

Appendix 8

NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUALIFICATION

MUZZLELOADING RIFLE

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 Basic Muzzleloading 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 or NMLRA Muzzleloading Rifle classification as a Sharpshooter or better.*

Passing/Failing:

The NRA Pre-Course Qualification for Muzzleloading 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 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 – SAFE GUN HANDLING

Location: Classroom or Range

Using an unloaded/unprimed muzzleloading rifle of each action type, the candidate must meet the following requirements.

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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For each action type, candidate will explain and demonstrate the proper procedure to check whether the gun is unloaded:

- 1. No ignition source
- 2. No ball
- 3. No powder

Percussion Rifle

Pass (Y/N)

- 1. Pick gun up; point in safe direction; finger off trigger
- 2. Place hammer at half cock and inspect nipple
- 3. Follow procedures to check bore as outlined in the NRA Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook
- 4. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction and hammer at half cock

Flintlock Rifle

Pass (Y/N)

- 1. Pick gun up; point in safe direction; finger off trigger
- 2. Open frizzen, inspect pan, and gently lower hammer
- 3. Follow procedures to check bore as outlined in the NRA Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook
- 4. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction, frizzen open, and hammer down

SAFE GUN HANDLING

Minimum Passing 20 points / Maximum 30 points
15 points maximum per action type

	Points
Percussion Rifle	_____
Flintlock	_____
TOTAL	_____

PHASE 2 – MUZZLELOADING RIFLE KNOWLEDGE

Location: Classroom or Range

Using an unloaded/unprimed muzzleloading rifle of any action type as a guide – if necessary - the candidate must properly explain the following operations of a muzzleloading 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.

Loading: In accordance with NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Shooting Course Lesson Plans

	Y/N		Y/N
1. Position rifle for loading	_____	7. Patch the ball	_____
2. Check bore for load	_____	8. Start ball and patch	_____
3. Wipe and clean bore	_____	9. Trim the patch	_____
4. Measure powder charge	_____	10. "Short seat" the ball	_____
5. Place powder in the bore	_____	11. Seat the ball against the powder charge	_____
6. Prepare the patch	_____	12. Capping and priming	_____

Identifying Failure to Fire: In accordance with NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Shooting Course Lesson Plans

	Y/N
1. Bad cap	_____
2. Blocked flash channel	_____
3. Non-sparking flintlock	_____
4. Ball then powder	_____

Corrective Procedures: In accordance with NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Shooting Course Lesson Plans

	Y/N
1. Recap	_____
2. Pull nipple	_____
3. Knap flint	_____
4. Carbon dioxide dischrger	_____
5. Pull ball	_____

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Muzzleloading Rifle Knowledge

Minimum Passing 40 points / Maximum 45 points

15 points maximum per section

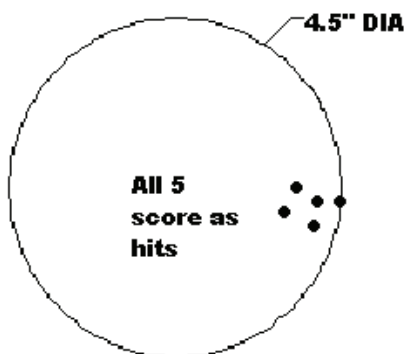
	Points
Loading	_____
Identifying Failure to Fire	_____
Corrective Procedures	_____
TOTAL	_____

PHASE 3 – MUZZLELOADING RIFLE SHOOTING

Location: Range

Candidate will shoot one type of muzzleloading 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 4.5 inch diameter circle at a distance of 25 yards will be used as the target for the shooting phase. Candidate will fire 5 shots from each of two positions: crossed-stick (sitting) position and standing, unsupported position. A fresh target will be used for each position. 2.5 points will be given for each shot that hits the paper. Shots that break the edge of the paper will count as a hit (see below). Candidate will be allowed to shoot his or her own firearms if desired. *Three requalification shoots are allowed within any 24-hour period.*

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.



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

Target Diameter = Target Distance(in inches) Multiplied by .005

Minimum Passing 20 points / Maximum 25 points
2.5 points for each hit on paper

	Points
Crossed-stick (sitting) (5 shots)	_____
Standing (5 shots)	_____
TOTAL	_____

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