

Appendix 9

NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUALIFICATION

MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN

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 Shotgun 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.

Passing/Failing:

The NRA Pre-Course Qualification for Muzzleloading Shotgun 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 shotgun 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.

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

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Muzzleloading Shotgun

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

Percussion Shotgun

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 Shotgun Handbook
4. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction and hammer at half cock

Flintlock Shotgun

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 Shotgun 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 Shotgun	<hr/>
Flintlock Shotgun	<hr/>
TOTAL	<hr/>

PHASE 2 – MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN KNOWLEDGE

Location: Classroom or Range

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

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 Shotgun Shooting Course Lesson Plans

	Y/N		Y/N
1. Position shotgun 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	_____
		11. Seat the ball against the	
5. Place powder in the bore	_____	powder charge	_____
6. Prepare the patch	_____	12. Capping and priming	_____

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

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

Muzzleloading Shotgun Knowledge

Minimum Passing 40 points / Maximum 45 points
 15 points maximum per section

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

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PHASE 3 – SHOTGUN SHOOTING (*MODERN CENTERFIRE SHOTGUN SHELL*)

Location: Range

Using a centerfire shotgun, candidate will fire one 25-shot round of trap or skeet; when practical, give the prospective candidate his or her choice. When skeet is shot, the doubles may be shot as additional singles on stations 1, 2, 6, and 7. Minimum score of 13 must be attained. Alternatively, candidates may provide documented proof of having scored 50% or greater in any ATA or NSSA event or 45% in any NSCA event.

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Minimum Passing 20 points/Maximum 25 points

.4 points for each target hit over 13

Targets Hit	Points
25	25.0
24	24.6
23	24.2
22	23.8
21	23.4
20	22.8
19	22.4
18	22.0
17	21.6
16	21.2
15	20.8
14	20.4
13	20.0
12 or less	0.0

Total: _____

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