



Rules of conduct on events and bivouacs

Every NAN-member, or any society invited by the NAN can participate in NAN-events or bivouacs.

The NAN-board will give as much information as possible on what can be expected at an event. It is possible that the NAN-board, the NAN-quartermaster or the local organization can ask your help in performing any tasks. You are expected to do so. The board of the society will see to this. The distribution of these tasks will be divided equally between the NAN-members present. The board of the NAN strives to keep the amount of tasks as little as possible.

Rules of conduct

Every participant of an NAN-event or NAN-bivouac is bound by regulations and tasks given by the appointed NAN-quartermaster and/or NAN-board members. The following rules of conduct always apply. On some events (i.e. Loevestein) there are different rules of conduct as laid down in the HHR of the NAN.

Bivouac

In NAN-bivouacs participants are only allowed in historic uniform or clothing. Modern tents and camping attributes are not allowed. Modern attributes are to be kept out of sight in the tents. Audio equipment and such are not allowed. This is also the rule for other forms of electronic communication, if not a necessity for the organisation of the event.

In the NAN-bivouacs a historic game is played. Ranks, roles and functions that the participants play are to be respected.

Subscription

Societies receive with their invitation for the event a participation- and evaluation form for the event. Societies are required to hand over addition A to the NAN-quartermaster as proof of their subscription when arriving at an event. Other forms will not be accepted. The completed evaluation and possible remarks can be given to the NAN-quartermaster. Changes in the number of participants can be sent to the secretary of the NAN up to 4 weeks after an event.

With the subscription the following matters are settled:

- ◆ Subscription to the event.
- ◆ Number of participants expected.
- ◆ Allocating a bivouac location.
- ◆ Map (in the absence of it).
- ◆ NAN Rules of Safety.

Society-quartermasters

All societies appoint one or two quartermasters before any NAN-event or bivouac.

The names and times of arrival of the quartermasters are to be sent to the secretary of the NAN before an event.

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The quartermasters are expected to take care of the subscription of the unit, to make a plan for the bivouac of their unit (and/or brigade), to welcome and instruct their members, and act as a *liaison* between the unit and the NAN-quartermaster and the NAN board members.

In case your unit does not have a quartermaster, please make sure one is appointed via a sister/parent unit (make sure your representative has a copy of the application form).

Official re-enactment time

During the event or bivouac there are prescribed periods of “re-enactment times”. During these periods of time the military structure prevails and the commanders are responsible for the (authentic and safe) behaviour of their troops. Outside these re-enactment periods the boards of the societies are responsible for their members. Note: the final responsibility for each society stays with the board during the entire event!

First Aid

When subscribing for an NAN-event, each society adds which members of their group has a First-Aid qualification and/or has a medical background. Units that have a medical kit at hand are required to point out where they store it in their bivouac.

Use of Straw

The use of loose straw in tents is not allowed, unless using a ground cloth in the tent. This is to prevent the waist and littering of straw in the bivouacs, and to make cleaning up easier for the organisation.

When using a strawbag the use of a ground cloth is not required. In this case some loose straw may be used to cover the sides of the tent interior.

For cleaning up the straw after an event, bags will be provided by the organization; if not, use the ground cloth or tent to move the straw to the appointed location.

Building up – and breaking down the bivouacs

Bivouacs will be build up and broken down on designated times during the day. The organization will take the hours of daylight in consideration as much as possible, to make cleaning up easier. (Note: a different time for building up – or breaking down the bivouac due to special arrangements is possible; contact the organization for more information.)

When subscribing, ask the organization at what time cars are allowed on the campsite.

The organization will give instructions on how to clean up the bivouac. When these are not given, make sure to return all materials such as straw, (left over) wood, food boxes, flag poles, etc., to the places where these were given out at the beginning of the event. Fire pits must be covered up using the dug out grass. Garbage must be taken to the designated containers. Note: if there are no containers, and the organization has not provided for any, all participants have to dispose of their garbage themselves.

When leaving the bivouac, the societies are required to contact the organization and/or the NAN-quartermaster. The quartermaster will inspect the campsite with the societies’ quartermaster. Instructions by the NAN-quartermaster must be followed at any time.

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When a campsite is found not to be cleaned up properly, the NAN will have the right to ask a third party to clean up afterwards; all costs made in this way will be deducted on the possible compensations for the event. When there is no compensation, or the costs are higher than the given compensation, the society will be charged for the costs. Failing to clean up properly repeatedly can lead to the society being excluded from future NAN-events.

Guard Duty

During the daytime a guard can be part of the historic scenario. The guard is functional within the unit and the bivouac, and will follow orders given by the designated commander. Every society will appoint at least two guards.

A guard usually consists of 2 armed men. The guard will perform their watch as prescribed by historic manuals. The guard will salute officers and non-commissioned officers in the proper manner and follows the guidelines of their respective unit.

The guard is never allowed to carry loaded muskets while performing their guard duty. The guard is allowed to fix their bayonets as part of their guard duty.

The guard can take actively part in a scenario; in this case the bayonets must be unfixed and returned, and they are allowed to load and fire their muskets. Note: all in conformity with the NAN safety regulations.

Dutch Law prohibits guard duties outside re-enactment times. This is only allowed by those persons that are part of a security organisation and who are properly qualified. Guard duty by re-enactors in uniform and with arms is prohibited by law.

Participating units are advised to make agreements on looking after each others possessions and be on the look-out in the bivouacs.

Alcohol

The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited during re-enactment periods. It may only be allowed if it is part of the scenario, in which the drink itself may be non-alcoholic. Those who carry firearms are only allowed to drink alcohol when they are no longer expected to carry their weapons. When it comes to alcohol, the usual rules of conduct and decency apply. Those who are found to be drunk during re-enactment periods will be suspended from the event immediately. Everyone who drinks is responsible for making sure there is no trouble; every participant must keep in mind he or she is a representative of their society and the NAN.

Quiet in Camp

After tattoo is beaten it must be quiet in the bivouac. Conversation at a campfire is allowed, but only in a low voice. When having a 'party' around the campfire, make sure this is in agreement with other societies and/or persons. Those who go to bed early, especially children, must have a good nights' sleep. People that are exhausted or tired may pose a risk during battle- and skirmish displays.

Campfires

It's not allowed to build a fireplace directly on the ground itself. Fires can only be lit in designated and especially built fireplaces, which will be pointed out by the NAN-quartermaster.

It is forbidden at all times to stay near an open fire while handling or in possession of gunpowder, cartridges and/or ammunition. Every bivouac must have the means at hand to put out fires and to give first aid. Burning fires must be attended at all times, or put out when leaving the bivouac.

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General conduct

At every NAN-event and in all NAN-bivouacs the following is not allowed:

- ◆ Offensive/abusive language.
- ◆ Discriminating language and behaviour against any gender, race, nationality, religion and/or background.
- ◆ The use of drugs.
- ◆ The singing of offensive songs.
- ◆ The spreading of any political views.

Participation in non-NAN-events and/or -bivouacs

When taking part in events organized by another organization than the NAN, the NAN Rules of Conduct and NAN Safety Regulations apply, especially in those situations where the rules and regulations of the organizers are not sufficient or missing altogether.

Conclusion

Our hobby is one that stands out. Everything you do in and around events and bivouacs will be looked at scrupulously, especially by the media.