

NRA Pre-Course Qualification Rifle

The NRA Instructor Training Pre-Course Qualification is to be administered after the potential Instructor Candidate has achieved a minimum score of 90% on the Basic Rifle Shooting 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 malfunctions, and shooting skills. The qualification is conducted in three phases. *Alternatively, candidates may provide documented proof of NRA Competitive Rifle classification as a Sharpshooter or better, or a certification as an NRA LEAD Patrol Rifle or Precision Rifle Instructor.*

Passing/Failing:

The NRA Pre-Course Qualification for Rifle 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:

Candidates who demonstrate unsafe gun handling will be given 0 points for that particular skill test. Examples of unsafe gun handling include pointing the gun in an unsafe direction or at any area not designated as safe by the Training Counselor, sweeping one's 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 bolt-action rifle, lever-action rifle, and a semi-automatic rifle.**

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.

Minimum/Maximum: Minimum passing 12 points / Maximum passing 15 points 5 points maximum per action type for each loading and unloading.

PHASE 2 – CLEARING COMMON RIFLE STOPPAGES

Location: Range

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

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 charging handle/bolt handle expending the bad cartridge, 5 points will be given.

DOUBLE FEED DRILL: If the candidate locks the bolt to the rear, and renders the rifle unloaded 5 points will be given.

Minimum / Maximum: Minimum passing 8 points / Maximum passing 10 points

PHASE 3 – RIFLE SHOOTING

Location: Range

Candidate will shoot one type of rifle for the shooting phase of the qualification. Candidate must utilize a firearm that has front and rear sights; use of telescopic sights, riflescopes, or aiming devices is not allowed. A blank 4-1/2 inch diameter circle at a distance of 25 yards will be used as the target for the shooting phase. Candidate will fire 10 shots from each of three positions: bench rest position, prone position, and standing, unsupported position. A fresh target will be used for each position. Two points will be given for each shot that hits the paper. Shots that break the edge of the paper will count as a hit. Candidates will be allowed to shoot their own firearms if desired. *Two re-qualification shoots are allowed within any 24-hour period.*

If distance adjustment is required due to range limitations the following formulae will be used; all distances are in inches (hit scoring and requirements remain the same):

Target Diameter: Target distance (in inches) Multiplied by .005

Candidates will be given a score of 0 for each safety violation.

Minimum / Maximum: Minimum passing 48 points / Maximum passing 60 points. 2 points for each scoring hit