

International Air Rifle Qualification



◆ International-Style Shooting

This course of fire introduces new shooters to the sport using the benchrest or prone-supported positions before progressing to the standing position. These positions are designed to help shooters reinforce the basic fundamentals during early stages of development. The course of fire progresses from 10 shots, to 20 shots, to an optional 40 or 60 shots. Air rifle shooting can lead to college scholarships, world championships, and even the Olympics.

Guidelines

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

Air Rifles

Any safe .177 caliber spring, pneumatic, or CO₂ gas air rifle may be used.

Sights

Any sight not containing a lens or system of lenses may be used. Telescopes are prohibited.

Position

Except for the Pro-Marksman and Marksman ratings, all shooting is done from the standing position.

Target and Distance Options

The AR-5 target is used at 10 meters (approximately 33 feet). Single-, five-, and 10 bullseye targets are available.

Shots Per Bullseye

The number of shots fired per bullseye is optional. Multiple shots may be fired at beginner ratings to conserve targets. (At advanced levels of competition, only one shot is fired at each bullseye).

Ratings

Each course of fire must be fired as a complete unit (in the same session) in order to qualify for a rating. The required number of courses does not have to be fired consecutively.

Awards

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



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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 Rifle Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Benchrest or prone-supported may be used	10 shots	70/100	4 times
Marksman	Benchrest or prone-supported may be used	20 shots	100/200	4 times
Marksman 1st Class	Standing	40 shots	240/400	4 times
Sharpshooter	Standing	40 or 60 shots	280/400 or 420/600	6 times or 4 times
Expert	Standing	40 or 60 shots	320/400 or 480/600	6 times or 4 times
Distinguished Expert	40 or 60 shots, 365/400, 534/600 or better 10 times, or 360/400, 516/600 or better in two NRA sanctioned air rifle competitions. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)			