

Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program

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Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program

The Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program is a skill development program. It has been the flagship of NRA's training development programs since 1903. Instructors and coaches use the qualification program as a guideline to train new shooters of all ages in their clubs. Individuals who are not involved in organized clubs also use the qualification program as a tool to develop their own shooting skills.

Qualification shooting is a year-round shooting activity that provides incentive awards for developing and improving marksmanship skills.

Progression is self-paced and scores are challenging but attainable! Performance is measured against established par scores; any shooter who meets or exceeds those scores is entitled to the corresponding recognition awards for that rating.

Based on the honor system, shooters acquire the large discipline patch at the onset of the program and, as each rating is earned, they are entitled to all of the corresponding awards for that rating. Each rating level has a skill rocker, medal, pin, and certificate award that recognizes and highlights the achievement.

The courses of fire in the qualification program are designed to take shooters from beginning skill levels (Pro-Marksman and Marksman) through intermediate levels (Marksman 1st Class, Sharpshooter, and Expert) up to the nationally recognized skill level and pinnacle of the program, Distinguished Expert. By the time a shooter completes the Distinguished Expert rating in rifle, pistol and shotgun, he/she has attained a proficiency level paralleling that of a competitive classified Sharpshooter.

Qualification shooting can be con-

ducted anywhere including public ranges, at your favorite club range, or even on your own home range. BB and pellet gun shooters will find air gun qualification courses especially suited for home air gun ranges and family learning environments. Parents can shoot with their children or start a neighborhood air gun shooting sports program for their children and their friends.

The following information applies to the overall qualification program—all disciplines, all courses of fire.

Safety

When firing for qualification ratings, always follow the NRA safe gun handling rules:

- **ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- **ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

For more information on safety, order the *NRA Gun Safety Rules* or *Smart and Safe* brochures (see page 42 for ordering information).

Guidelines

Discipline-specific standards are listed with each course of fire. If specific exceptions are not made, the official NRA Rules apply. Shooters who are not familiar with shooting terms—targets, equipment, positions, scoring procedures, etc.—should attend an NRA Basic Firearm Training Course and obtain a copy of the appropriate rule book for a greater understanding of the discipline before firing for qualification. For a list of rule books to purchase, please refer to the NRA Materials section on page 42 or visit the web site at www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp for PDF versions.

Eligibility

Qualification courses of fire are open to everyone—men and women, adults and youth.

Administration

Qualification shooting is based on the honor system. It can be a self-administered activity or it can be administered by parents, club leaders, coaches, or instructors as part of a family, club, or group program.

Disabled Shooters

Persons with physical disabilities are welcome to participate in the Marksmanship Qualification Program. A physical disability may result in a marksman having to assume a non-traditional, adaptive shooting position.

Targets

Target designations are listed under each discipline. Targets with “TQ” designations are training and qualification targets. TQ targets usually have larger bullseyes and scoring areas than competition targets. Alpha series targets, such as “A” (smallbore rifle), “B” (pistol), and “AR” (air rifle), are official competition targets. Alpha series targets are used for most all other formal shooting activities—postal matches, leagues, and competition. Any number appearing after a “/” in any target designation (AR-5/10, TQ-1/1), indicates the number of bullseyes that are on the paper target.

Target Manufacturers

Targets are available at most sporting goods stores. If you cannot find them locally, contact one of the NRA's licensed manufacturers. The following manufacturers sell a full line of targets and offer quantity and/or NRA instructor discounts:

Alco Target Company, California
(888) 258-4814; www.alcotarget.com

American Target Company, Colorado
(877) 733-0433;
www.americantargetcompany.com

National Target Company, Maryland
(800) 827-7060; www.nationaltarget.com

U.S. Target Company, Michigan
(800) 746-6836; www.ustargetonline.com

For a list of NRA licensed target manufacturers, please visit our web site:
www.nrahq.org/competelicensed.asp.

Awards

All awards—Pro-Marksman through Distinguished Expert—are ordered directly from the NRA Program Materials Center by the shooter or the program administrator. Program administrators should order awards in advance so they are available as soon as the rating is earned. In this way the student receives instant recognition. Individual shooters can order awards as each skill level is attained. Refer to pages 39-41 for award descriptions and item numbers for ordering.

Ratings

Ratings in the qualification program must be earned in sequence from the beginning. While beginning ratings may be relatively easy for some shooters to obtain, these ratings and the recognition shooters receive keep interest high and help sustain shooters when ratings become much more difficult to obtain. NRA does not track earned ratings.

Scores

In all cases, scores fired for qualification must be applied to the rating on which the shooter is currently working. Scores may not be held and used for higher ratings. In most cases, each skill level requires that you achieve a score a particular number of times to complete the level. However, they do not have to be fired consecutively or in the same session. Scores fired in practice sessions, leagues, or matches may all be applied toward qualification ratings.

Records

A record of the date when each rating was achieved and the awards that were acquired should be kept by the shooter or the program administrator.

Two record charts are available at the end of this book for use with record-keeping.

Distinguished Expert Rating

In order to encourage completion of the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program through the highest rating, shooters have the option of qualifying for the Distinguished Expert rating by participating in formal competition using a lower score requirement, or outside of formal competition using a higher score requirement. Shooters may also qualify for Double and Triple Distinguished Expert ratings by completing one rating per discipline of rifle, pistol, or shotgun.

Witness Requirement

All firing for the Distinguished Expert rating must be witnessed by an NRA member (with current ID number), or an NRA instructor or coach (with current ID number). Exception: shooters who fire scores in formal competition use the tournament results bulletin from the required number of matches as validation. Shotgun shooters must save their shooting receipt and score record from each round required.

NRA Basic Courses

New shooters are encouraged to contact a local NRA instructor to enroll in a basic course. Basic firearm training courses are fun, informative, and provide a good foundation of knowledge that can be applied to all shooting activities. To obtain a list of NRA instructors who offer basic firearms training courses in your area, call the automated telephone help line at (703) 267-1430 or visit the instructor web site at www.nrainstructors.org. If you can not attend a course, read the shooting

handbooks (see list on page 42). They contain a wealth of information that will help improve your shooting.

Basic Practical Rating

The Basic Practical Rocker is not a part of the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program. The Basic Practical skill rocker is awarded if you complete the basic practical rocker exercises provided as an option in an NRA Basic Firearms Training Course. If you have completed a Basic Firearms Training Course, you may wear your Basic Practical skill rocker with the qualification program patch.

NRA Member Recognition for Distinguished Expert

NRA members who have completed all the lower ratings and the requirements for Distinguished Expert should contact the National Rifle Association. The NRA provides national recognition for all members who reach this prestigious level of accomplishment provided they:

- have fired the required scores
- have acquired awards at the lower ratings
- provide a current NRA member ID number
- complete the Distinguished Expert (DE) Recognition Report form located on the NRA web site at www.nrahq.org/education/training/marksmanship/de_rec_form.pdf.

Paid membership application or renewal may be submitted with the Distinguished Expert report form, or receive a \$10 discount on a regular one year membership by renewing online at www.nra.org/youthprograms and click on Join the NRA Today. Upon completion of the Distinguished Expert rating, download the report form listed above, and return to the NRA Headquarters address listed on the form.

If you have questions, contact the NRA Qualification Coordinator at marksmanship@nrahq.org or (703) 267-1505.

Pistol Qualification

- ◆ Accuracy ◆ Dexterity ◆ Precision
- ◆ Speed

Develop the skills needed to participate in NRA Action Pistol competition, as well as the basic skills required for personal protection. An NRA Basic Pistol, Personal Protection or FIRST Steps Pistol Orientation course will provide an excellent foundation of knowledge to build upon. The NRA Basic Pistol Qualification Course provides the perfect self-paced shooting activity to help develop your skills and reward your achievements.



Guidelines

All rules and requirements for this qualification course are listed below.

Pistols and Revolvers

Any semi-automatic pistol or revolver may be used. All calibers compete together.

Sights

Any sights may be used.

Targets

Nine-inch paper plates or paper discs, and AP-1 or AP-2 precision targets (trademarked as the Bianchi target) are used.

Timers

When time restrictions are specified, shooters should have another individual act as timekeeper, or play a recorded tape with timing sequences and start/stop signals.

Awards

- Pistol Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

Pistol Course of Fire

Basic Practical:

This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during the NRA Basic Pistol Course.

Pro-Marksman:

Position: Benchrest, two hands.

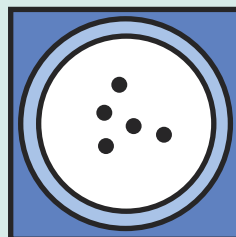
Distance: 15 feet.

Target: Paper plates or paper disks (nine-inch diameter).

Time: No restrictions.

Course of Fire and Rating

Requirements: Shoot 10 plates with five shots on each plate. All shots must be inside a half-inch margin from the edge of the plate. The 10 plates do not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.



Inside 1/2"
Margin on Plate.

Marksman:

Position: Standing, two hands.

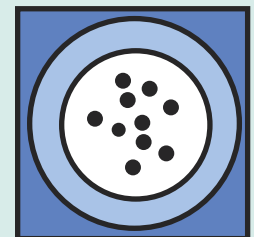
Distance: 15 feet.

Target: Paper plates or paper disks (nine-inch diameter).

Time: No restrictions.

Course of Fire and Rating

Requirements: Shoot 10 plates with 10 shots on each plate. All shots must be inside a one and a half-inch margin from the edge of the plate. The 10 plates do not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.



Inside 1-1/2"
Margin on Plate.

Marksman First Class:

Position: Standing, two hands with strong side and weak side stages.
Note: Strong side means the strong hand—usually the writing hand—grips the gun first and functions the trigger while the weak hand provides additional support. Weak side means the weak hand grips first and functions the trigger while the strong hand provides additional support.

Distance:

15 feet AP-2 target
30 feet AP-1 target

Target: AP-1 or AP-2 precision target

This is conducted in two stages. Both stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course of fire.

Stage 1 Strong Side: Five targets with 10 shots in each, in 6 minutes.

Stage 2 Weak Side: Five targets with 10 shots in each, in 6 minutes.

A total of 10 shots per target.
Possible score per target: 100

Course of Fire and Rating

Requirements: Shoot 10 targets, 5 with a score of 46 or better and 5 with a score of 56 or better. The 10 targets do not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.

Sharpshooter:

Position: Standing, ready, two hands, with strong side and weak side stages

Distance: 15 feet AP-2 target
30 feet AP-1 target

Target: AP-1 or AP-2 precision target

This is conducted in two stages. Both stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course of fire.

Stage 1 Strong Side: Five shots in 20 seconds

Stage 2 Weak Side: Five shots in 20 seconds

A total of 10 shots per target.
Possible score per target: 100

Course of Fire and Rating

Requirements: Shoot 10 targets, five with a score of 60 or better and five with a score of 65 or better. The 10 targets do not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.

Expert:

Position: Standing, ready, one hand, with strong side and weak side stages

Distance: 15 feet AP-2 target
30 feet AP-1 target

Target: AP-1 or AP-2 precision target

This is conducted in two stages. Both stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course of fire.

Stage 1 Strong Side: Five shots in three minutes and five shots in 10 seconds

Stage 2 Weak Side: Five shots in three minutes and five shots in 10 seconds

A total of 20 shots (10 per target).
Possible score: 200

Course of Fire and Rating

Requirements: Shoot two times over the course with a minimum score of 130 or better and three times over the course with a minimum score of 150 or better. The number of courses does not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.

Distinguished Expert:

Firing for the Distinguished Expert rating must be witnessed by an NRA member (with current ID number), or an NRA Instructor or coach (with current ID number).

Position: Standing, ready, with two hands; strong hand and weak hand stages.

Distance: 15 feet AP-2 target
30 feet AP-1 target

Target: AP-1 or AP-2 precision target

Target Setup:

AP-1: One target hung at 30 feet with the top edge of the target at eye level

AP-2: One target hung at 15 feet with the top edge of the target at eye level

This is conducted in four stages; the four stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course.

Stage 1: 5 rounds, strong side, 2 hands in 10 seconds

Stage 2: 5 rounds, strong side, 1 hand in 10 seconds

Stage 3: 5 rounds, weak side, 2 hands in 10 seconds

Stage 4: 5 rounds, weak side, 1 hand in 10 seconds

Course of Fire and Rating

Requirement: Shoot three times over the course with a minimum score of 145, and three times over the course with a minimum score of 170. The number of courses does not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.

