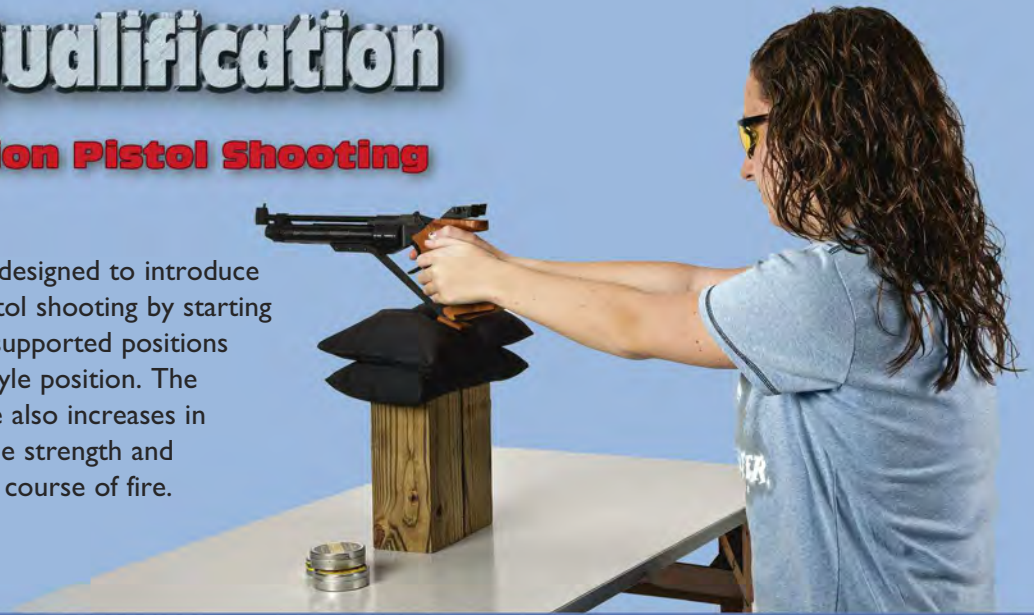


# Air Pistol Qualification

## ◆ Progressive Position Pistol Shooting

This air pistol qualification course is designed to introduce shooters to the challenge of air pistol shooting by starting with the basic supported and standing supported positions then progressing to the international style position. The required number of shots in the course also increases in stages to help new shooters develop the strength and endurance necessary to complete a full course of fire.



### Guidelines

Progressive Position Pistol Rules will apply, except where specific exceptions are made. You may find the rule book at [www.usashooting.com/youthPistol.php](http://www.usashooting.com/youthPistol.php).

For more information on position pistol shooting, refer to the NRA booklet Junior Progressive Position Air Pistol Program at [www.issuu.com/compshoot/docs/pppbrochure](http://www.issuu.com/compshoot/docs/pppbrochure)

### Air Pistols

Any safe .177 caliber spring, pneumatic, or CO2 gas pistol or revolver may be used.

### Sights

Only open sights are permitted.

### Position

For the Pro-Marksman rating, shooters may use either the benchrest or the Basic Supported position while seated. With the Marksman and Marksman 1st Class ratings, shooters must use the standing supported position. Shooters must be standing but may also use a rest or T-stand. Sharpshooter and higher ratings must use one-handed standing position without support.

**Basic supported position:** The shooter must be seated and may use supporting materials such as boxes, duffel bags, bean bags, or sand bags, on the table or bench. The shooter's arm must be fully extended, with the sights at eye level. The non-firing hand may provide support for the firing hand or the butt of the pistol. The shooter may not rest his or her elbow on the supporting material.

**Standing supported position:** Shooter must shoot from a standing position, with the pistol held in one hand. Artificial support is allowed such as a T-stand or a kneeling roll; the shooter's arm must be fully extended, with sights at eye level. The shooter's non-firing hand may not be used to provide support for the firing hand.

### Target and Distance

The official B-40 target is used at 10 meters (approximately 33 feet).

### Shots Per Bullseye

Five or 10 shots per bullseye can be used for beginner ratings. The number of shots fired per bullseye is optional and should be altered if scoring becomes difficult. (At elite levels of competition, only one shot is fired at each bullseye).

### Ratings

The required number of shots must be fired in the same session to qualify as a completed course of fire. The number of times the course must be repeated does not have to be fired in succession or on the same day.

### Awards

- Air Pistol Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pin



See pages 39-41 for complete information on qualification awards. Reference Materials on page 42.



Artificial support like this T-stand is allowed in the standing supported position.



## Progressive Position Pistol

Rating	Position	Number of Shots	Required Score/ Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Pistol Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Basic Supported	10 shots	40/100	4 times
Marksman	Standing Supported	20 shots	100/200	4 times
Marksman 1st Class	Standing Supported	40 shots	180/300	4 times
Sharpshooter	International Style – Standing, one handed	40 or 60 shots	280/400	6 times
Expert	International Style – Standing, one handed	40 or 60 shots	316/400 or 474/600	6 times or 4 times
Distinguished Expert	40 or 60 shots, 348/400, 522/600 or better 10 times, or 335/400, 503/600 or better in two NRA sanctioned air pistol competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)			