

Appendix 7

NRA-NMLRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUALIFICATION

MUZZLELOADING

Name of Candidate _____ Date _____

The NRA-NMLRA 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 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 disciplines, muzzleloading pistol, rifle and shotgun.

Passing/Failing:

The NRA-NMLRA Pre-Course Qualification for Muzzleloading will have a maximum score of 100 points and a minimum passing score of 80 points per discipline, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle and shotgun. 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.

MUZZLELOADING PISTOL SAFE GUN HANDLING

Location: Classroom or Range

Using an unloaded/unprimed muzzleloading pistol 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:

1. No ignition source

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- 2. No ball
- 3. No powder

Single Shot Percussion Pistol

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

Flintlock Pistol

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-NMLRA Muzzleloading Handbook
- 4. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction, frizzen open, and hammer down

Muzzleloading Revolver

Pass (Y/N)

- 1. Pick gun up; point in safe direction; finger off trigger
- 2. Place hammer at half cock and inspect nipples
- 3. Follow procedures to check bore as outlined in the NRA-NMLRA Muzzleloading Handbook (NOTE: if candidate attempts to inspect chambers visually ensure gun is pointed in safe direction and the face is NOT placed over the muzzle or cylinder)
- 4. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction and hammer at half cock position

SAFE GUN HANDLING

Minimum Passing 25 points / Maximum 30 points

10 points maximum per action type

Single Shot Percussion Pistol

Points

Flintlock Pistol

Muzzleloading Revolver

TOTAL

PHASE 2 – MUZZLELOADING PISTOL KNOWLEDGE

Location: Classroom or Range

Using an unloaded/unprimed muzzleloading pistol of any action type as a guide – if necessary, the candidate must properly explain the following operations of a muzzleloading 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: In accordance with NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Handbook

	Y/N		Y/N
1. Position pistol for loading	_____	8. Patch the ball	_____
2. Check bore for load	_____	9. Start ball and patch	_____
3. Wipe and clean bore	_____	10. Trim the patch	_____
4. Snap a cap to ensure nipple and bore is clear.	_____	11. "Short seat" the ball	_____
5. Measure powder charge	_____	12. Seat the ball against the powder charge	_____
6. Place powder in the bore	_____	13. Capping and priming	_____
7. Prepare the patch	_____		

Identifying Failure to Fire: In accordance with NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Handbook

	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 Shooting Handbook

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

Muzzleloading Pistol Knowledge

Minimum Passing 40 points / Maximum 45 points

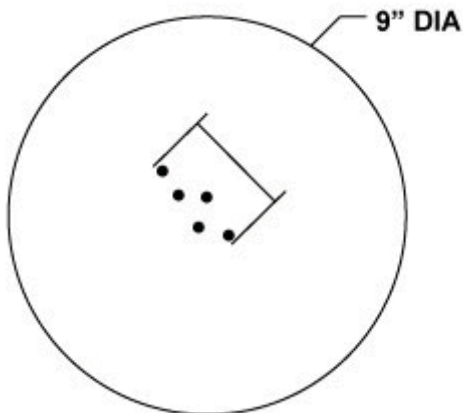
15 points maximum per section

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

PHASE 3 – MUZZLELOADING PISTOL SHOOTING

Location: Range

Candidate will shoot ten shots with a revolver at a blank 9 inch diameter paper target at a distance of 15 yards. Candidates will fire ten shots using a one- or two-handed, unsupported, standing position. Two and a half points will be given for each scoring hit. In order for a hit to score, it must be on the plate. Candidates will be allowed to shoot their own firearm if desired. Two requalification shoots are allowed within any 24-hour period.



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MUZZLELOADING RIFLE 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.

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-NMLRA Muzzleloading 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-NMLRA Muzzleloading 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 Shooting Handbook

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| 1. Position rifle for loading | _____ | 8. Patch the ball | _____ |
| 2. Check bore for load | _____ | 9. Start ball and patch | _____ |
| 3. Wipe and clean bore | _____ | 10. Trim the patch | _____ |
| 4. Snap a cap to ensure nipple and bore are clear. | _____ | 11. "Short seat" the ball | _____ |
| 5. Measure powder charge | _____ | 12. Seat the ball against the powder charge | _____ |
| 6. Place powder in the bore | _____ | 13. Capping and priming | _____ |
| 7. Prepare the patch | _____ | | |

Identifying Failure to Fire: In accordance with NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Handbook

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|---------------------------|-------|
| | 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 Shooting Handbook

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| | 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

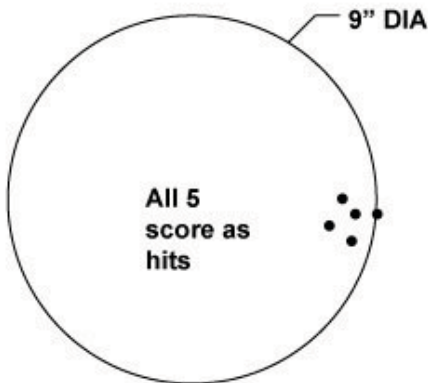
	Points
Loading	_____
Identifying Failure to Fire	_____
Corrective Procedures	_____
TOTAL _____	

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 muzzleloading rifle that has front and rear sights; use of telescopic sights, riflescopes, or aiming devices is not allowed. A blank 9 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: benchrest 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 muzzleloading rifle 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 .01

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

	Points
Bench Rest (5 shots)	_____
Standing (5 shots)	_____
TOTAL	_____

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

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MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN – 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:

1. No ignition source
2. No load
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-NMLRA Muzzleloading Shooting 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-NMLRA Muzzleloading Shooting 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	_____
Flintlock Shotgun	_____
TOTAL	_____

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 Shooting Handbook

	Y/N		Y/N
1. Position shotgun for loading	_____	8. Place lubricated cushion wad over wad.	_____
2. Check bore for load	_____	9. Pour shot in barrel.	_____
3. Wipe and clean bore	_____	10. Place overshot wad in barrel and seat.	_____
4. Snap a cap to ensure nipple and bore are clear.	_____	11. If loading another barrel, leave ramrod in the already loaded barrel.	_____
5. Measure powder in bore	_____	12. Repeat steps 5-10 for additional barrel.	_____
6. Place powder in the bore	_____	13. Capping and priming	_____
7. Place over powder wad and seat on powder.	_____		

Identifying Failure to Fire: In accordance with NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Handbook

	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 Shooting Handbook

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

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Minimum Passing 40 points / Maximum 45 points

15 points maximum per section

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

PHASE 3 – MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN SHOOTING

Location: Range

Using a *muzzleloading* shotgun, candidate will fire ten shots at straight away clay targets from the 10-yard line on a registered trap field, if available. Portable trap may be used if conditions are matched. Candidates must break a minimum of five targets.

Minimum Passing 12.5 points/Maximum 25 points

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