Defensive Pistol Qualification

◆ Defensive Pistol I ◆ Defensive Pistol II

Defensive Pistol I Qualification is designed to supplement Personal Protection in the Home courses, while Defensive Pistol II is designed to supplement Personal Protection Outside the Home. These two Qualification courses help participants become familiar with the pistol/revolver, and enhance their ability to react in any defensive situation that might arise. Participants should complete the Pistol Qualification course prior to starting Defensive Pistol I.

Defensive Pistol I

Guidelines:

All guidelines and requirements for the qualification course are listed below.

Pistols and Revolvers:

Any safe revolver or semi-automatic pistol may be used.

Sights:

Any sights may be used.

Positions:

All shooting will be done from the standing, two-handed position. Each rating will have additional requirements. Participants will search and assess after firing each repetition. To search and assess, lower the firearm slightly to

allow the eyes to shift slightly from side to side to scan the area, while not losing sight of the target. The NRA reference books provide information to safely shoot, search and assess with the pistol/revolver.

Target, Distances and Score:

D-1 or equivalent at 21 feet with all shots scoring 8s or better.

Times:

See chart below.

Reference Material:

NRA's Guide to Personal Protection In the Home

Ratings:

Ratings must be earned in sequence. The number of targets (or courses) required for a particular rating need not be fired consecutively or in the same session.

Awards:

- Pistol Patch
- Skill Rocker I
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

Defensive Pistol I

Rating	Position	Time	Number of Shots	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This Rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Pistol Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Two handed standing position; shoot 5 shots	15 seconds	5 shots	4 times
Marksman	Picking the loaded gun off the bench and shoot 5 shots	20 seconds	5 shots	4 times
Marksman 1st Class	Gun is unloaded on the bench; safely pick up gun, load and shoot 5 shots from standing with two hands.	20 seconds	5 shots	4 times
Sharpshooter	Gun is unloaded on the bench; safely pick up gun, load and shoot 5 shots from standing with two hands.	18 seconds	5 shots	4 times
Expert	1. Load pistol, safely move to cover, shoot 5 shots from two handed standing on right side of the cover; 2. Reload, safely move to cover and shoot 5 shots from two handed standing on left side of the cover	15 seconds per side	2 magazines 5 shots each	4 times each side of the cover
Distinguished Expert	Load pistol, move to cover, give verbal challenge, shoot 5 shots kneeling, reload and 5 shots standing (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	25 seconds	2 magazines 5 shots each	8 times

Defensive Pistol II

Guidelines:

All guidelines and requirements for the qualification course are listed below.

Pistols and Revolvers:

Any safe revolver or semi-automatic pistol may be used.

Sights:

Any sights may be used.

Positions:

All shooting will be done from the standing two-handed position. Each rating will have additional requirements. Participants will search and assess after firing each repetition. To search and access, lower the firearm slightly to allow the eyes to shift slightly from side to side to scan the area, while not losing sight of the target.

To use the NRA method of drawing from a holster use the following steps, keeping the finger off the trigger until

ready to shoot:

1. ACCESS the gun.
2. GRIP the gun.
3. PULL the gun from the holster or holster purse.
4. ROTATE the gun toward the target (finger may now go to the trigger).
5. JOIN the weak hand to the strong hand.
6. EXTEND the gun toward the target.
7. FIRE the gun, if necessary.
8. Lower and scan for additional threats.
9. Reholster (engage safety or decock and finger straight along side of receiver).

Target, Distances and Score:

D-1 or equivalent at 21 feet with all shots scoring 8s or better.

Times:

See chart below.

Reference Material:

NRA's Guide to Personal Protection Outside the Home

Ratings:

Ratings must be earned in sequence. The number of targets (or courses) required for a particular rating need not be fired consecutively or in the same session.

Awards:

- Pistol Patch
- Skill Rocker II
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

Defensive Pistol II

Rating	Position	Time	Number of Shots	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This Rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Pistol Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Using the NRA method drawing from strong side holster, and shoot one shot	5 seconds	1 shot	20 times
Marksman	Using the NRA method drawing from strong side holster, and shoot two shots	6 seconds	2 shots	20 times
Marksman 1st Class	Using the NRA method drawing from strong side holster, and shoot 3 shots	10 seconds	3 shots	10 times
Sharpshooter	Using the NRA method drawing from concealment strong side holster, and shoot 3 shots	10 seconds	3 shots	10 times
Expert	Using the NRA method execute 90 degree right and left turns then drawing from holster, and shoot 2 shots.	9 seconds	2 shots right turn and 2 shots left turn	10 times
Distinguished Expert	Using the NRA method execute 180 degree right and left turns then drawing from holster, and shoot 2 shots. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	12 seconds	2 shots right turn and 2 shots left turn	20 times



Access the gun, non-shooting hand to chest



Grip, non-shooting hand to chest



Pull gun from holster, non-shooting hand to chest



Rotate muzzle toward target, non-shooting hand to chest



Join hands



Extend toward target



Fire the gun



Lower and scan



Reholster, non-shooting hand to chest

Conventional Bullseye Pistol Qualification

◆ Slow Fire ◆ Timed Fire ◆ Rapid Fire



Bullseye pistol shooting is one of the most popular shooting sports. Shot indoors or outdoors, these courses of fire emphasize the development of competition bullseye pistol shooting skills. Competitive bullseye shooting is also known as “conventional pistol.” The precision required in bullseye shooting helps to hone your trigger control and concentration skills. These skills will be of great value if you decide to move on to action pistol shooting. While some shooters may prefer the course of fire that emphasizes stage (slow, timed, and rapid fire) skill development, others may prefer the course that stresses aggregate (total score) skill development. Both are provided so you can shoot the course of fire that is right for you.

Guidelines

NRA *Pistol Rules* will apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

Pistols and Revolvers

Any safe rimfire, centerfire revolver or semi-automatic pistol may be used.

Sights

Metallic, telescopic, or electronic sights are permitted, with the exception of any sight that projects an image onto the target.

Position

The conventional “bullseye” pistol qualification is fired from the standing position using one hand, except for the first three ratings (Pro-Marksman, Marksman, and Marksman 1st Class) where the benchrest or two-handed standing positions may be used.

Target and Distance Options

Any of the following targets and distance combinations may be used: TQ-6 slow fire target and TQ-7 timed and rapid fire target at 25 feet. B-2 slow fire target and B-3 timed and rapid fire target at 50 feet. B-16 slow fire target and B-8 timed and rapid fire

target at 25 yards. B-6 slow fire target at 50 yards, and B-8 timed and rapid fire target at 25 yards. B-4 target at 20 yards.

Shots Per Target

Traditionally, 10 shots per target are fired on “B” series targets. However, if scoring becomes too difficult, shooters have the option of using two targets and firing five shots on each. The five-shot firing option (two targets, five shots per target) are fired on the TQ series targets.

Slow Fire

Slow fire is 10 rounds fired in 10 minutes or less.

Timed Fire

Timed fire is 10 rounds fired in two five-shot strings at 20 seconds per string.

Rapid Fire

Rapid fire is 10 rounds fired in two five-shot strings at 10 seconds per string.

Aggregate

The aggregate course of fire is 30 shots that must be fired as a complete unit in the same session in order to

qualify as a viable course of fire. Each qualifying course of fire must meet or exceed the minimum score or the complete aggregate must be refired.

An aggregate course of fire consists of a total of 30 shots fired as follows:

- 10 shots slow fire (10 shots fired in 10 minutes)
- 10 shots timed fire (five shots fired in 20 seconds, two times)
- 10 shots rapid fire (five shots fired in 10 seconds, two times)

Awards

- Pistol Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificate
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

COURSES OF FIRE

Conventional "Bullseye" Pistol - Stage Skill Course

Rating	Number of Shots	Required Slow Fire/Score (possible score)	Repetitions	Required Timed Fire/Score (possible score)	Repetitions	Required Rapid Fire/Score (possible score)	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Pistol Course.						
Pro-Marksman	10	40/100	5 times				
Marksman	10	45/100	5 times				
Marksman 1st Class	10	50/100	5 times				
Sharpshooter	10	60/100	5 times				
Bar 1	10	62/100	2 times	40/100	2 times		
Bar 2	10	64/100	2 times	46/100	2 times		
Bar 3	10	66/100	2 times	52/100	2 times		
Bar 4	10	68/100	2 times	58/100	2 times		
Bar 5	10	70/100	2 times	64/100	2 times	40/100	2 times
Bar 6	10	72/100	2 times	70/100	2 times	50/100	2 times
Bar 7	10	74/100	2 times	76/100	2 times	60/100	2 times
Bar 8	10	76/100	2 times	82/100	2 times	70/100	2 times
Bar 9	10	78/100	2 times	88/100	2 times	78/100	2 times
The course of fire for Expert and Distinguished Expert ratings consists of a 30-shot aggregate. Each qualifying aggregate must meet or exceed the required score or the complete aggregate must be refired.							
Expert	Score: 250 or better. Five (5) aggregates are required						
Distinguished Expert	Score: 269/300 or better 10 times, or 258 or better in two NRA sanctioned pistol competitions (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)						

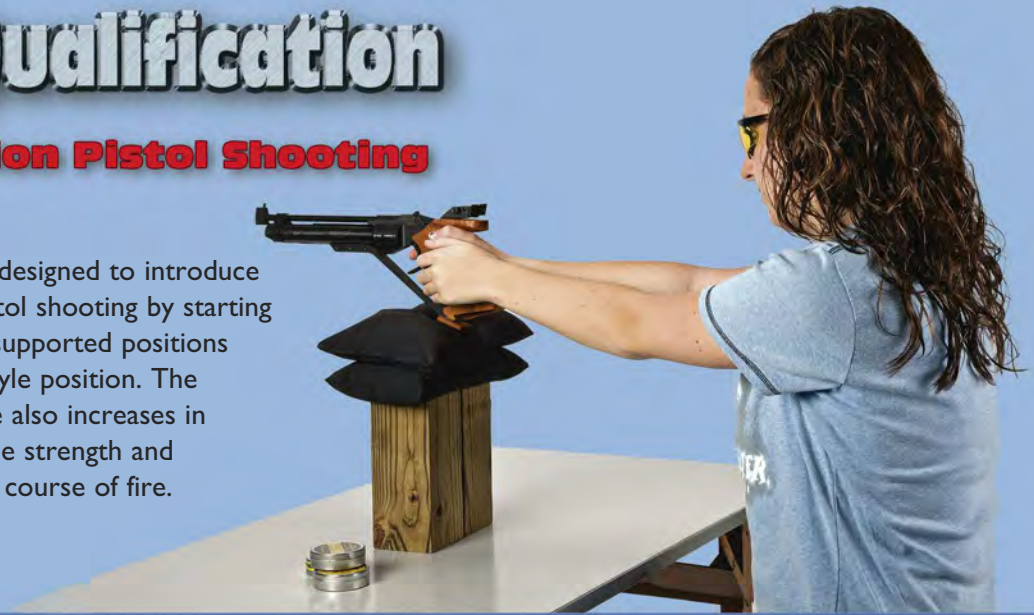
Conventional "Bullseye" Pistol - Aggregate Skill Course

Rating	Required Score/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Pistol Course.	
Pro-Marksman	120/300	2 times
Marksman	150/300	3 times
Marksman 1st Class	200/300	6 times
Sharpshooter	225/300	8 times
Expert	250/300	8 times
Distinguished Expert	Score: 269/300 or better 10 times, or 258 or better in two NRA sanctioned pistol competitions (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Air Pistol Qualification

◆ Progressive Position Pistol Shooting

This air pistol qualification course is designed to introduce shooters to the challenge of air pistol shooting by starting with the basic supported and standing supported positions then progressing to the international style position. The required number of shots in the course also increases in stages to help new shooters develop the strength and endurance necessary to complete a full course of fire.



Guidelines

Progressive Position Pistol Rules will apply, except where specific exceptions are made. You may find the rule book at www.usashooting.com/youthPistol.php.

For more information on position pistol shooting, refer to the NRA booklet Junior Progressive Position Air Pistol Program at www.issuu.com/compshoot/docs/pppbrochure

Air Pistols

Any safe .177 caliber spring, pneumatic, or CO2 gas pistol or revolver may be used.

Sights

Only open sights are permitted.

Position

For the Pro-Marksman rating, shooters may use either the benchrest or the Basic Supported position while seated. With the Marksman and Marksman 1st Class ratings, shooters must use the standing supported position. Shooters must be standing but may also use a rest or T-stand. Sharpshooter and higher ratings must use one-handed standing position without support.

