

NRA / Winchester Pistol Marksmanship Qualification Program

Pistols and Revolvers: Any semi-automatic pistol or revolver may be used. All calibers compete together.

Sights: Any sights may be used.

Targets: Eight-inch target, six-inch target, and AP-2 precision or Bianchi Cup style target.

Timers: When time restricts are specified, the Instructor will keep the time.

Distance: 15 feet distances for all levels of qualification.

Awards: Pistol Qualification Patch, Skill Rockers, and Certificates. For the Distinguished Expert (DE) level, current NRA members will receive the award from the NRA. For non-NRA members, there will be an additional fee for this award. Distinguished Experts receive a DE Rocker, a DE Certificate, and a DE Metal.

Records: Instructor will maintain records for the progression of rating qualifications. A rating does not have to be completed in a single day or in successive shots. But ratings do have to be completed in order and scores used to earn one rating cannot be used towards completion of another rating.

Pistol Course of Fire:

Pro-Marksman:

Position: Bench rest, two hands.

Target: 8 in diameter

Time: No restriction

Course of Fire and Rating Requirements: (Minimum of 50 shots) Shoot 10 8 inch targets with 5 shots in each target. The 10 targets do not have to be shot in succession or on the same day.

Marksman:

Position: Two handed standing

Target: 6 in diameter

Time: No restriction

Course of Fire and Rating Requirements: (Minimum of 100 shots) Shoot 10 targets with 10 shots in each target. The 10 targets do not have to be shot in succession or on the same day.

Marksman First Class:

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

Target: AP-2 precision target – Scoring areas are listed on target.

Stages: This Class has two stages. Both stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course of fire. Note: In this qualification, each target is shot two handed with either the strong side or support side, not combined.

- Stage 1 Strong Side: Five targets with 10 shots in each, in 6 minutes.
- Stage 2 Support 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: (Minimum of 100 shots) Shoot 10 targets, 5 with a score of 46 or better and 5 with a score of 56 or better.

Sharpshooter:

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

Target: AP-2 precision target - Scoring areas are listed on target.

Stages: This Class has two stages. Both stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course of fire. Note: In this qualification, each target is shot two handed with both the strong side and support side, five shots each in each target (10 total shots a target).

- Stage 1 Strong Side: Five shots in 20 seconds
- Stage 2 Support Side: Five shots in 20 seconds

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

Course of Fire and Rating Requirements: (Minimum of 100 shots) Shoot 10 targets, 5 with a score of 60 or better and 5 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 support side stages.

Target: AP-2 precision target - Scoring areas are listed on target.

Stages: This Class has two stages. Both stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course of fire. Note: Each stage uses a new target but the score is added between the two stage's targets to make a "Course of Fire". There will be 10 shots in each target using the same shooting hand (strong side or support side).

- Stage 1 Strong Side: Five shots in 3 minutes and 5 shots in 10 seconds
- Stage 2 Support Side: Five shots in 3 minutes and 5 shots in 10 seconds

A total of 20 shots on 2 targets (10 per target). Possible score: 200 (100 per target).

Course of Fire and Rating Requirements: (Minimum of 100 shots, minimum of 5 completed course of fire) Shoot 2 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. One course is one set of the two stage's targets completed in the same session.

Distinguished Expert:

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

Target: AP-2 precision target (official) hung with top of target at eye level. Scoring areas are listed on target.

Stages: This Class has four stages. All four stages must be completed in the same session to qualify as one completed course of fire.

- Stage 1 Strong Side Two Hands: Five shots in 10 seconds
- Stage 2 Support Side Two Hands: Five shots in 10 seconds
- Stage 3 Strong Side One Hand: Five shots in 10 seconds
- Stage 4 Support Side Hand: Five shots in 10 seconds

A total of 20 shots on 1 target. Possible score: 200

Course of Fire and Rating Requirements: (Minimum of 120 shots, minimum of 6 completed course of fire) Shoot 3 times over the course with a minimum score of 145 or better and three times over the course with a minimum score of 170 or better. The number of courses does not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.