

International Air Pistol Qualification

◆ International-Style Shooting



This air pistol qualification course is designed to introduce shooters to the challenge of air pistol beginning with the two-handed standing position then progressing to the one-handed standing International Air Pistol position. Air pistol events are for all ages and enjoyed by everyone at their home range and at the Olympic and Paralympic events.

Guidelines

NRA International Pistol Rules will apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

Air Pistols

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

Sights

Only open sights are permitted.

Position

Except for the Pro-Marksman and Marksman rating, all shooting is done from the standing position using one hand; no support is allowed.

Two-Handed position: Shooter must shoot from a standing position, with the pistol held in both hands. No artificial support is allowed; and the shooter's arm must be fully extended,

with sights at eye level. The shooter's non-firing hand may 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 consecutively.

Awards

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



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

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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	Standing — two-handed	10 shots	50/100	4 times
Marksman	Standing — two-handed	20 shots	110/200	4 times
Marksman 1st Class	Standing — one-handed	30 shots	190/300	4 times
Sharpshooter	Standing — one-handed	40 shots	290/400	6 times
Expert	Standing — one-handed	40 or 60 shots	326/400 or 485/600	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.)			