

## **Qualification Requirements for Muzzleloading Rifle Instructor Candidates**

**1. Pre-Test:** Score 80% or higher on the *Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Shooting Course Student Exam*

It is **STRONGLY** recommended that Instructor Candidates (IC's) read the NRA handbooks *The Muzzleloading Rifle Handbook (EF 14290)* and *Home Firearm Safety (ES 14120)* prior to attending the Instructor Candidate class. The handbooks may be purchased for \$8.00 and \$7.00 respectively (plus shipping and handling) through the following link:

<http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=G-Books>

**2. Safe Handling Exercises:**

The candidate must demonstrate basic safe handling practices and procedures for checking an ignition source and a load in the muzzleloading rifles specified.

**a. Percussion Rifle**

Explain and demonstrate the proper procedures to check whether this gun is unloaded (i.e. no ignition source, no ball, no powder) by:

- i. Pick up gun, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- ii. Place hammer in half cock and inspect nipple.
- iii. Follow procedures to check bore for load as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Rifle Handbook*.
- iv. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction and hammer at half cock position.

**b. Flintlock Rifle**

Explain and demonstrate the proper procedures to check whether this gun is unloaded (i.e. no ignition source, no ball, no powder) by:

- i. Pick up gun, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- ii. Open frizzen, inspect pan and gently lower hammer.
- iii. Follow procedures to check bore for load as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Rifle Handbook*.
- iv. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction, frizzen open and hammer down.

**3. Live-Fire Exercises from different shooting positions:**

The candidate must safely demonstrate basic rifle shooting positions and shooting fundamentals.

- Target distance is 50 yards.
- Target is a B-19, 50-yard International Slow Fire rifle target – other targets with a seven-inch (7") bullseye may be substituted.
- Student must use either percussion or flintlock muzzleloading rifle for crossed-stick (sitting) and standing positions.
- Choice of rifles is up to the student.
- Students are encouraged to use their own firearms.

**a. Crossed-Stick (Sitting) Position**

Student will load and fire eight (8) shots while:

- i. Following range commands.
- ii. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Rifle Handbook*.
- iii. Assume the proper shooting position according to details in rifle handbook.
- iv. Correctly execute other essential rifle shooting fundamentals as described in handbook.
- v. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures.

**b. Standing Position**

Using *same target* as in crossed-sticks (sitting) position, student will load and fire five (5) shots from the standing position while:

- i. Following range commands.
- ii. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Rifle Handbook*.
- iii. Assume the proper shooting position according to details in rifle handbook.
- iv. Correctly execute other essential rifle shooting fundamentals as described in handbook.
- v. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures.

The best ten (10) of thirteen (13) shots total must have a minimum score of 50% or a maximum group size of ten inches.