of this code of conduct.

**Members Name:** ..... **CAOSA No.:** .....

**Members Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Witnessed by Name:** ..... **CAOSA No.:** .....

**Witness Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....