



# Rimfire Rifle Qualification

◆ Prone or Benchrest ◆ Standing ◆ 3-Position

Many shooters do not own a special target rifle, but thoroughly enjoy shooting over-the-counter, .22 field and sporting rifles. If you are one of these shooters, the NRA Rimfire Rifle Qualification Course is for you. Using your favorite field and sporting rifle, you can develop your marksmanship skills, progress through a series of ratings, and earn distinctive NRA Rimfire Rifle Qualification rating awards.

## Guidelines

The rimfire rifle rules contained in the *NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules* book and listed under Light Rifle apply, except where specific exceptions are made.

## Rifles

Any safe .22 or .17 HMR caliber rimfire rifle may be used. For the Standing and 3-Position course the rifle must weigh 8.5 pounds or less, including sights and slings. Schuetzen-type butt plates and palm rests may not be used.

## Sights

Any sights may be used, including scopes.

## Target and Distance Options

A-17 or A-32 target at 50 feet, two shots per bullseye. A-23/5 or A-31X target at 50 yards, five shots per bullseye.

## Course of Fire Options

Shooters may qualify for rimfire rifle ratings using any one of the three courses of fire available: prone or benchrest, all standing, or 3-position (prone, standing and kneeling). Body and/or gun support may be used at the Pro-Marksman rating level in all courses, and throughout the prone/benchrest course.

## Awards

- Rimfire Rifle Qualification Patch
- Skill Rockers
- Parchment Certificate
- Medals and Medal Bar
- Skill Level Pins



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



# COURSES OF FIRE

## Rimfire Rifle Prone or Benchrest Course - 20 Shots

Rating	Number of Courses	Minimum Score Per Course/Possible Score
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	2	100/200
Marksman	2	125/200
Marksman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	3	150/200
Sharpshooter	4	165/200
Expert	6	180/200
Distinguished Expert	191/200 or better 10 times, <b>or</b> 191/200 4 times at Rimfire Rifle NRA Postal Match (See Witness Requirements, page 3)	

## Rimfire Rifle Standing Course - 10 Shots

Rating	Number of Courses	Minimum Score Per Course/Possible Score
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	4	40/100
Marksman	6	50/100
Marksman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	8	60/100
Sharpshooter	12	70/100
Expert	14	80/100
Distinguished Expert	91/100 or better 10 times, <b>or</b> 91/100 4 times at a Rimfire Rifle NRA Postal Match (See Witness Requirements, page 3)	

## Rimfire Rifle 3-Position Course - 10 Shots Each Position

Rating	Number of Courses	Minimum Score Per Course/Possible Score
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.	
Pro-Marksman	2	135/300
Marksman	2	150/300
Marksman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	2	180/300
Sharpshooter	3	225/300
Expert	4	255/300
Distinguished Expert	275/300 or better 5 times, <b>or</b> 275/300 2 times at a Rimfire Rifle NRA Postal Match (See Witness Requirements, page 3)	