

Appendix 6

NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUALIFICATION

PERSONAL PROTECTION IN THE HOME

Name of Candidate _____ Date _____

The NRA Instructor Training Pre-Course Qualification is to be administered after the potential Instructor Candidate has achieved a minimum score of 90 percent on the Personal Protection in the Home Course Student Exam. The Pre-Course Qualification must be administered before or during an Instructor Training Course and is a hands-on, practical exercise to evaluate an individual's knowledge, skills and attitude in safety, loading, unloading, clearing firearm stoppages, and shooting skills. The qualification is conducted in three phases. *Alternatively, candidates may provide documented proof of Classified Sharpshooter or better in NRA Conventional or Action Pistol, Classified Marksman or better in International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) or Classified "C" or better in US Practical Shooting Association (USPSA)/International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) or a certification as an NRA LEAD Handgun/Shotgun or Tactical Handgun certified instructor.*

Passing/Failing:

The NRA Pre-Course Qualification for Pistol will have a maximum score of 100 points and a minimum passing score of 80 points. Minimum passing requirement must be met in each phase.

Unsafe Gun Handling:

If a candidate demonstrates unsafe gun handling, he or she will be given 0 points for that particular skill test. Examples of unsafe gun handling include pointing the gun in an unsafe direction or any area not designated as safe by the Training Counselor, sweeping his or her own body, or placing the finger on the trigger before being ready to shoot.

PHASE 1 - LOADING/UNLOADING

Location: Classroom or Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must load and unload a single action revolver, double action revolver, and a semi-automatic pistol.

Requests for assistance will result in a deduction of 3 points per action type in the exercises; candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.

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Loading

Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 15 points

5 points maximum per action type

	Points
Single Action Revolver	_____
Double Action Revolver	_____
Semi-Automatic Pistol	_____
TOTAL	_____

Unloading

Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 15 points

5 points maximum per action type

	Points
Single Action Revolver	_____
Double Action Revolver	_____
Semi-Automatic Pistol	_____
TOTAL	_____

PHASE 2 – CLEARING COMMON PISTOL STOPPAGES

Location: Classroom or Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must demonstrate how to clear a common pistol stoppage using a semi-automatic pistol. Training Counselor will set-up the pistol and conduct a practical exercise involving failure to fire and double feeds.

Requests for assistance will result in a deduction of 3 points per action type in the exercises; candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.

FAILURE TO FIRE DRILL: If candidate waits 30 seconds keeping the gun pointed in a safe direction, taps the bottom of the magazine, and pulls the slide to the rear, 5 points will be given.

DOUBLE FEED DRILL: If the candidate locks the slide to the rear, removes the magazine, and renders the pistol unloaded 5 points will be given.

Minimum Passing 8 points / Maximum 10 points
5 points maximum per stoppage type

	Points
Semi-Automatic Failure to Fire	_____
Semi-Automatic Double Feed	_____
TOTAL	_____

PHASE 3 – PISTOL SHOOTING

Location: Range

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Shot timer or stopwatch

FIREARMS CALIBER: Pistols must be 9mm or larger; Revolvers must be .38 or larger

Training Counselor will inform candidate that after the sequence of the drill is explained and objectives are stated, requests for elaboration may result in negative points assigned, and that a failure to follow all the skills in the drill will result in a deduction of points. However, the candidate may request that the sequence of the drill and objectives be stated more than once by the Training Counselor without being assigned negative points. Candidates will be allowed to shoot their own firearms if desired.

From a low ready position, candidates will shoot one type of pistol at a blank 9 inch diameter circle at a distance of 21 feet. On the command to fire, candidates will shoot an accelerated pair (i.e. 2 shots) from a two handed standing position and then scan their immediate area for additional threats. Each shot that hits the paper will be give a value of 3 points. Shots that break the edge of the paper will count as a hit. Candidates must shoot each string of fire in less than 2 seconds. Any shots after two seconds will be deducted from the total number of shots on the target at the end of the session. This drill will be repeated 10 times.

If the candidate does not know what the low ready position is or how to assume a low ready, then 10 points will be deducted. If the candidate fails to scan during any of the 10 shot sessions, 2 points will be deducted for each failure to scan and assess. Training Counselor needs to time candidate for each 2 shot session. The candidate may not exceed 2 seconds per each two shot string. Candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.

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Minimum Passing 48 points / Maximum 60 points

	Points
Number of hits on paper (3 points/hit)	_____
Failure to understand low ready position (-10 pts)	_____
Failure to Scan and Assess (-2 pts/per)	_____
Total Shooting Score (A-B-C) _____	

Total Score (minimum passing qualification score is 80 points) _____