

**NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM  
PRE-COURSE ASSESSMENT**

**PISTOL**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Shoots **Right** or **Left** Handed? (Circle one)

**I. PRE-TEST**

Administer the NRA **Basic** Pistol Shooting Course Student Examination to instructor candidates. Time limit: 60 minutes.

Pre-test Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. UNLOADING PROCEDURES FOR DIFFERENT ACTION TYPES

### 1. Double-Action Revolver

The candidate is brought to a table on which rests a double-action revolver loaded with six rounds of dummy ammunition. The gun is resting on its right side with the action closed and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Ask whether candidates shoot right-handed or left-handed. Have the candidates **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that candidates perform the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Pick gun up, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Basics of Pistol Shooting* handbook.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Visually inspect chambers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction, cylinder open, and chambers visible.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the candidate's:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge of unloading procedure as indicated in their explanation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Skill in performing this procedure as indicated in their demonstration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attitude toward safety as indicated in both their explanation and demonstration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun as indicated in both their explanation and demonstration.

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## 2. Single-Action Revolver

The candidate is brought to a table on which rests a single-action revolver loaded with six rounds of dummy ammunition. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Ask whether candidates shoot right-handed or left-handed. Have the candidates **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that candidates perform the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Pick gun up, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Basics of Pistol Shooting* handbook.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Visually inspect each chamber.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction, loading gate open, and hammer in position which allows cylinder to be rotated.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the candidate's:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge of unloading procedure as indicated in their explanation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Skill in performing this procedure as indicated in their demonstration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attitude toward safety as indicated in both their explanation and demonstration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun as indicated in both their explanation and demonstration.

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### 3. Semi-automatic Pistol

The candidate is brought to a table on which rests a semi-automatic pistol with one round of dummy ammunition in the magazine and one in the chamber. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed, the safety (if applicable) in the "safe" position, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Ask whether candidates shoot right-handed or left-handed. Have the candidates **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that candidates perform the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Pick gun up, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Basics of Pistol Shooting* handbook. (Have candidate lock the slide back if the gun is equipped with a slide lock.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Visually inspect the chamber.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction, magazine out, and slide back.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the candidate's:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge of unloading procedure as indicated in their explanation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Skill in performing this procedure as indicated in their demonstration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attitude toward safety as indicated in both their explanation and demonstration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun as indicated in both their explanation and demonstration.

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### III. LIVE FIRE EXERCISES FROM DIFFERENT SHOOTING POSITIONS

#### 1. Two-Handed Standing (Isosceles) Position

The candidate is brought to a firing point on a 50-foot range. At the firing point are a .22 LR double-action revolver and a .22 LR semi-automatic pistol with actions open, magazine out, and muzzles pointed downrange, and a box of .22 LR ammunition. The student will choose one action type and use it for all exercises but the final one. (At the training counselor's discretion, candidates may use their own .22 LR handguns.)

The candidate will be instructed to load with five rounds and to fire five shots in a maximum of five minutes from the two-handed standing (isosceles) position at a B-2, 50-foot slow fire pistol target. The candidate will then be instructed to cease firing and unload, and then load and fire a second five-shot series in a maximum of five minutes at the same target. (Other targets with a 3-inch bullseye may be substituted for the B-2. Such targets must be evaluated on the basis of group size rather than score.)

(Note: Training counselors may request authorization from the NRA Training Department to have physically disabled candidates shoot from other positions.)

**Revolver or Semi-automatic?** (Circle one)

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate how well the candidate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Followed range commands.

\_\_\_\_\_ Followed proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA handbook, *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assumed the proper shooting position according to details specified in pistol handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Correctly executed other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in pistol handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Observed NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum 100)    OR    Extreme Spread in Inches: \_\_\_\_\_

# Shots on Target: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. One-Handed Standing Position

Replace targets with fresh ones. The candidate will be instructed to load with five rounds and to fire five shots in a maximum of five minutes from the one-handed standing position at a B-2, 50-foot slow fire pistol target. The candidate will then be instructed to cease firing, unload, and then load and fire a second five-shot series in a maximum of five minutes at the same target.

Revolver or Semi-automatic? (Circle one)

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate how well the candidate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Followed range commands.

\_\_\_\_\_ Followed proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA handbook, *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assumed the proper shooting position according to details specified in pistol handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Correctly executed other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in pistol handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Observed NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum 100) OR Extreme Spread in Inches: \_\_\_\_\_

# Shots on Target: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Training Counselor's Choice of Position (Other Action Type)

Replace targets with fresh ones. The training counselor will indicate the position he or she would like the candidate to use for this exercise. The candidate will use the handgun action type he or she did not use for the first two exercises.

The candidate will be instructed to load with five rounds and to fire a single five-shot series in a maximum of five minutes at a B-2, 50-foot slow fire pistol target.

**Revolver or Semi-automatic?** (Circle one)

**One-handed or Two-handed Standing Position?** (Circle one)

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate how well the candidate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Followed range commands.

\_\_\_\_\_ Followed proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA handbook, *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assumed the proper shooting position according to details specified in pistol handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Correctly executed other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in pistol handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ Observed NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum 50)    OR    Extreme Spread in Inches: \_\_\_\_\_

# Shots on Target: \_\_\_\_\_

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