Basic supported position: The shooter must be seated and may use supporting materials such as boxes, duffel bags, bean bags, or sand bags, on the table or bench. The shooter's arm must be fully extended, with the sights at eye level. The non-firing hand may provide support for the firing hand or the butt of the pistol. The shooter may not rest his or her elbow on the supporting material.

Standing supported position: Shooter must shoot from a standing position, with the pistol held in one hand. Artificial support is allowed such as a T-stand or a kneeling roll; the shooter's arm must be fully extended, with sights at eye level. The shooter's non-firing hand may not be used to provide support for the firing hand.

Target and Distance

The official B-40 target is used at 10 meters (approximately 33 feet).

Shots Per Bullseye

Five or 10 shots per bullseye can be used for beginner ratings. The number of shots fired per bullseye is optional and should be altered if scoring becomes difficult. (At elite levels of competition, only one shot is fired at each bullseye).

Ratings

The required number of shots must be fired in the same session to qualify as a completed course of fire. The number of times the course must be repeated does not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.

Awards

- Air Pistol Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pin



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.



Artificial support like this T-stand is allowed in the standing supported position.



Progressive Position Pistol

Rating	Position	Number of Shots	Required Score/ Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Pistol Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Basic Supported	10 shots	40/100	4 times
Marksman	Standing Supported	20 shots	100/200	4 times
Marksman 1st Class	Standing Supported	40 shots	180/300	4 times
Sharpshooter	International Style – Standing, one handed	40 or 60 shots	280/400	6 times
Expert	International Style – Standing, one handed	40 or 60 shots	316/400 or 474/600	6 times or 4 times
Distinguished Expert	40 or 60 shots, 348/400, 522/600 or better 10 times, or 335/400, 503/600 or better in two NRA sanctioned air pistol competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)			

International Air Pistol Qualification

◆ International-Style Shooting



This air pistol qualification course is designed to introduce shooters to the challenge of air pistol beginning with the two-handed standing position then progressing to the one-handed standing International Air Pistol position. Air pistol events are for all ages and enjoyed by everyone at their home range and at the Olympic and Paralympic events.

Guidelines

NRA International Pistol Rules will apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

Air Pistols

Any safe .177 caliber spring, pneumatic, or CO₂ gas pistol or revolver may be used.

Sights

Only open sights are permitted.

Position

Except for the Pro-Marksman and Marksman rating, all shooting is done from the standing position using one hand; no support is allowed.

Two-Handed position: Shooter must shoot from a standing position, with the pistol held in both hands. No artificial support is allowed; and the shooter's arm must be fully extended,

with sights at eye level. The shooter's non-firing hand may be used to provide support for the firing hand.

Target and Distance

The official B-40 target is used at 10 meters (approximately 33 feet).

Shots Per Bullseye

Five or 10 shots per bullseye can be used for beginner ratings. The number of shots fired per bullseye is optional and should be altered if scoring becomes difficult. (At elite levels of competition, only one shot is fired at each bullseye).

Ratings

The required number of shots must be fired in the same session to qualify as a completed course of fire. The number of times the course must be repeated does not have to be fired consecutively.

Awards

- International Air Pistol Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

International Air Pistol

Rating	Position	Number of Shots	Required Score/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Pistol Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Standing — two-handed	10 shots	50/100	4 times
Marksman	Standing — two-handed	20 shots	110/200	4 times
Marksman 1st Class	Standing — one-handed	30 shots	190/300	4 times
Sharpshooter	Standing — one-handed	40 shots	290/400	6 times
Expert	Standing — one-handed	40 or 60 shots	326/400 or 485/600	6 times or 4 times
Distinguished Expert	40 or 60 shots, 348/400, 522/600 or better 10 times, or 335/400, 503/600 or better in two NRA sanctioned air pistol competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)			

International Air Rifle Qualification



◆ International-Style Shooting

This course of fire introduces new shooters to the sport using the benchrest or prone-supported positions before progressing to the standing position. These positions are designed to help shooters reinforce the basic fundamentals during early stages of development. The course of fire progresses from 10 shots, to 20 shots, to an optional 40 or 60 shots. Air rifle shooting can lead to college scholarships, world championships, and even the Olympics.

Guidelines

NRA International Rifle Rules will apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

Air Rifles

Any safe .177 caliber spring, pneumatic, or CO₂ gas air rifle may be used.

Sights

Any sight not containing a lens or system of lenses may be used. Telescopes are prohibited.

Position

Except for the Pro-Marksman and Marksman ratings, all shooting is done from the standing position.

Target and Distance Options

The AR-5 target is used at 10 meters (approximately 33 feet). Single-, five-, and 10 bullseye targets are available.

Shots Per Bullseye

The number of shots fired per bullseye is optional. Multiple shots may be fired at beginner ratings to conserve targets. (At advanced levels of competition, only one shot is fired at each bullseye).

Ratings

Each course of fire must be fired as a complete unit (in the same session) in order to qualify for a rating. The required number of courses does not have to be fired consecutively.

Awards

- International Air Rifle Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

International Air Rifle

Rating	Position	Number of Shots	Required Score/ Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Benchrest or prone-supported may be used	10 shots	70/100	4 times
Marksman	Benchrest or prone-supported may be used	20 shots	100/200	4 times
Marksman 1st Class	Standing	40 shots	240/400	4 times
Sharpshooter	Standing	40 or 60 shots	280/400 or 420/600	6 times or 4 times
Expert	Standing	40 or 60 shots	320/400 or 480/600	6 times or 4 times
Distinguished Expert	40 or 60 shots, 365/400, 534/600 or better 10 times, or 360/400, 516/600 or better in two NRA sanctioned air rifle competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)			

Air Rifle Qualification

◆ Sporter and Precision Air Rifle Shooting

These air rifle qualification courses are designed to introduce shooters to the challenges of 3-position air rifle shooting by starting with the basic sporter air rifles, progressing into the precision air rifles and then to the international-style air rifle course of fire. The required numbers of shots in the courses also increase in stages to help new shooters develop the strength and endurance necessary to complete a full course of fire.



Guidelines

NRA Sporter or Precision Position Air Rifle Rules apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

Air Rifles

Must meet specifications in paragraph 3.2 of the NRA Sporter Position Air Rifle Rules or paragraph 3.1 of the NRA Precision Position Air Rifle Rules

Sights

Metallic only. Telescopic sights are not allowed. See Rule 3.7.1 for sporter and Rule 3.7 for precision.

Position

Three shooting positions are used: prone, standing and kneeling.

Target and Distance

The official NRA AR-5/10 air rifle targets must be used. The air rifle courses are fired at 10 meters (approximately 33 feet).

Shots Per Bullseye

The targets contain 10 record bullseyes. One record shot is fired on each bullseye. Unlimited shots are permitted on the sighting shot (ss) bullseyes.

Ratings

Ratings must be earned in sequence. While developing position skills (Bars 1-9), shooters should not concentrate on the development of just one position; they should begin to earn qualifying targets in all

positions concurrently. Position bars may be obtained as they are earned without regard to numerical sequence. The number of targets (or courses) required for a particular rating need not be fired consecutively or in the same session.

Awards

- Air Rifle Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.



COURSES OF FIRE

Sporter or Precision Air Rifle

Rating	Position	Number of Shots	Required Sporter Score/Possible Score	Required Precision Score/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.				
Pro-Marksman	Benchrest or supported prone may be used. (Both rifle and body supports are allowed.)	5 per target	15/50	20/50	10 times
Marksman	Prone	5 per target	20/50	25/50	10 times
Marksman 1st Class	Standing	5 per target	10/50	11/50	10 times
Sharpshooter	Kneeling	5 per target	12/50	15/50	10 times
Bar 1	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	50/100	60/100	3 times
Bar 2	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	60/100	70/100	3 times
Bar 3	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	70/100	80/100	3 times
Bar 4	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	25/100	30/100	3 times
Bar 5	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	30/100	40/100	3 times
Bar 6	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	40/100	50/100	3 times
Bar 7	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	30/100	40/100	3 times
Bar 8	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	40/100	50/100	3 times
Bar 9	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	50/100	60/100	3 times
Expert	30-shot aggregate (3x10 - 10 shots each position) or 60-shot aggregate (3x20 - 20 shots in each position)			220/300 or 450/600 230/300 or 470/600 240/300 or 490/600	3 times
Distinguished Expert	60-shot aggregate - sporter scores 500/600 or better 10 times; precision scores 520/600 or better 10 times; or 60-shot aggregate scores as listed 4 times at an NRA postal or 2 sanctioned matches (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)				



Smallbore Qualification

◆ Smallbore Rifle 3-Position

◆ Smallbore Rifle Prone

In the Smallbore Qualification Course, shooters develop smallbore rifle, 3-position and prone shooting skills. The prone qualification program is designed to develop prone skills, first indoors at 50 feet, and then outdoors at 100 yards. The prone course culminates by having the shooter fire a Dewar Course (50 yards and 100 yards) to earn the 9th Bar, Expert, and Distinguished Expert ratings. The Dewar Course is the same course of fire that is used at the National Championships held at Camp Perry.



Guidelines

NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules apply to the Smallbore courses, except where specific exceptions are made.

Equipment

Use equipment as specified in "Section 3" of the NRA Rules Books.

Smallbore Rifles

Any .22 caliber rimfire rifle may be used.

Sights

Iron sights as specified in the NRA Rules Books may be used.

Positions

All prone or 3-position (a combination of prone, standing, and kneeling) are used.

Targets and Distances

Smallbore Rifle 3-Position Courses:

A-17 or A 36 NRA/USAS-50 target at 50 feet, A-23 target at 50 yards, A-25 target at 100 yards.

Smallbore Rifle Prone Course:

NRA-USAS 50 target at 50 feet, A-23 and A-27 targets at 50 yards, and A-25 target at 100 yards.

Awards

- American Rifleman Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

COURSES OF FIRE

Smallbore 3-Position Aggregate Course - 10 Shots Each Position

Rating	Required Score/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	120/300	2 times
Marksman	150/300	4 times
Marksman 1 st Class	198/300	6 times
Sharpshooter	225/300	8 times
Expert	249/300	8 times
Distinguished Expert	273 or better 10 times, or 273 4 times at a 3-Position NRA postal. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Smallbore 3-Position Stage Skill Course

Rating	Position	Shots Per Bullseye	Minimum Score Per Bullseye/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Prone	5	20/50	10 times
Marksman	Prone	5	25/50	10 times
Marksman 1 st Class	Standing	5	11/50	10 times
Sharpshooter	Kneeling	5	15/50	10 times
Bar 1	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	60/100	3 times
Bar 2	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	70/100	3 times
Bar 3	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	80/100	3 times
Bar 4	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	30/100	3 times
Bar 5	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	40/100	3 times
Bar 6	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	50/100	3 times
Bar 7	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	40/100	3 times
Bar 8	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	50/100	3 times
Bar 9	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	60/100	3 times
			Score Per Aggregate/Possible Score	
Expert	30-shot aggregate (10 shots each position), or 60-shot aggregate (20 shots in each position)		230/300 or 460/600 240/300 or 480/600 250/300 or 500/600	1 time 1 time 1 time
Distinguished Expert	60- or 120-shot aggregate 540/600, 1080/1200 or better 10 times, or 60- or 120-shot aggregate 4 times at 3-position NRA Postal (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)			

Smallbore Rifle Prone Course

Rating	Distance	Target	Shots Per Bullseye	Minimum Score Per Bullseye/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.				
Pro-Marksman	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	40/100	10 times
Marksman	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	50/100	10 times
Marksman 1 st Class	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	60/100	10 times
Sharpshooter	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	70/100	10 times
Bar 1	50 yards	A-23	5	120/100	5 times
Bar 2	50 yards	A-23	5	150/200	5 times
Bar 3	50 yards	A-23	5	180/200	5 times
Bar 4	50 yards	A-27	5	165/200	5 times
Bar 5	100 yards	A-27	5	175/200	5 times
Bar 6	100 yards	A-25	10	170/200	5 times
Bar 7	200 yards	A-25	10	180/200	5 times
Dewar	20 Shots at 50 yards A-23 target (5 per bull) and 20 shots at 100 yards A-25 target (10 Shots per bull)				
Bar 8		Dewar		360/400	5 times
Bar 9		Dewar		370/400	5 times
Expert		Dewar		376/400	5 times
Distinguished Expert	40 Shot Aggregate—385/400—10 times or 2 times in Dewar Competition (iron sights only); see witness requirements Page 3				



Rimfire Rifle Qualification

◆ Prone or Benchrest ◆ Standing ◆ 3-Position

Many shooters do not own a special target rifle, but thoroughly enjoy shooting over-the-counter, .22 field and sporting rifles. If you are one of these shooters, the NRA Rimfire Rifle Qualification Course is for you. Using your favorite field and sporting rifle, you can develop your marksmanship skills, progress through a series of ratings, and earn distinctive NRA Rimfire Rifle Qualification rating awards.

