

Air Rifle Qualification

◆ Sporter and Precision Air Rifle Shooting

These air rifle qualification courses are designed to introduce shooters to the challenges of 3-position air rifle shooting by starting with the basic sporter air rifles, progressing into the precision air rifles and then to the international-style air rifle course of fire. The required numbers of shots in the courses also increase in stages to help new shooters develop the strength and endurance necessary to complete a full course of fire.



Guidelines

NRA Sporter or Precision Position Air Rifle Rules apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

Air Rifles

Must meet specifications in paragraph 3.2 of the NRA Sporter Position Air Rifle Rules or paragraph 3.1 of the NRA Precision Position Air Rifle Rules

Sights

Metallic only. Telescopic sights are not allowed. See Rule 3.7.1 for sporter and Rule 3.7 for precision.

Position

Three shooting positions are used: prone, standing and kneeling.

Target and Distance

The official NRA AR-5/10 air rifle targets must be used. The air rifle courses are fired at 10 meters (approximately 33 feet).

Shots Per Bullseye

The targets contain 10 record bullseyes. One record shot is fired on each bullseye. Unlimited shots are permitted on the sighting shot (ss) bullseyes.

Ratings

Ratings must be earned in sequence. While developing position skills (Bars 1-9), shooters should not concentrate on the development of just one position; they should begin to earn qualifying targets in all

positions concurrently. Position bars may be obtained as they are earned without regard to numerical sequence. The number of targets (or courses) required for a particular rating need not be fired consecutively or in the same session.

Awards

- Air Rifle Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificates
- Medals and Medal Bars
- Skill Level Pins



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



COURSES OF FIRE

Sporter or Precision Air Rifle

| Rating | Position | Number of Shots | Required Sporter Score/Possible Score | Required Precision Score/Possible Score | Repetitions |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Basic Practical | This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course. | | | | |
| Pro-Marksman | Benchrest or supported prone may be used. (Both rifle and body supports are allowed.) | 5 per target | 15/50 | 20/50 | 10 times |
| Marksman | Prone | 5 per target | 20/50 | 25/50 | 10 times |
| Marksman 1st Class | Standing | 5 per target | 10/50 | 11/50 | 10 times |
| Sharpshooter | Kneeling | 5 per target | 12/50 | 15/50 | 10 times |
| Bar 1 | Prone | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 50/100 | 60/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 2 | Prone | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 60/100 | 70/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 3 | Prone | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 70/100 | 80/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 4 | Standing | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 25/100 | 30/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 5 | Standing | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 30/100 | 40/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 6 | Standing | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 40/100 | 50/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 7 | Kneeling | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 30/100 | 40/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 8 | Kneeling | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 40/100 | 50/100 | 3 times |
| Bar 9 | Kneeling | 1 per bull/10 bulls | 50/100 | 60/100 | 3 times |
| Expert | 30-shot aggregate (3x10 - 10 shots each position) or 60-shot aggregate (3x20 - 20 shots in each position) | | | 220/300 or 450/600 230/300 or 470/600 240/300 or 490/600 | 3 times |
| Distinguished Expert | 60-shot aggregate — sporter scores 500/600 or better 10 times; precision scores 520/600 or better 10 times; or 60-shot aggregate scores as listed 4 times at an NRA postal or 2 sanctioned matches (See Witness Requirements, page 3.) | | | | |

