

NRA Instructor Course

Basic Pistol Instructor

Pre-course evaluation

Candidates will be graded on ability to do all of the activities listed below.

1) **Written exam** (multiple choice and T/F) – NRA Basic Pistol Student Exam - must score 90%

2) **Safe Gun handling exercises**

a. **Loading** (must score min 12 out of 15 possible points)

- i. Single action revolver – (max 5 points)
- ii. Double action revolver – (max 5 points)
- iii. Semi-auto pistol – (max 5 points)

b. **Unloading** (must score min 12 out of 15 possible points)

- i. Single action revolver – (max 5 points)
- ii. Double action revolver – (max 5 points)
- iii. Semi-auto pistol – (max 5 points)

3) **Clearing Common Pistol Stoppages** (must score min 8 out of 10 possible points)

- a. Failure to fire drill – (max 5 points)
- b. Double feed drill – (max 5 points)

4) **Pistol Shooting Evaluation:** (Must score 48 or higher out of possible 60 points)

NOTE: *Candidates are exempt from the shooting evaluation if they provide documented proof of any of the following --- Classified Sharpshooter or better in NRA Conventional or Action Pistol, Classified Marksman or better in International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), Classified "C" or better in US Practical Shooting Association (USPSA)/International Shooting Confederation (IPSC), Certification as an NRA LEAD Handgun/Shotgun or Tactical Handgun certified instructor.*

- a. Candidate will shoot one type of pistol of their choice, regardless of action, sights, or caliber, at a blank 9 inch diameter paper target at a distance of 15 yards. Candidates will fire 20 shots from a two-handed, unsupported, standing position. Targets will be broken into two ten-shot targets or four five-shot targets. Three points will be given for each scoring hit. In order for a hit to count, it must fall inside a ½" border from the edge of the plate. Shots that break the edge of the ½" border will count as hits. All scoring hits on a target must be within a 6" or less extreme spread. Candidates will be allowed to shoot their own firearms if desired. **Two** requalification shoots are allowed within any 24-hour period.

5) **Cumulative Score:**

- a. Candidate must pass all of the hands-on exercises and achieve a minimum cumulative score of 80 or more. Candidates exempt from the shooting portion, must still pass the hands on safe handling exercises.