Appendix 5

NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUALIFICATION

PISTOL

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 Pistol 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 Classified Sharpshooter or better in NRA Conventional or Action Pistol, Classified Marksman or better in International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) or Classified "C" or better in US Practical Shooting Association(USPSA)/International Practical Shooting Confederation(IPSC) or a certification as an NRA LEAD Handgun/Shotgun or Tactical Handgun certified instructor.*

Passing/Failing:
The NRA Pre-Course Qualification for Pistol 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 - LOADING/UNLOADING
Location: Classroom or Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must load and unload a single action revolver, double action revolver, and a semi-automatic pistol.

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
Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 15 points
5 points maximum per action type

	Points
Single Action Revolver	_____
Double Action Revolver	_____
Semi-Automatic Pistol	_____
TOTAL	_____

Unloading
Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 15 points
5 points maximum per action type

	Points
Single Action Revolver	_____
Double Action Revolver	_____
Semi-Automatic Pistol	_____
TOTAL	_____

PHASE 2 – CLEARING COMMON PISTOL STOPPAGES
Location: Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must demonstrate how to clear a common pistol stoppage using a semi-automatic pistol. Training Counselor will set-up the pistol and conduct a practical exercise involving failure to fire and double feeds.

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.

FAILURE TO FIRE DRILL: If candidate waits 30 seconds keeping the gun pointed in a safe direction, taps the bottom of the magazine, and pulls the slide to the rear, 5 points will be given.

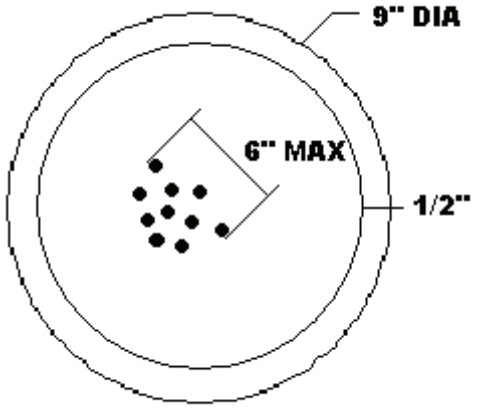
DOUBLE FEED DRILL: If the candidate locks the slide to the rear, removes the magazine, and renders the pistol unloaded 5 points will be given.

Minimum Passing 8 points / Maximum 10 points
5 points maximum per stoppage type

	Points
Semi-Automatic Failure to Fire	_____
Semi-Automatic Double Feed	_____
TOTAL	_____

PHASE 3 – PISTOL SHOOTING
Location: Range

Candidate will shoot any gun 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 (see below). Candidates will be allowed to shoot their own firearms if desired. *Two requalification shoots are allowed within any 24-hour period.*



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

Target Diameter:	Target Distance divided by 60.0
Outside Border:	Target Diameter divided by 18.0
Extreme Spread:	Target Diameter divided by 1.5

Candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.

Minimum Passing 48 points / Maximum 60 points
3 points for each scoring hit

	Points
Pistol Shooting	_____

Phase I Loading Unloading Sub-Total:	
Minimum Passing 80%	
Phase II Clearing Stoppages Sub-Total:	
Minimum Passing 80%	
Phase III Pistol Shooting Sub-Total:	
Minimum Passing 80%	
Pistol Pre-Course Qualification Total Score:	