Guidelines

The rimfire rifle rules contained in the *NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules* book and listed under Light Rifle apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

Rifles

Any safe .22 or .17 HMR caliber rimfire rifle may be used. For the Standing and 3-Position course the rifle must weigh 8.5 pounds or less, including sights and slings. Schuetzen-type butt plates and palm rests may not be used.

Sights

Any sights may be used, including scopes.

Target and Distance Options

A-17 or A-32 target at 50 feet, two shots per bullseye. A-23/5 or A-31X target at 50 yards, five shots per bullseye.

Course of Fire Options

Shooters may qualify for rimfire rifle ratings using any one of the three courses of fire available: prone or benchrest, all standing, or 3-position (prone, standing and kneeling). Body and/or gun support may be used at the Pro-Marksman rating level in all courses, and throughout the prone/benchrest course.

Awards

- Rimfire Rifle Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificate
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.



COURSES OF FIRE

Rimfire Rifle Prone or Benchrest Course - 20 Shots

Rating	Number of Courses	Minimum Score Per Course/Possible Score
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	2	100/200
Marksman	2	125/200
Marksman 1 st Class	3	150/200
Sharpshooter	4	165/200
Expert	6	180/200
Distinguished Expert	191/200 or better 10 times, or 191/200 4 times at Rimfire Rifle NRA Postal Match (See Witness Requirements, page 3)	

Rimfire Rifle Standing Course - 10 Shots

Rating	Number of Courses	Minimum Score Per Course/Possible Score
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	4	40/100
Marksman	6	50/100
Marksman 1 st Class	8	60/100
Sharpshooter	12	70/100
Expert	14	80/100
Distinguished Expert	91/100 or better 10 times, or 91/100 4 times at a Rimfire Rifle NRA Postal Match (See Witness Requirements, page 3)	

Rimfire Rifle 3-Position Course - 10 Shots Each Position

Rating	Number of Courses	Minimum Score Per Course/Possible Score
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	2	135/300
Marksman	2	150/300
Marksman 1 st Class	2	180/300
Sharpshooter	3	225/300
Expert	4	255/300
Distinguished Expert	275/300 or better 5 times, or 275/300 2 times at a Rimfire Rifle NRA Postal Match (See Witness Requirements, page 3)	

4-Position Rifle Qualification

◆ BB Gun ◆ Smallbore Rifle



Indoors or outdoors, the 4-position qualification course may be used by BB gun shooters and smallbore rifle shooters alike!

These courses of fire are the perfect way for parents to introduce their children to the practices and challenges of rifle shooting.

BB GUN REQUIREMENTS

Guidelines

NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rules apply.

BB Guns

Only smoothbore, spring-type air guns may be used.

Sights

Telescopic sights are not allowed.

Positions

For the 4-Position Stage Skill Course of fire, there are five positions to choose from for the Pro-Marksman through Sharpshooter ratings. These positions are prone, sitting, kneeling, standing and benchrest. You may use any of the 5 positions for those ratings only.

Ammunition

Lead or steel ball BBs.

Target and Distance Options

- TQ-40 targets may be used at a distance of five meters (approximately 16.5 feet) for Pro-Marksman and Marksman levels only.
- The AR-4 target may be used at all levels.

Awards

- BB Gun Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



SMALLBORE RIFLE REQUIREMENTS

Guidelines

NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules apply.

Smallbore Rifles

Any safe .22 rimfire or .17 HMR rifle may be used.

Sights

Telescopic sights are not allowed.

Positions

For the 4-Position Stage Skill Course of fire, there are five positions to choose from for the Pro-Marksman through Sharpshooter ratings. These positions are prone, sitting, kneeling, standing and benchrest. You may use any of the 5 positions for those ratings only.

Ammunition

.22 rimfire (short, long, long rifle) or .17 HMR.

Target and Distance Options

Use either A-17 or TQ-1 targets at a distance of 50 feet; or A-23 target at 50 yards.

Awards

- Rifle Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.



COURSES OF FIRE

4-Position Stage Skill Course

Rating	Position	Shots Per Bullseye	Number of Bullseyes	Minimum Score Per Bullseye Using AR-4, A-17, A-23, TQ-1 or TQ-40 Target
For Pro-Marksman through Expert ratings: 10 bullseyes (set of concentric scoring rings) must be fired for each rating. Each bullseye must contain five shots and the total score for the five shots must meet or exceed the required score. The 10 bullseyes do not have to be fired consecutively or in the same session. (Option: the number of shots per bullseye may be reduced if scoring becomes difficult. Example: three shots on one bullseye and two shots on another.)				
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Any of the 5 pos.	5	10	20
Marksman	Any of the 5 pos.	5	10	25
Marksman 1st Class	Any of the 5 pos.	5	10	30
Sharpshooter	Any of the 5 pos.	5	10	35
While developing position skills (Bars 1 - 9), shooters should NOT concentrate on the development of just one position; they should begin to earn qualifying targets in all positions concurrently. Position bars may be obtained as they are earned without regard to numeric sequence.				
Bar 1	Prone	5	10	40
Bar 2	Sitting	5	10	30
Bar 3	Sitting	5	10	35
Bar 4	Sitting	5	10	40
Bar 5	Kneeling	5	10	30
Bar 6	Kneeling	5	10	35
Bar 7	Kneeling	5	10	40
Bar 8	Standing	5	10	30
Bar 9	Standing	5	10	35
Expert	Standing	5	10	40
For the Distinguished Expert rating: 10 strings, consisting of five bullseyes in each string, are required for each position. Two shots are fired on each bullseye. Each five-bull string must be fired as a complete unit and each bullseye in the string must meet or exceed the required score or the entire string must be refired. You may also attain this rating by achieving 372/400 or better in two NRA sanctioned 4-position competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)				
Distinguished Expert	Prone	2	10	18
	Sitting	2	10	18
	Kneeling	2	10	16
	Standing	2	10	16

4-Position Aggregate Course - 10 Shots Each Position

Rating	Required Score/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	180/400	2 times
Marksman	220/400	2 times
Marksman 1 st Class	272/400	2 times
Sharpshooter	316/400	3 times
Expert	356/400	3 times
Distinguished Expert	then 380/400 four times in an NRA 4-Position postal match or 380/400 or better ten times. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

High Power Rifle Qualification

◆ 50 Yards ◆ 200 Yards ◆ 300 Yards ◆ 600 Yards

High power rifle enthusiasts can now develop the shooting skills that lead to success in matches and tournaments with the aggregate competition course of fire. High power rifle shooting is the most popular event at NRA National Matches. The aggregate competition course helps develop target shooting skills using a 50-, 80-, or 100-shot course of fire. If hunting is an

interest and the participant wishes to build field shooting skills, the sporting rifle event provides a course of fire using both the supported and standing positions. Scores fired on a home range, a local club, or in a league or tournament can all be applied toward the rating requirements in either high power qualification program.

AGGREGATE COMPETITION COURSE

Guidelines

NRA High Power Rules apply.

Equipment

A sling may be used in all positions except standing. Hook butt plates and palm rests are not permitted.

Rifles

Any safe U.S. military service rifle or centerfire rifle with metallic sights and a 10-, 20- or 30-round magazine may be used.

Ammunition

Any ammunition except tracer and incendiary ammunition is permitted. However, it is your responsibility to identify and follow all the rules of the range on which you are firing. Some ranges restrict the use of armor piercing ammunition as well.

Targets

On a 100-yard range: use SR-1 targets to simulate 200 yards, SR-21 targets to simulate 300 yards, and MR-31 targets to simulate 600 yards.

On a 200-yard range: use SR targets at 200 yards, SR-42 targets to simulate 300 yards, and MR-52 targets to simulate 600 yards.

On a 300-yard range: use the SR targets at 200 yards, SR-3 targets at 300 yards, and MR-63 targets to simulate 600 yards.

On a 600-yard range: use the SR targets at 200 yards, SR-3 targets at 300 yards, and MR-1 targets at 600 yards.

Firing Procedures

Qualification ratings may be earned by firing any one (50-, 80-, or 100-shot) course. All four stages must be completed in the same

session to count as one completed course of fire. Since score requirements are in percentages, different shot courses (50/80/100) may be used for each level.

The same safety precautions required in tournament shooting apply to qualification shooting. In the slow-fire stage, all rifles are loaded with only one cartridge at a time. In rapid-fire, shooters using service rifles first load and fire two cartridges, then reload and fire eight cartridges to complete the 10-shot string within the specified time limit. Shooters using other centerfire rifles initially load and fire five cartridges, then reload and fire another five cartridges.

Stage	Position	Time	Distance	Number of Shots	Number of Stages		
					50-Shot Course	80-Shot Course	100-Shot Course
1	Standing	Slow Fire: 10 minutes	200 yards	10	1	2	2
2	Sitting or Kneeling	Rapid Fire: 60 seconds	200 yards	10	1	2	2
3	Prone	Rapid Fire: 70 seconds	300 yards	10	1	2	2
4	Prone	Slow Fire: 20 minutes	500/600 yards	20	1	1	2

High Power Rifle - Aggregate Competition Course

Rating	Required Percent	Repetitions
Any 50-, 80-, or 100-shot competition course of fire may be used.		
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	40% or better	2 times
Marksman	50% or better	2 times
Marksman 1 st Class	66% or better	3 times
Sharpshooter	75% or better	3 times
Expert	80% or better	3 times
Distinguished Expert	88% or better 10 times, or 84% or better in two NRA sanctioned high power competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

HIGH POWER SPORTING RIFLE COURSE

Guidelines

The Sporting Rifle course of fire is governed by the rules listed in this booklet.

Rifles

Any safe centerfire rifle weighing less than 9.5 pounds, including detachable magazines and sights, but excluding sling, may be used. Telescopic sights are permitted.

Equipment

Any equipment that is considered usual and customary for field use, such as coats with light padding at the shoulder/elbow and unpadded gloves, may be used. Special jackets, gloves, slings, set triggers, hooked butt plates,

palm rests and other devices associated with formal competition shooting are prohibited.

Positions

Rest Position: Arms and elbows may be rested against the shooter's knees, or on the ground, bench, table, sandbag or other object to assist in holding the rifle steady. The forward hand must grasp the forestock of the rifle ahead of the trigger guard.

Standing Position: Shooters stand erect on both feet. The rifle is supported only by the hands and the shoulder. The forward hand must grasp the forestock of the rifle, ahead of the trigger guard. The rifle butt must be

against the front of the shoulder.

Awards

Awards are for all High Power Courses:

- High Power Rifle Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

High Power - Sporting Rifle Course

Rating	Required Score	Repetitions
A total of 20 shots, 10 shots from the rest position and 10 shots from the standing position, on the A-23 target at 50 yards or the A-25 target at 100 yards.		
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	80 or better (Option — all 20 shots may be fired from the rest position.)	2 times
Marksman	100 or better	3 times
Marksman 1 st Class	120 or better	3 times
Sharpshooter	140 or better	4 times
Expert	160 or better	6 times
Distinguished Expert	170 or better (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	10 times



For shooting tips please visit: www.nrahq.org/education/training/marksmanship

F-CLASS RIFLE COURSE

Guidelines

NRA High Power Rifle Rules apply.

Rifles

Any centerfire rifle in accordance with NRA F-Class Rule 3.4.

Ammunition

Any ammunition except tracer and incendiary ammunition is permitted.

Rifle Rests

Rests should conform to NRA F-Class Rule 3.4.1.

Targets

On a 100-yard range: use MR-31 target to simulate 300 yards. On a 200-yard range: use MR-52 target to simulate 300 yards. On a 300-yard range: use MR-63 with MR63FC target.

On a 500-yard range: use MR-65 with MR-65FC target. On a 600-yard range: use MR-1 with MR-1FC target. On a 1000-yard range: use LR with LRFC target.

