

# GUNNER'S INSTRUCTIONS

**YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS.  
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 10 GAUGE BREECH LOADING WINCHESTER CANNON.**

This cannon has been designed, manufactured and tested specifically for factory loaded 10 gauge BLANK CARTRIDGES ONLY. These factory loaded blank shells are loaded with black powder and so marked by the manufacturer. Never fire shells loaded with smokeless powder or shells with shot or slugs as such a cartridge can lead to excessive pressures with the possibility of personal injury and damage to the cannon.

Do not insert any foreign objects in the bore with the intent to fire them from the cannon with the blank or any other shell as such a practice may lead to injury from the propelled object as well as causing possible excess pressure, resulting in personal injury and damage to the cannon.

Be certain that the muzzle area of the cannon is clear for a distance of at least 40 metres, as wads sometimes may travel that far with considerable force. Be certain that the bore is clear of any obstructions before firing, as such obstructions may lead to excessive pressures with the possibility of personal injury and damage to the cannon.

Advise spectators of the imminent firing.

## PLACING INSTRUCTIONS

The cannon should be placed in the triangle between the signal gantry and the railings and no-one other than the gunner should be permitted in that space.

## LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Press the hammer to the rear and down until the hammer is held in the ready to fire position by the hammer spring.
- 2 Rotate the breech handle counter-clockwise until the handle is straight up.
- 3 Swing the breech assembly down and to the rear.
- 4 Check the bore for any obstructions such as wads or other debris. The bore must be completely clear.
- 5 Insert a 10 gauge blank shell until the rim of the shell rests on the extractor.
- 6 Close the breech by swinging the breech handle up and then rotating the handle to the right.

**CAUTION** Your cannon is now cocked and ready to fire.

## FIRING INSTRUCTIONS

After checking be sure that the muzzle area is clear of people or objects for at least 40 metres (wads from a blank shell may travel a considerable distance with enough force to cause possible injury), the cannon is fired by giving a quick rearward pull on the lanyard provided.

## CAUTION

Never attempt to fire the cannon by hand without the use of the lanyard. This may cause personal injury. The cannon report is quite loud, in keeping with its intended signalling purpose- Persons with sensitive hearing or hearing problems should provide themselves with hearing protection when in close proximity to the cannon while being fired.

## UNLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

If your cannon fails to fire, leave it pointed in a safe direction. Count to 10, then eject the blank shell.

## WARNING

When removing the misfired shell or a live shell, make sure the muzzle is still pointed in a safe direction before re-cocking the hammer prior to rotating the breech handle. Rotate the breech handle counter-clockwise until the handle is straight up. Swing the breech assembly down and to the rear. Withdraw the cartridge in the chamber.

## CARE AND CLEANING

### CAUTION

Be certain your cannon is unloaded before commencing any cleaning. The 10 gauge blank shells are loaded with black powder which leaves a residue that is highly attractive to moisture. This should be removed at the conclusion of racing by cleaning with lubricant and '4 x 2'. Supplies of each are kept in the grey box.

**YOU ARE REMINDED THAT THESE CANNON ARE HELD ON A 'FIREARMS CERTIFICATE' ISSUED BY THE POLICE IN MY NAME**

**ANY ACCIDENT AS A RESULT OF CASUAL OR CARELESS USE OR BREACH OF  
THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION**

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