

NRA Basic Pistol - Syllabus

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Course Materials Provided By Instructor

NRA Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook

NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure

NRA Basic Firearm Training Program brochure

Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program booklet

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course Student Examination

Targets

Course Materials Provided by Student

Any caliber Semi-automatic pistol or revolver (up to .40 caliber)

Minimum of 100 rounds of **factory** ammunition to fit your gun. NO RELOADS

Approved hearing protection

Approved eye protection

Note: Instructor has a limited number of Semi-Automatic and Revolvers available to loan at no additional cost. However ammunition is the responsibility of the student. Ammunition can be provided by the instructor at his cost + 15% charge and must be paid for prior to the classroom start. Reservations for pistols or ammunition must be made 1 week prior to start of the class.

Description:

The NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course introduces the students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. Through this course, the students will learn about pistol parts and operation, ammunition, gun safety, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basic Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses.

Goals:

- 1) Identify the principal parts of a pistol and the types of pistol actions, and demonstrate how they function.
- 2) State, explain and apply the NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling.
- 3) Demonstrate how to handle a pistol in a safe manner.
- 4) Identify the different components of a pistol cartridge.
- 5) Explain the firing sequence of a cartridge
- 6) Explain how to properly identify and store ammunition
- 7) State the major types of cartridge malfunctions, and how to react to them
- 8) Explain the fundamentals of pistol shooting
- 9) Safely demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to assume the benchrest position with a pistol
- 10) Safely shoot a pistol from the benchrest position, using the fundamentals of pistol shooting, at a target on a range
- 11) Safely demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to assume a two-handed standing position with a pistol

- 12) Safely shoot from a two handed standing shooting position, using the fundamentals of pistol shooting, at a target on a range
- 13) Properly score a pistol target
- 14) Explain the basic guidelines for selecting and purchasing a pistol
- 15) Identify the materials needed to clean a pistol
- 16) Demonstrate how to safely clean a pistol

Cost Per Person:

General Public	\$85.00
Church or Non-Profit	\$75.00
Bethel Baptist Wichita	\$65.00

Evaluation:

Student must take a 50 question written examination. No minimum passing score is required. All questions and correct answers will be discussed in class.

Course Schedule:

Hour	Topics
<p>Lesson 1 (2 Hours)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Pistol Knowledge and Safe Gun Handling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Gun Ownership Responsibilities B. Why Americans Own Pistols C. Types of Pistol Actions D. Revolver Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Frame ii. Barrel iii. Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Action 2. Double Action E. Semi-Automatic Pistol Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Frame ii. Barrel iii. Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Action, 2. Traditional Double-Action 3. Double-action only F. Operating Revolvers and Semi-Automatic Pistols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Single-Action Revolver ii. Double-Action Revolver iii. Semi-Automatic Pistol G. Safe Gun Handling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Causes of Firearm Accidents ii. NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling H. Safe Pistol Handling Practical Exercises I. Summarize Lesson 1
<p>Lesson 2 (2 Hours)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. Ammunition Knowledge and the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Pistol Ammunition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Components of a Pistol Cartridge ii. Rimfire and CenterFire Cartridges iii. Firing Sequence of a Cartridge iv. Cartridge designation and Identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multiple Names 2. +P and +P+ Cartridges v. Storing Ammunition vi. Cartridge Malfunctions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Misfire 2. Hangfire 3. Squib Load B. Review Safe Gun Handling Rules C. Dominant Eye D. Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Benchrest Position ii. Two-Handed Standing Shooting Position E. Grip

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Proper Grip ii. Grip Practical Exercises <p>F. Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Aiming ii. Breath Control iii. Hold Control iv. Trigger Control v. Follow-Through <p>G. Summary</p>
<p>Lesson 3 (2 Hours)</p>	<p>III. Ammunition Knowledge and the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting</p> <p>A. Range Safety Briefing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Purpose of the Shooting Event ii. Range Layout and limits iii. Range Safety Rules iv. Hygiene Guidelines v. Site Specific Range Rules vi. Range Commands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Load 2. Commence Firing 3. Cease Firing 4. Firearm Problems <p>B. Firing the First Shots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Study the BenchRest Position ii. Practice the BenchRest Position iii. Practice the Position With a Pistol iv. Align Position with Target v. Dry-Fire the Pistol at the Target vi. Shoot at Targets using Live Ammunition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single-Shot Exercise 2. Five-Shot Exercise vii. Adjust the Rear Sight to Center a Group on the Target viii. Continue Firing five-shot groups from the Bench <p>C. Two-Handed Standing Shooting Position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Study Position ii. Practice Position without a Pistol iii. Practice Position with a Pistol iv. Align Position with a Target v. Dry-Fire Pistol at Target vi. Single Shot Exercise vii. Five-Shot Exercise <p>D. Evaluation of Shooting Practices</p> <p>E. Summarize</p>
<p>Lesson 4 and 5 (2 Hours)</p>	<p>IV. Scoring Target, and Selecting and Maintaining Your Pistol</p> <p>A. Scoring Targets</p> <p>B. Selecting and Purchasing a Pistol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Types of Pistols ii. Factors in Pistol Selection <p>C. Caring for the Pistol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cleaning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Cleaning Equipment2. Cleaning Procedures3. Cleaning Practical Exercises4. Pistol Repairs5. Pistol Storage <p>D. Summarize</p> <p>V. Continued Opportunities for Skill Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Maintaining Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Winchester Marksmanship Qualification Programii. Training Opportunitiesiii. Competitive Shootingiv. NRA ClubsB. The NRA<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Programsii. Historyiii. Benefits of MembershipC. Course ReviewD. ExaminationE. Student Course EvaluationF. Award Completion CertificatesG. Closing Comments and Questions
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