Firing Procedures

The same safety precautions required in tournament shooting apply to qualification shooting. All rifles in F-Class marksmanship are loaded with only one cartridge at a time.

Ratings

Ratings must be earned in order beginning with the Pro-Marksman level. Qualifying scores must be used as they are earned and may not be saved for more advanced levels.

High Power - F-Class Rifle Course

Rating	Position	Distance	Number of Shots	Required Score/(possible score)	Repeat
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during and NRA Rifle Course.				
Pro-Marksman	Prone	100 yards	5 shots	25/50	5 times
Marksmanship	Prone	200 yards	5 shots	25/50	5 times
Marksmanship 1st class	Prone	200 yards	5 shots	30/50	5 times
Sharpshooter	Prone	300 yards	5 shots	25/50	5 times
Bar 1	Prone	300 yards	10 shots	65/100	5 times
Bar 2	Prone	500 yards	10 shots	65/100	5 times
Bar 3	Prone	600 yards	10 shots	70/100	5 times
Bar 4	Prone	1000 yards	10 shots	60/100	5 times
The course of fire for Expert and Distinguished Expert ratings consists of a 45- or 60-shot aggregate. Each qualifying aggregate must meet or exceed the required score or the complete aggregate must be refired. Mid-range aggregate is 15- or 20-shots at 300, 500 and 600 yards fired on one day. Long-range aggregate is 15- or 20-shots at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards fired on one day.					
Expert	Obtain 82% in a mid-range or long-range tournament, 45- or 60-shot competition.		369/450 or 492/600		4 times
Distinguished Expert	Obtain 91.5% or better in an NRA sanctioned F-Class Competition; mid-range or long-range competition tournament, 45- or 60-shot. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)		411/450 or 549/600		10 aggregates either mid- or long-range; or 5 NRA sanctioned F-Class competitions.

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Tactical Rifle Qualification

◆ Highpower Tactical Rifle Shooting

This qualification program will introduce you to the shooting sports using modern, semi-automatic rifles. You can develop some of the skills necessary to participate in action shooting events. These exciting events include the NRA National Defense Matches and 3-Gun Matches. You will learn how to safely fire your rifle at multiple targets while moving from various shooting positions as well as use props or obstacles (barricades) from which to shoot. The requirements in the ratings increase in stages to help new shooters develop the strength and endurance necessary to complete a full course of fire.



Guidelines

Unless otherwise stated, the following guidelines apply.

Rifles

Smallbore rifles to include .17 HMR and .22 LR. High power rifles to include .223, .308 and 7.62x39.

Sights

Field grade flip-up or fixed sights, non-magnified, magnified, electronic or optical sights.

Other Equipment

A sling and two magazines capable of holding not less than ten rounds each.

Position

Three shooting positions are used: standing, kneeling and prone. All strings of fire begin from the standing low ready position.

Target and Distance

NRA NDM 5-120 at 7, 15 and 30 yards.

Paper plates 9" diameter may be used and marked with the colors; set up in sequence to match the target.



NRA D-1 or other silhouette target at 60 and 100 yards.



Shots per Target

See rating course of fire for number of shots per target.

Scoring

All scores are either a hit or a miss; and all shots fired within the time allotted. To be counted as a hit, you must hit within the tombstone on each target. If using paper plates, to be counted as a hit the shot must be inside a 1-1/2" margin from the edge of the plate.

Ratings

Ratings must be earned in sequence. The number of targets (or courses) required for a particular rating need not be fired consecutively or in the same session.

Awards

- High Power Rifle Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins

See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.



Rating	Distance and Target	Position	Number of Shots	Required Score/Possible Score
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.			
Pro-Marksman	7 yds - Color Target	Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each color	5/10
	30 yds – Color Target	Standing	10 shots total – 1 shot each color strong hand; 1 shot each color weak hand	5/10
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone	6 shots total – 2 shots each position	3/6
Marksman	7 yds – Color Target	Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each color	6/10
	30 yds – Color Target	Standing	5 shots total – 1 shot each color	3/5
	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Kneeling, Right and Left of Barricade	10 shots total – 5 shots from right of barricade; 5 shots from left of barricade	3 each side of barricade
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone, Kneeling, Standing	10 shots total - 2 shots each position	5/10
Marksman 1st Class	7 yds – Color Target	Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each color	6/10
	15 yds – Color Target	Standing	15 shots total – load 1 magazine 5 rds, 1 magazine 10 rds – shoot 5 shots white target; magazine change; 2 shots each color	3/5 white 6/10 others
	30 yds – Color Target	Standing, Right and Left of Barricade	10 shots total – 1 shot each color strong hand and strong hand side of barricade; 1 shot each color weak hand and weak hand side of barricade	3/5 strong 3/5 weak
	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone	15 shots total – load 1 magazine 5 rds, 1 magazine 10 rds – shoot 5 shots standing; magazine change; 5 shots each kneeling and prone	7/15
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Kneeling, Standing from Barricade	8 shots total – 2 shots standing, 2 shots kneeling right of barricade; 2 shots kneeling, 2 shots standing left of barricade	3/8
	Sharpshooter	7 yds – Color Target	Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each color
7 yds – Color Target		Standing	6 shots total – 2 shots bottom left color; 1 shot top left color; 2 shots bottom right color; 1 shot top right color	3/6
15 yds – Color Target		Standing, Right and Left of Barricade	20 shots total – load 2 magazines 10 rds each; 2 shots each color right of barricade; magazine change; 2 shots each color left of barricade	10/20
30 yds – Color Target		Standing, Kneeling, Prone, Kneeling, Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each position at white color	5/10

Rating	Distance and Target	Position	Number of Shots	Required Score/Possible Score
Sharpshooter (cont.)	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Kneeling, Right and Left of Barricade	10 shots total – load 2 magazines 5 rds each; 5 shots right of barricade; magazine change; 5 shots left of barricade	5/10
	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone	15 shots total – load 1 magazine 5 rds; 1 magazine 10 rds; shoot 5 shots standing; magazine change; 5 shots each kneeling and prone	9/15
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone, Kneeling, Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each position	7/10
Expert	7 yds – Color Target	Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each color	8/10
	7 yds – Color Target	Standing	6 shots total – 2 shots bottom left color; 1 shot top left color; 2 shots bottom right color; 1 shot top right color	4/6
	15 yds – Color Target	Standing	15 shots total – load 1 magazine 5 rds; 1 magazine 10 rds; 5 shots white color; magazine change; 2 shots each color	4/5 white 7/10 others
	15 yds – Color Target	Standing, Right and Left of Barricade	20 shots total – load 2 magazines 10 rds each; 2 shots each color right of barricade; magazine change; 2 shots each color left of barricade	15/20
	30 yds – Color Target	Standing, Right and Left of Barricade	10 shots total – 1 shot each color strong hand and strong hand side of barricade; 1 shot each color weak hand and weak hand side of barricade	4/5 strong 4/5 weak
	30 yds – Color Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone, Kneeling, Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each position at white color	7/10
	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Kneeling, Right and Left of Barricade	10 shots total – load each magazine 5 rds; 5 shots right of barricade; magazine change; 5 shots left of barricade	7/10
	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone	15 shots total – load 1 magazine 5 rds, 1 magazine 10 rds; 5 shots standing; magazine change; 5 shots each kneeling and prone	11/15
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Kneeling, Standing from Barricade	8 shots total – 2 shots standing, 2 shots kneeling right of barricade; 2 shots kneeling, 2 shots standing left of barricade	5/8
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing Kneeling, Prone, Kneeling, Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each position	8/10

Rating	Distance and Target	Position	Number of Shots	Required Score/Possible Score
Distinguished Expert	7 yds – Color Target	Standing	20 shots total – 2 shots each color	8/10
	7 yds – Color Target	Standing	6 shots total – 2 shots bottom left color; 1 shot top left color; 2 shots bottom right color; 1 shot top right color	5/6
	15 yds – Color Target	Standing	15 shots total – load 1 magazine 5 rds, 1 magazine 10 rds – shoot 5 shots white color; magazine change; 2 shots each color	4/5 white 8/10 others
	15 yds – Color Target	Standing, Right and Left of Barricade	20 shots total – load 2 magazines 10 rds each; 2 shots each color right of barricade; magazine change; 2 shots each color left of barricade	17/20
	30 yds – Color Target	Standing, Right and Left of Barricade	10 shots total – 1 shot each color strong hand and strong hand side of barricade; 1 shot each color weak hand and weak hand side of barricade	4/5 strong 4/5 weak
	30 yds – Color Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone, Kneeling, Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each position at white color	8/10
	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Kneeling, Right and Left of Barricade	10 shots total – load 2 magazines with 5 rds each; 5 shots right of barricade; magazine change; 5 shots left of barricade	8/10
	60 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone	15 shots total – load 1 magazine 5 rds, 1 magazine 10 rds; 5 shots standing; magazine change; 5 shots each kneeling and prone	12/15
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Kneeling, Standing from Barricade	8 shots total – 2 shots standing and kneeling positions right of barricade; 2 shots kneeling and standing positions left of barricade	6/8
	100 yds – Silhouette Target	Standing, Kneeling, Prone, Kneeling, Standing	10 shots total – 2 shots each position (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	9/10

Shotgun Qualification

◆ Recreational Clay Target Shooting

This shotgun qualification course has been designed to offer a Marksmanship Qualification Program shotgun shooting opportunity to those without convenient access to formal trap, skeet or sporting clays ranges. It can be conducted using an economical, portable clay target throwing trap anywhere a safe shot fall area can be obtained.



Guidelines

Unless otherwise stated, the following guidelines apply.

Shotgun

Any safe shotgun, 12-gauge or smaller, may be used. Different gauges and shotguns may be used for any round or rating.

Ammunition

Any safe ammunition with gun used containing no more than 1 1/8-ounce of No. 7 1/2 or smaller shot.

Target Throwing Trap

Any portable machine releasing targets electronically or by lanyard pull.

Trap Location

At least 3 feet in front of the shooter for safety.

Target and Distance

Standard clay targets used in trap and skeet shooting. The target should be thrown 60 yards from the trap (minimum of 50 yards).

Target Angle and Height

Straightaway when viewed from directly behind the trap. Target must fly between 8 feet and 10 feet high measured 10 yards in front of the trap.

Shot Fall Area

Must be safe at least 300 yards in any direction that shotgun may be pointing when fired.

Trap Operator Location

When releasing the targets, the trap operator must be farther behind the trap than the shooter for safety. When loading the trap, the shooter's shotgun must be unloaded and pointed in a safe direction with finger off the trigger.

Shooter Location

Behind and left and right of trap according to the lateral distance indicated in the Field Layout included with this Qualification.

Position

Shooters have the option of mounting the shotgun on the shoulder before calling for the target.

Shooting Procedures

Each round is 24 shots total. 12 shots are fired from left of the trap, and 12 shots are fired from right of the trap at the lateral distances indicated for each qualification level as shown in the field layout. Shotgun must be loaded with only one shotshell for each target. The shotgun must never contain multiple shells. Eye and hearing protection must be worn by

the shooter, trap operator, and all spectators.

Ratings

Ratings must be earned in order beginning with the Pro-Marksman level. Qualifying scores must be used as they are earned and may not be saved for more advanced levels. There is no Distinguished Expert level for this course. However, those attaining the Expert level may then begin shooting for the Distinguished Expert level in the Trap, Skeet or Sporting Clays qualification courses according to the requirements shown in this booklet for those events.

