

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNON

1. All guns used in NSWMLA endorsed competitions must be registered and the user (s) of the gun must have an appropriate current, valid licence.
2. All guns must fall within one of the categories listed below and be reasonably representative of their type. N.B. Exact scale is not essential.
  - a. Smooth Bore Muzzle Loading Field Gun or Howitzer.
  - b. Smooth Bore Muzzle Loading Naval or Garrison Gun.
3. Breech loading guns are not permitted in NSWMLA endorsed competitions.
4. All gun barrels shall be of sound construction, either cast or built up manufacture.
5. The bore shall be free of any cracks, pits or faults likely to weaken the barrel, or to predispose the firearm to any pre-ignition problems.
6. The vent shall provide a clear and uninterrupted passage to the combustion chamber.
7. The carriage shall be of sound construction, capable of withstanding the stresses of firing the gun.
8. Powder charges shall be appropriate to the gun. The RO may order a reduced charge be used if recoil is considered excessive.
9. The RO may order an inspection and/or proof firing of a gun prior to its initial use on a range.
10. Cannon sights shall be permitted subject to the following conditions;
  - a. Fixed sights shall not be adjustable for windage or elevation.
  - b. Temporary sighting devices attached to the cannon are not permitted.
  - c. Pistol or rifle sights are not permitted.
  - d. Permanent foresights may only consist of a block having a groove or scribe mark to indicate centre.
  - e. Permanent back sights may only consist of a block having a “u” or “v” shaped groove.
11. Ball to be a sliding fit in the barrel and used un-patched. An over-ball wad should be used to maintain contact between the ball and charge