

NEW ENGLAND BRIGADE  
ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION CHECKLIST

*Before Event Firing:*

1. ( ) *Gun, limber, implements and Drill has been inspected using inspection forms*
2. ( ) *Ammunition is prepared ahead of time, with only enough for event on hand. Black Powder used in charges only. NO 'fillers'.*
3. ( ) *All implements are in their correct places; on gun, or on implement stands*
4. ( ) *Misfire equipment, fire extinguisher, and First Aid kit in place at or near firing position*
5. ( ) *Required number of personnel present to safely fire the piece*
6. ( ) *Limber box is at least seven (7) yards to the rear of the piece and from the spectator line(s)*
7. ( ) *Cannon placement is at least 20 yards (60 feet) from spectator line, with muzzle forward of the crowd*
8. ( ) *Spectators have a good field of view of the demonstration*
9. ( ) *The Chief of the Piece has a clear all around view of all visitors and the down range safety zone*
10. ( ) *Wind conditions are not too strong for safe demonstration*
11. ( ) *Conditions are not too dry to risk a range fire from the muzzle blast*
12. ( ) *Emergency Communications are readily available*
13. ( ) *No smoking or open fires anywhere near the gun or limber*
14. ( ) *EMS present on scene*
15. ( ) *Review of misfire and accident procedures completed*
16. ( ) *For Massachusetts Firing: Certificate of Competency for a least one crew member and appropriate Permit from the Town or State has been procured and are on site*

*During Firing Event:*

1. ( ) *The gun crew is following the approved Drill procedures and are in their correct position, and are taking the demonstration seriously*
2. ( ) *The wet sponge and thumbstall are suitably damp, but not soaking wet*
3. ( ) *Cannoneers # 1 & 2 are wearing heavy, but pliable work gloves, and minimize exposure to muzzle*
4. ( ) *Cannoneers # 3 & 4 minimize exposure to vent*
5. ( ) *Cannoneers # 2 & 4 be sure to handle charges and primers carefully and properly*
6. ( ) *Cannoneers on limber box mindful to minimize opening lid to safe times and for brief durations*

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*After Firing Event:*

1. ( ) *Be sure piece is cleared (fired)*
2. ( ) *Vent is brushed and cleared*
3. ( ) *Tube is wormed and cleared thoroughly*
4. ( ) *Tube is sponged and cleaned*
5. ( ) *Steel tubes are oiled lightly to prevent rust / pitting*
6. ( ) *Tompson and Vent Cover is emplaced on piece*
7. ( ) *Implements and leather gear are cleaned and stowed properly*
8. ( ) *Damaged items are repaired or replaced*
9. ( ) *Records and Inventories completed*
10. ( ) *After Action Report prepared and discussed*