Awards

- Shotgun Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins

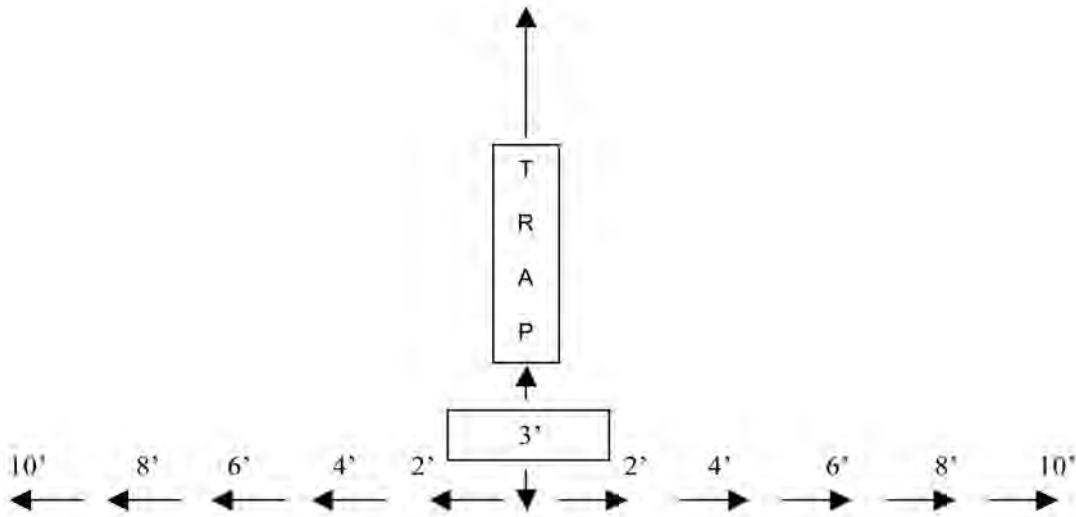


See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

Recreational Clay Target

Rating	Position—Lateral Distance from Trap	Total Shots	Required Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Shotgun Course.			
Pro-Marksman	2 feet	24	11 or more	2 times
Marksman	4 feet	24	13 or more	4 times
Marksman 1 st Class	6 feet	24	15 or more	6 times
Sharpshooter	8 feet	24	17 or more	8 times
Expert	10 feet	24	19 or more	10 times

Field Layout



Shotgun Qualification

◆ Trap ◆ Skeet
◆ Sporting Clays ◆ 5-Stand™



The Trap, skeet, sporting clays and 5-Stand™ courses of fire introduce the shooters to the complete sport from the very beginning. In this way, shooters can develop their skills at the same time they participate in club shoots, leagues and practice sessions. Any qualifying score fired in a club shoot, league or practice session can be applied to the qualification rating the shooter is currently working on.

Whichever shotgun event is chosen, participants can improve their shotgun shooting skills with the proportioned and progressive challenges offered in the NRA Marksmanship Qualification shooting program.

Guidelines

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply.

Trap—Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) Rules. To obtain Trap rules, call (937) 898-4638 or go to www.shootata.com.

Skeet—National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) Rules. To obtain Skeet rules, call (800) 877-5338 or go to www.mynssa.com.

Sporting Clays and 5-Stand—National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) Rules apply. To obtain the NSCA Sporting Clays/5-Stand rules, call (800) 877-5338 or go to www.mynsca.com/pubs.

Shotguns

Any safe shotgun, 12-gauge or smaller, may be used. Different gauges and different guns can be used for any round or rating.

Position

Shooters have the option of mounting the shotgun on the shoulder before calling for the target.

Ammunition

Any shotgun ammunition, factory or reloads, may be used. Be sure to check with the range or club for local ammunition restrictions. (Maximum 1 1/8 oz., No. 7 1/2 shot or less, or as specified in the rulebooks.)

Targets

Standard clay targets are used.

Round

In shotgun shooting the term “round” refers to a single series of 25 targets.

Awards

- Shotgun Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

COURSES OF FIRE

Trap or Skeet Course

Rating	Scores	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Shotgun Course.	
Pro-Marksman	11 or better out of 25 targets	2 times
Marksman	13 or better out of 25 targets	4 times
Marksman 1 st Class	15 or better out of 25 targets	6 times
Sharpshooter	17 or better out of 25 targets	6 times
Expert	19 or better out of 25 targets	10 times
Distinguished Expert	22 or better out of 25 targets 10 times, or 84 or better out of 100 targets in two ATA or NSSA registered shoots. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Sporting Clays or 5-Stand™ Course

Rating	Scores	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Shotgun Course.	
Pro-Marksman	10 or better out of 50 targets	2 times
Marksman	16 or better out of 50 targets	4 times
Marksman 1 st Class	20 or better out of 50 targets	4 times
Sharpshooter	22 or better out of 50 targets	5 times
Expert	52 or better out of 100 targets	3 times
Distinguished Expert	60 or better out of 100 targets 3 times, or 57 or better out of 100 targets in two NSCA shoots. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	



Muzzle Loading Qualification

◆ Rifle ◆ Musket ◆ Pistol
◆ Revolver ◆ Shotgun

The muzzle loading revival has created some fun and recreational shooting sports events in recent years. Participants can experience tradition, history and a link to our American past by participating in Civil War skirmishes, target shooting, frontier rendezvous, turkey shoots and hunting with muzzle-loading firearms. The NRA and the NMLRA (National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association) are bringing muzzle-loading events to many shooting sports enthusiasts.

Guidelines

NRA Muzzle-Loading Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Rules apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

More information can be found from the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA). To obtain rules, go to www.nmlra.com.

The NRA also has a muzzle loading DVD entitled *The Lure of Muzzleloading*. See Safety and Program Information on page 42.

Guns and Equipment

Rifle: Any safe muzzle loading rifle may be used. Flintlock rifles must use a patched round ball. Percussion rifles may use any projectile. Flintlock and percussion-type ignitions will be considered equal in stature. Any metallic sight is allowed.

Military Small Arms (Musket): Any safe, original or reproduction, military (as issued by the United States, Confederate States, or by a state government) rifle, musket, carbine, musketoon of .54, .58 or .69 caliber, or Brown Bess .72 may be used. The projectile can be a hollow-base, Minie-type or swaged bullet. Original pattern sights must be used.

Pistol/Revolver: Any safe muzzle loading pistol or cap-and-ball revolver may be used. All shooting must be done with one hand, using only the arm to support the firearm. Only metallic sights may be used. Open, fixed, or adjustable sights are allowed. The projectile may be a round ball or a conical bullet.

Shotgun: Any safe single- or double-barrel muzzle loading shotgun, any gauge, that uses percussion cap or flintlock ignition, may be used.

Accessories: Slings, palm supports, cross-sticks, loading tubes, shooting coats and gloves as described in the *NRA Muzzle Loading Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Rules* may be used.

Targets

Rifle or Pistol : B-19 25 yds.
or B-17

Rifle or Pistol: B-6 50 & 100 yds.

Shotgun: standard clay targets are used for shotgun.

Powder

Only black powder or BATF-approved substitute may be used.

Scoring

All ratings are 10 shot courses of fire.

Due to the variation of calibers used, scoring is done relative to the center of the ball or bullet hole. The center of the shot hole must at least touch a scoring ring to count that value. There are no time limits for completing a target.

Awards

- Muzzle Loading Firearms Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

COURSES OF FIRE

Muzzle Loading Rifle and Musket Course

Rating	Position/Distance	Shots	Score	Repetitions
Pro-Marksman	Benchrest or cross-sticks/25 yards	Best 10 of 13	40 or better	2 times
Marksman	Prone or benchrest/50 yards	Best 10 of 13	45 or better	2 times
Marksman 1 st Class	Cross-sticks/50 yards	Best 10 of 13	55 or better	2 times
Sharpshooter	Standing/50 yards	Best 10 of 13	50 or better	2 times
The requirements for the next two ratings must be fired as an aggregate in the same session. If the required score is not met, the entire aggregate must be refired.				
Expert	Standing/50 yards Cross-sticks/50 yards Standing/100 yards Prone or benchrest/100 yards	Best 10 of 13 Best 10 of 13 Best 10 of 13 Best 10 of 13	240 or better	2 times
Distinguished Expert	Standing/50 yards Prone or benchrest/50 yards Standing/100 yards Prone or benchrest/100 yards	Best 10 of 13 Best 10 of 13 Best 10 of 13 Best 10 of 13	265 or better 6 times, or 63% in two NRA or NMLRA sanctioned competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Muzzle Loading Pistol and Revolver Course

Rating	Position/Distance	Shots	Score	Repetitions
Pro-Marksman	Benchrest/25 yards	Best 10 of 13	35 or better	2 times
Marksman	Standing/25 yards	Best 10 of 13	45 or better	2 times
The next four ratings are standing position, 10 shots standing at 25 yds and 10 shots standing at 50 yds				
Marksman 1 st Class	Standing/25 yds and 50 yds	10 each yd line	110 or better	2 times
Sharpshooter	Standing/25 yds and 50 yds	10 each yd line	130 or better	2 times
Expert	Standing/25 yds and 50 yds	10 each yd line	145 or better	3 times
Distinguished Expert	Standing/25 yds and 50 yds	10 each yd line	160 or better 5 times, or 79% in two NRA or NMLRA sanctioned competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Muzzle Loading Shotgun Course

Rating	Score	Repeat	Score	Repetitions
	Skeet: Course of fire: 16 targets. Two targets at each station, singles, only.		Trap: Course of fire: 15 rounds, 3 targets each at station moved to within eight yards of the trap house.	
Pro-Marksman	6 out of 16	2 times	5/15	2 times
Marksman	7 out of 16	2 times	6/15	2 times
Marksman 1 st Class	8 out of 16	2 times	7/15	2 times
Sharpshooter	9 out of 16	3 times	8/15	3 times
Expert	10 out of 16	5 times	9/15	5 times
Distinguished Expert	11 out of 16, 6 times; or 64% in two NRA or NMLRA sanctioned competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)		10 out of 15, 6 times; or 64% in two NRA or NMLRA sanctioned competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Hunter Marksmanship Qualification



◆ Rifles ◆ Pistols ◆ Shotguns
◆ Air Guns ◆ Muzzle Loaders

Develop marksmanship skills and earn Hunter Marksmanship qualification ratings while practicing with a favorite hunting gun, target gun or air gun. These specially designed skill building courses of fire are ideal for new shooters—particularly those who participate in NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses. In most of the Hunter Marksmanship courses of fire, supported positions are used to speed the learning process.

Guidelines

All rules and requirements for these qualification courses are listed on these pages.

Air Rifles/Pistols; Pistols; Shotguns and Muzzleloaders

Any safe air gun, rifle, pistol, shotgun or muzzle loading firearm may be used.

Sights

Metallic, telescopic or electronic sights are permitted.

Positions

Except for shotgun, firing is conducted in four positions: supported prone, supported sitting, supported kneeling and supported standing. Pistols may be fired using two hands.

Support

Artificial support to brace both the body and the gun is allowed. Examples of artificial support include gun rest, barricade, log, bench, sandbag, cross-sticks, pillow and table.

Time Limits

There are no time limits in any of the Hunter Marksmanship courses of fire.

Target and Distance Options

Any target can be used if the target is

appropriate for the gun and is used at its specified distance. Some targets have the gun and distance specifications printed on the face. The following are some target and distance options:

BB Gun: TQ-40 or AR-4 at 5 meters

Air Rifle: AR-4 at 5 meters, TQ-5 at 25 feet, and TQ-18 or AR-5 at 10 meters

Smallbore Rifle: TQ-1, TQ-36, A-17, or A-36 at 50 feet, or A-23 at 50 yards

High Power Rifle: A-23 at 50 yards, A-25 or SR-1 at 100 yards, or SR at 200 yards

Air Pistol: B-40 at 10 meters

Pistol: TQ-6 at 25 feet, B-2 or D-2 at 50 feet, B-4 at 20 yards, or D-1 at 25 yards

Muzzle Loading Rifle: A-23, B-19 at 25/50 yards

Muzzle Loading Pistol: B-8 at 25 yards, B-6 at 50 yards, or B-19 at 25/50 yards

Shotgun: See the Course of Fire for details.

Awards

- Hunter Marksmanship Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.

Distinguished Expert

NRA will consider posting Distinguished Experts' photos to the "Trophy Gallery" section of nrahuntersrights.org. You can mail a print of the photo to the NRA Program Coordinator, or email a digital image to: marksmanship@nrahq.org. The following information should be included with all photos: hunter's name, hometown, species, hunt location, type of firearm or bow, date of hunt and any brief, special details.

To be considered, all photos must exhibit safe gun handling practices. Check carefully to see that no guns are pointed toward the camera or others in the photo. And if your local regulations require your animal to be "tagged immediately, or before moving," please do so before you take the photograph. *Submission of a photo does not guarantee it will be posted.*

COURSES OF FIRE

Hunter Marksmanship Courses

Rating	Air Rifle Rimfire or Centerfire Rifle	Shotgun	High Power Rifle Hunting Rifle Muzzle Loading Rifle	Rimfire Pistol Centerfire Pistol Air Pistol
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by demonstrating safe gun handling and completing the practical exercises conducted during an NRA Basic Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Any position, three shots (possible 30) – 15 or better, five times	Mounting: while looking in a mirror, bring the unloaded gun to shoulder while maintaining erect head and body position. Repeat 25 times. Using pattern boards with a 30" circle at 25-30 yards, fire five shots with mounted gun and five shots from the low gun starting position (mount and shoot).	Prone – Fire five shots all in seven-ring or better	Any position, three shots (possible 30) – 15 or better five times
Marksman	Prone, three shots – 18 or better, five times	Pattern boards with 30" circle, 25-30 yards, five shots each stage. Stand 10' to the left of the pattern board. With mounted gun, swing slowly to board, shoot and continue swing (follow through) to 10' right of board. Repeat right to left. With low gun mount, repeat above course of fire.	Sitting – Fire five shots all in six-ring or better	Prone, three shots – 18 or better, five times
Marksman 1st Class	Sitting, three shots – 18 or better, five times	With mounted gun, shoot 25 straight-away targets; score 15 or better. With mounted gun, shoot 13 targets flying from shooter's left to shooter's right; score eight or better. Shoot 12 targets flying from shooter's right to shooter's left; score seven or better.	Kneeling – Fire five shots all in six-ring or better	Sitting, three shots – 18 or better, five times
Sharpshooter	Kneeling, three shots – 16 or better, five times	Repeat Marksman 1st Class requirements using low gun position.	Standing – Fire five shots all in five-ring or better	Kneeling, three shots – 16 or better, five times
Bar 1	Standing, three shots – 16 or better, five times			Standing, three shots – 16 or better, five times
Bar 2	Prone, five shots (possible 50) – 35 or better, five times			Prone, five shots (possible 50) – 35 or better, five times
Bar 3	Sitting, five shots – 35 or better, five times			Sitting, five shots – 35 or better, five times
Bar 4	Kneeling, five shots – 32 or better, five times			Kneeling, five shots – 32 or better, five times
Bar 5	Standing, five shots – 32 or better, five times			Standing, five shots – 32 or better, five times
Bar 6	Prone, five shots – 40 or better, five times			Prone, five shots – 40 or better, five times
Bar 7	Sitting, five shots – 40 or better, five times			Sitting, five shots – 40 or better, five times
Bar 8	Kneeling, five shots – 37 or better, five times			Kneeling, five shots – 37 or better, five times
Bar 9	Standing, five shots – 37 or better, five times			Standing, five shots – 37 or better, five times
Expert	Fire 10 shots in each position consecutively (40-shot total). Score 340 (possible 400) or better four times.	Shoot three rounds (25 targets each round) of trap, skeet, or sporting clays. Score 20 or better each round.	Fire five shots in each position consecutively (20-shot total). Score 170 (possible 200) or better.	Fire 10 shots in each position consecutively (40-shot total). Score 340 (possible 400) or better four times.
Distinguished Expert	A successful hunt with photo of the hunter's name, hometown, species, hunt location, type of firearm, date of hunt and any brief special details.			

Brownells/NRA Day

Brownells/NRA Day is designed to provide adults, youth, families, competitors, hunters—literally everyone—the opportunity to experience, share, and enjoy the shooting sports. Basic goals of the program include:

- To provide a safe and structured hands-on learning environment under the supervision of instructors, coaches and trained volunteers



- To promote the shooting sports as a fun and positive activity to be enjoyed by everyone
- To provide an avenue to introduce people to the shooting sports and presenting future opportunities to retain new shooters

The benefits to hosting a **Brownells/NRA Day** event at your facility are limitless! These are just a few reasons why hundreds of clubs and ranges choose to host events each year:

- The rewarding experience of introducing people to the shooting sports
- Retention of new and experienced shooters through your facility's programs
- Promoting the benefits of NRA programs and membership
- Materials, funding, and support from the NRA
- The chance to promote your club/range to the community

With the help of the NRA, planning and holding a **Brownells/NRA Day** event is simple. Customize the event to allow focus on your facility's strengths and provide activities of your choosing. For information on **Brownells/NRA Day**, go to www.nrahq.org/education/nraday.asp or contact the NRA at nraday@nrahq.org.



Brownells/NRA Outstanding Achievement Youth Award

\$5,000/\$3,000/\$2,000

The **Brownells/NRA Outstanding Achievement Youth Award (OAYA)** recognizes juniors and young adults who take an active part in the shooting sports through individual participation and educational pursuits. By meeting the requirements to be eligible for the award, youth gain a greater sense of responsibility and an appreciation for the variety of shooting sports opportunities available.



Shooting sports enthusiasts through the year of their 21st birthday are eligible to receive the award once they have completed the six core requirements and a minimum of five elective requirements. One core requirement is participating in the **Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program** by earning a rating in one discipline. One of the elective requirements can be met by earning an additional rating in the **Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program**.

Contact the NRA regarding this program at oayaprogram@nrahq.org or call (703) 267-1505. You can also visit the web site at www.nrahq.org/youth/achievement.asp for requirements and a copy of the application.

Qualification Awards

In order to simplify the process of ordering Qualification Awards, the NRA has created packets containing the skill level items for each qualification program. These packets include the specific skill level patch rocker, certificate and medal for Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman First Class, Sharpshooter, Expert and Distinguished Expert. The Skill Rating Packets are used for all courses of fire. Not included in the packet are the pins and discipline patches which are ordered separately depending on the course of fire in which you are participating. If you prefer not to order the entire packet, you may also order the items contained in the Skill Rating Packets individually. See pages 40-41 for individual item numbers.



For pricing information, or to order visit the NRA Program Materials Center online at www.nrahq.org or call (800) 336-7402.

Skill Rating Packets

Pro-Marksman Packet

Item: EQ 20000

Contains one of each of the following:

- Pro-Marksman Rocker
- Pro-Marksman Parchment Certificate
- Pro-Marksman Medal

Marksman Packet

Item: EQ 20005

Contains one of each of the following:

- Marksman Rocker
- Marksman Parchment Certificate
- Marksman Medal

Marksman 1st Class Packet

Item: EQ 20010

Contains one of each of the following:

- Marksman 1st Class Rocker
- Marksman 1st Class Parchment Certificate
- Marksman 1st Class Bar

Sharpshooter Packet

Item: EQ 20015

Contains one of each of the following:

- Sharpshooter Rocker
- Sharpshooter Parchment Certificate
- Sharpshooter Bar Certificate
- 12 Sharpshooter Seals (attach to Parchment Certificate)
- Sharpshooter Medal (medal bars that attach to Sharpshooter Medal are sold separately on page 41)

Expert Packet

Item: EQ 20020

Contains one of each of the following:

- Expert Rocker
- Expert Parchment Certificate
- Expert Medal

Distinguished Expert Packet

Item: EQ 20025

Contains one of each of the following:

- Distinguished Expert Rocker
- Distinguished Expert Parchment Certificate
- Distinguished Expert Medal in presentation box (medal bars that attach to Distinguished Expert Medal are sold separately on page 41)



Qualification Awards

To order, call NRA's Program Materials Center at (800) 336-7402 or visit the NRA Program Materials Center online at <http://materials.nrahq.org/go/home.aspx>

Discipline Patches

- EQ 10440 Rifle (Smallbore)
- EQ 10240 Rimfire Rifle
- EQ 10245 Smallbore Rifle
- EQ 11050 High Power Rifle
- EQ 10430 Position Air Rifle
- EQ 10200 Position Air Pistol
- EQ 10460 Pistol (white) Conventional
- EQ 10230 Pistol (maroon)
- EQ 11016 NRA International Air Pistol
- EQ 11015 NRA International Air Rifle
- EQ 10420 BB Gun
- EQ 11030 Shotgun
- EQ 11060 Muzzle Loading
- EQ 11040 Hunter Marksmanship
- EQ 10250 Progressive Position Air Pistol
Qualification Patch
- WI 09957 Women On Target® Rifle Patch - for any Rifle
Qualification
- WI 09958 Women On Target® Pistol Patch - for any Pistol
Qualification
- WI 09959 Women On Target® Shotgun Patch - for any
Shotgun Qualification



Rockers

- EQ 09562 Winchester
- EQ 11034 Trap
- EQ 11033 Skeet
- EQ 11037 Sporting Clays
- EQ 10210 Defensive Pistol I
- EQ 10220 Defensive Pistol II



Skill Rockers

- EQ 10470 Pro-Marksman
- EQ 10480 Marksman
- EQ 10490 Marksman 1st Class
- EQ 10500 Sharpshooter
- EQ 10510 Expert

(Rockers are used for all courses of fire.)

*Distinguished Expert rocker is available only in the packet. Basic Practical Rocker is only available by taking an NRA Basic Training Course (see page 43 for more information).



Qualification Awards

Medals

- EQ 10511 Pro-Marksman
- EQ 10512 Marksman
- EQ 10513 Sharpshooter
- EQ 10514 Expert

**Distinguished Expert medal is available only in the packet.*



Medal Bars

Marksman 1st Class Bar attaches to the Marksman Medal:
EQ 10900 Marksman 1st Class Bar

Sharpshooter Bars attach to the Sharpshooter Medal:

- EQ 10910 Bar 1
- EQ 10920 Bar 2
- EQ 10930 Bar 3
- EQ 10940 Bar 4
- EQ 10950 Bar 5
- EQ 10960 Bar 6
- EQ 10970 Bar 7
- EQ 10980 Bar 8
- EQ 10990 Bar 9



Distinguished Expert Bars attach to the Distinguished Expert Medal:

- EQ 11400 Pistol Bar
- EQ 11440 Shotgun Bar
- EQ 11491 Rifle Bar

(Medals and Medal Bars are used for all courses of fire.)

Parchment Certificates

- EQ 09552 Pro-Marksman
- EQ 09553 Marksman
- EQ 09554 Marksman 1st Class
- EQ 09556 Sharpshooter
- EQ 09557 Sharpshooter Bar
- EQ 09558 Expert

**Distinguished Expert certificate is available only in the packet.*



Pins

- EQ 10515 Pro-Marksman Pin
 - EQ 10516 Marksman Pin
 - EQ 10517 Marksman 1st Class Pin
 - EQ 10518 Sharpshooter Pin
 - EQ 10519 Expert Pin
 - EQ 11350 Distinguished Expert Pin
- (Pins are used for all courses of fire.)*



NRA Reference Materials

Rule Books

- CC 16410 NRA BB Gun Rules
- CA 16320 NRA Sporter Air Rifle Position Rules
- CA 16310 NRA Precision Air Rifle Position Rules
- CR 16750 NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules
(includes Rimfire Rifle Rules)
- CP 16650 NRA Pistol Rules
- CI 16490 International Rifle Rules
- CI 16500 International Pistol Rules
- CB 16380 Muzzle Loading Rifle, Pistol, and
Shotgun Rules
- CH 16420 High Power Rifle Rules
- CH 16430 High Power Sporting Rifle Rules

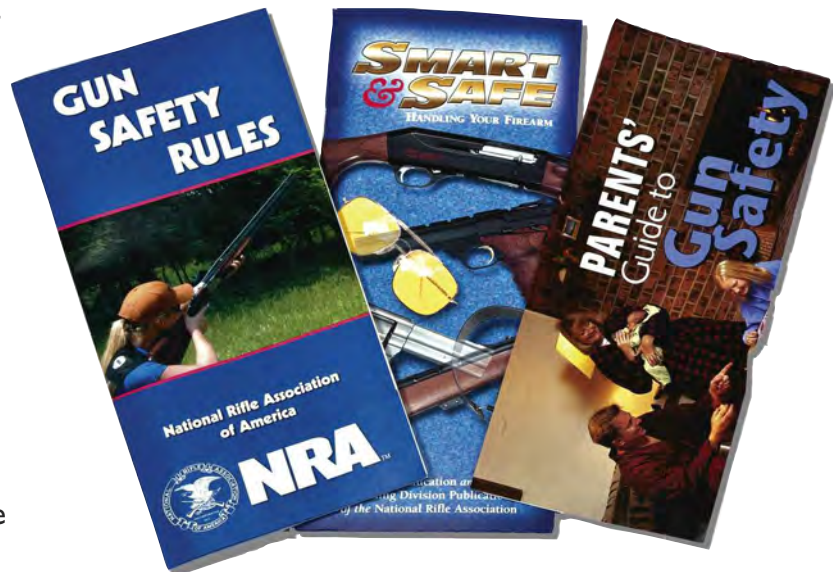


Shooting Handbooks

- ES 30600 NRA Guide to The Basics of Pistol Shooting
- EF 13180 NRA Guide to The Basics of Rifle Shooting
- EM 09450 Junior Rifle Shooting Handbook
- EF 13360 The Basics of Shotgun Shooting
- EF 09180 The Skeeter's Guide—A Companion
for Beginning Skeet Shooters
- EF 09192 Skeet/Trap Camp Lesson Plans
- EZ 14350 The Muzzle Loading Pistol Handbook
- EZ 14290 The Muzzle Loading Rifle Handbook
- EZ 14410 The Muzzle Loading Shotgun Handbook
- ES 26828 NRA Guide to The Basics of Personal
Protection In The Home
- ES 20000 NRA Guide to The Basics of Personal
Protection Outside the Home

Safety and Program Information

- ES 11532 Smart and Safe: Handling Your
Firearm
- ES 14080 NRA Gun Safety Rules
- EE 12852 Parent's Guide to Gun Safety
(pack of 25)
- EQ 09526 Qualification Program League/Club
Standings Poster
- ES 14240 Safe Gun Handling Poster/Wall
Chart
- CT 19710 NRA Guide to Competitive
Shooting Programs
- CT 17550 Tournament Operations Guide
- ES 30080 The NRA and NMLRA Present: The
Lure of Muzzleloading DVD



What Can You Do Next?

If you are interested in advancing into higher levels of the shooting sports, NRA offers numerous programs that can help you develop and test your shooting skills. Some of these programs include basic firearm training, postal matches, leagues, tournaments, camps and much more.

NRA Basic Training Courses

Another valuable resource available to you is the NRA's network of trained instructors and coaches. All across the country, instructors provide the NRA Basic Training Courses. These courses include:

- Basics of Pistol Shooting
- Basics of Rifle Shooting
- Basics of Shotgun Shooting
- Basics of Muzzle Loading Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Shooting
- Home Firearm Safety
- Personal Protection In The Home
- Personal Protection Outside the Home
- Reloading

Everyone is encouraged to take an NRA Basic Training Course. After basics, NRA coaches or instructors can help you improve your shooting techniques as well as your chances for success in competitive shooting programs. To obtain a list of instructors, clinics and/or coaches in your area, call the NRA Training Department (703) 267-1430 or visit www.nrainstructors.org.

Competitive Shooting

A good development program like qualification shooting helps the participant learn shooting skills and then introduces the shooter to other steps of development. The Distinguished Expert rating in the qualification program, for example, encourages shooters to fire their qualifying scores in NRA sanctioned competition. Competitive shooting exposes the shooter to other

developmental challenges and different shooting venues.

To obtain rule books, contact NRA's Program Materials Center at (800) 336-7402. You may also purchase rule books online at www.nrahq.org/compete/targetsbooks.asp.

Shooting Sports USA

The online *Shooting Sports USA* magazine is available for FREE at www.ShootingSportsUSA.com. Look for how-to articles, firearm reviews, match schedules and more.

NRA Postal Matches

Another shooting opportunity for skill development is the NRA Postal Program. Postal matches are local competitions fired at the shooter's home range. The scores are then mailed (hence the name) to the NRA for inclusion in the postal database for a national results bulletin which is available online. The conditions of each match are specified in the specific postal program. Currently programs are available for junior and adult shooters in conventional and center fire pistol. There are also 3- and 4-position smallbore rifle programs as well as air rifle programs which are open to everyone; membership in the NRA is not required. NRA offers postal matches specifically designed for various organizations to include: JROTC, VFW, 4-H, Boy Scouts of America, BSA Venturing and the Royal Rangers. For more information call the NRA Postal Program Coordinator at (703) 267-1482. NRA postal match programs are available online at www.nrah.org/compete/dept.postal.asp.

NRA National Junior Training Camps

Junior shooters who want to learn more about smallbore rifle competitive shooting can apply to attend the

NRA National Intermediate Junior Smallbore Rifle Camp. The camp is held during the National Prone matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in July. The NRA National Intermediate Camp is open to all junior shooters who possess a classification (normally Marksman or Sharpshooter) on a first-come, first-serve basis. The skills taught are designed to develop a junior shooter to the advanced level and are taught by hand selected Certified Smallbore Rifle Coaches. Applications are limited to the first 72 shooters who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact the NRA at (703) 267-1411 for more informa-

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Junior pistol shooters can apply to attend the NRA National Intermediate Junior Pistol Camp. The camp is held during the National Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio in July. The NRA National Intermediate Camp is open to all junior shooters on a first-come, first-serve basis. The skills taught are designed to develop a junior shooter and are taught by hand selected Certified Pistol Coaches. Applications are limited to the first 25 shooters who apply. Contact the NRA at (703) 267-1411 for more information.

Junior Shooters who aspire to the higher levels of training in pistol, shotgun and smallbore rifle should consider the NRA Advanced Junior Shooting Camps (AJSC). The NRA AJSC teaches advanced shooting techniques, provides the shooters with classroom instruction about rules, college programs, nutrition, mental focus and more. The camps feature a lot of one-on-one coaching, a physical training section, and an evening academic environment.

Admission to an NRA AJSC is by application only and, depending on range availability, is open to the best applicants. The application considers performance, mental training program, physical training program and an athlete's grade point average. Dates, locations, deadlines, and applications can be found on the NRA Web site at www.nrahq.org/education/training/coaching/index.asp, under Education and Training (Coach Programs).

Brownells/NRA Day

Brownells/NRA Day Events are conducted around the country by local level clubs. Most events are family-oriented, and anyone can attend. Event themes include:

- Open House
- Safety and Firearm Education Events
- Basic Shooting Event
- Competition Events
- Hunter's Events

- Youth SportsFest Events
- Special Interest Events
- NRA Shotgun Events:
 - ATA Trap
 - NSSA Skeet
 - NSCA Sporting Clays

Brownells/NRA Day Event schedules are listed on the NRA Web site at www.nrahq.org under the Education and Training Programs section. If you would like information on how to conduct an Event at your club, call (703) 267-1591.

Youth Hunter Education Challenge

The Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) program promotes the further development of the basic hunting skills introduced in state and provincial hunter education programs. YHEC provides young hunters with hands-on training and experience that will help them be safe, responsible and successful in the field. For more information, call NRA's Hunter Services at (703) 267-1523 or visit online at www.nrahq.org.

NRA National Junior Air Gun Championship and Training Summit

Each year, the NRA invites the top athletes in the country to participate in an exciting national championship, and special training classes.

This NRA National Junior Air Gun Championship is Three-Position Sporter and Precision Air Rifle. Shooters get the chance to compete and attend training classes taught by some of the best shooting coaches in the country. Training topics may include honing your positions, the latest techniques, using your equipment, how to keep a shooter's diary, competition rules, mental training, new equipment and information on collegiate shooting.

The training summit is not just for youth participants; training workshops are offered to coaches as well.

Coaches will learn more about how to improve the fundamental shooting techniques and positions of their shooters, the latest training methods, other programs in which they can get their club involved, and how to apply for grants and funding programs.

For more information about the NRA National Junior Air Gun Championship and Training Summit, the event dates, and location, contact the NRA Competitions Division at (703) 267-1477. You may also visit www.nrahq.org/compete.

Brownells/NRA Outstanding Achievement Youth Award

The Brownells/NRA Outstanding Achievement Youth Award recognizes junior shooting sports enthusiasts, through the year of their 21st birthday, who take an active part in the shooting sports through individual and team participation, educational pursuits and accomplishments.

All participants are eligible once they have completed six core requirements and a minimum of five elective requirements. Examples of the requirements include: being a member of a local shooting club or state association, completing an NRA Basic Training Course, earning a rating in any discipline through the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program, completing a state-sponsored hunter education course, competing in a tournament or postal match, and volunteering at a local *Friends of NRA* event.

Once a participant meets the requirements, he/she will receive the official Brownells/NRA Youth Award Medal recognizing his/her accomplishment. Three National Winners will be selected to receive monetary scholarships.

For more information and an application, visit the NRA Web site at www.nrahq.org/youth/achievement.asp, or

NRA Programs and Opportunities

NRA Membership

Adults and youths can become individual members of the NRA. Adult members receive their choice of NRA monthly publications: *American Rifleman*, *American Hunter*, or *America's 1st Freedom*. Youth members (18 and under) receive the NRA online magazine for juniors, *InSights*. To join NRA or for additional information regarding benefits, call (800) NRA-3888 or visit online at www.nra.org/youthprograms and click on the Join the NRA for a \$10 discount on a one-year membership.

NRA Clubs

NRA has affiliated clubs all across the country. This network of clubs offers a variety of sporting opportunities. Any group that conducts a program with firearm safety and shooting sports activities can affiliate with the NRA. NRA clubs include hunting and sporting clubs, shooting teams, 4-H clubs, Boy Scout troops, JROTC, Royal Rangers, the National High School Rodeo Association, FFA and DeMolay chapters, VFW and American Legion posts, and collegiate clubs.

For more information on affiliation benefits or to find an NRA club in your area, call (800) NRA-CLUB, or visit online at www.nrahq.org.

Friends of NRA

Need funding to help start your Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program? The NRA

Foundation's *Friends of NRA Grant Program* can help you obtain the funds necessary to get a program started or enhance an existing one. The monies raised by each state's *Friends of NRA* program are used to support qualified educational and developmental programs.



You may apply for a grant through your state's *Friends of NRA State Fund Committee*. Each state establishes a committee, led by the state NRA Field Representative, which reviews grant applications and recommends awards. Since each state has its own committee deadlines and meeting dates, it is essential that you contact your state NRA Field Representative to inquire about submission deadlines and other requirements.

For your convenience, grant applications may be completed online at www.nrafoundation.org/grants/statefund.asp, where you will also find your state NRA Field Representative's telephone number; or call (703) 267-1131 for assistance with *Friends of NRA Grants*.

Become an NRA Certified Instructor or Coach

NRA offers training and certification for people to become firearm instructors and coaches. For people with a knowledge of firearms and a desire to share that knowledge with their community, NRA offers a variety of instructor certifications and three levels of coach training.

NRA Instructors are trained to

conduct NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses, using the NRA's comprehensive outlines and lesson plans, student handbooks, and more. Qualified people who complete the instructor training program are certified to teach one or more of the following courses:

- Basic Pistol Shooting
- Basic Rifle Shooting
- Basic Shotgun Shooting
- Basic Muzzle Loading Pistol Shooting
- Basic Muzzle Loading Rifle Shooting
- Basic Muzzle Loading Shotgun Shooting
- Personal Protection In The Home
- Personal Protection Outside The Home
- Home Firearm Safety
- Metallic Cartridge Reloading
- Shotgun Shell Reloading
- Range Safety Officer

The Coach Education Program

provides the tools and techniques to prepare people for successful competitive shooting. Through coach schools, clinics, conferences and camps, participants learn the most current techniques, coaching philosophy and methodology to train and coach shooters in competition. The program, administered by the NRA, is a cooperative effort between the NRA, USA Shooting (USAS), the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), the National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA), and the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA).

For more information on becoming an NRA Certified Instructor or Coach, call (703) 267-1430 or visit www.nrahq.org/education.

Ensuring The Future

Now more than ever, the demand for youth programs is growing at an unprecedented rate. The NRA Foundation is meeting this challenge by providing millions of dollars to fund these vital programs. To assure that this growth is sustained, the foundation is actively building a permanent endowment fund to ensure financial support for the future.

To date, The NRA Foundation has funded thousands of grants totaling more than \$60 million, with youth programs in particular receiving more than half of all grant dollars awarded. With so many extraordinary programs developed specifically for youth, the opportunities for investment are numerous.

NRA youth programs that receive endowment funding include:

- Brownells/NRA Day Program
- Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program
- NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge
- NRA Youth Education Summit
- NRA Training Programs

If these and other youth programs could be funded entirely through endowment income, the future of the shooting sports would be secure for generations. No other organization in the country can make this kind of commitment to the future of hunting and the shooting sports, yet there is still a long way to go before our funding needs are met. It is our hope

to secure the funding necessary to endow these programs for years to come. The NRA Foundation takes pride in investing in the future of our precious firearm heritage, and we hope that those who embrace these American ideals will join us as we strive to leave a legacy of tradition and freedom for our children.

For more information, please contact The NRA Foundation, at (800) 423-6894, or visit our Web site at www.nrafoundation.org.



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Course of Fire _____

Gauge or Caliber _____

Shooter's Name _____

NRA Member Number _____

Skill Rating	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		
	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	Score	Date	
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Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program

Course of Fire _____ Gauge or Caliber _____
 Shooter's Name _____ NRA Member Number _____

Skill Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date	Score Date
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