

Smallbore Qualification

◆ Smallbore Rifle 3-Position

◆ Smallbore Rifle Prone

In the Smallbore Qualification Course, shooters develop smallbore rifle, 3-position and prone shooting skills. The prone qualification program is designed to develop prone skills, first indoors at 50 feet, and then outdoors at 100 yards. The prone course culminates by having the shooter fire a Dewar Course (50 yards and 100 yards) to earn the 9th Bar, Expert, and Distinguished Expert ratings. The Dewar Course is the same course of fire that is used at the National Championships held at Camp Perry.



Guidelines

NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules apply to the Smallbore courses, except where specific exceptions are made.

Equipment

Use equipment as specified in "Section 3" of the NRA Rules Books.

Smallbore Rifles

Any .22 caliber rimfire rifle may be used.

Sights

Iron sights as specified in the NRA Rules Books may be used.

Positions

All prone or 3-position (a combination of prone, standing, and kneeling) are used.

Targets and Distances

Smallbore Rifle 3-Position Courses:

A-17 or A 36 NRA/USAS-50 target at 50 feet, A-23 target at 50 yards, A-25 target at 100 yards.

Smallbore Rifle Prone Course:

NRA-USAS 50 target at 50 feet, A-23 and A-27 targets at 50 yards, and A-25 target at 100 yards.

Awards

- American Rifleman Qualification 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

Smallbore 3-Position Aggregate Course - 10 Shots Each Position

Rating	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	120/300	2 times
Marksman	150/300	4 times
Marksman 1 st Class	198/300	6 times
Sharpshooter	225/300	8 times
Expert	249/300	8 times
Distinguished Expert	273 or better 10 times, or 273 4 times at a 3-Position NRA postal. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Smallbore 3-Position Stage Skill Course

Rating	Position	Shots Per Bullseye	Minimum Score Per Bullseye/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.			
Pro-Marksman	Prone	5	20/50	10 times
Marksman	Prone	5	25/50	10 times
Marksman 1 st Class	Standing	5	11/50	10 times
Sharpshooter	Kneeling	5	15/50	10 times
Bar 1	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	60/100	3 times
Bar 2	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	70/100	3 times
Bar 3	Prone	1 per bull/10 bulls	80/100	3 times
Bar 4	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	30/100	3 times
Bar 5	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	40/100	3 times
Bar 6	Standing	1 per bull/10 bulls	50/100	3 times
Bar 7	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	40/100	3 times
Bar 8	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	50/100	3 times
Bar 9	Kneeling	1 per bull/10 bulls	60/100	3 times
			Score Per Aggregate/Possible Score	
Expert	30-shot aggregate (10 shots each position), or 60-shot aggregate (20 shots in each position)		230/300 or 460/600 240/300 or 480/600 250/300 or 500/600	1 time 1 time 1 time
Distinguished Expert	60- or 120-shot aggregate 540/600, 1080/1200 or better 10 times, or 60- or 120-shot aggregate 4 times at 3-position NRA Postal (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)			

Smallbore Rifle Prone Course

Rating	Distance	Target	Shots Per Bullseye	Minimum Score Per Bullseye/Possible Score	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Rifle Course.				
Pro-Marksman	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	40/100	10 times
Marksman	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	50/100	10 times
Marksman 1 st Class	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	60/100	10 times
Sharpshooter	50 feet	NRA-USAS 50	1	70/100	10 times
Bar 1	50 yards	A-23	5	120/100	5 times
Bar 2	50 yards	A-23	5	150/200	5 times
Bar 3	50 yards	A-23	5	180/200	5 times
Bar 4	50 yards	A-27	5	165/200	5 times
Bar 5	100 yards	A-27	5	175/200	5 times
Bar 6	100 yards	A-25	10	170/200	5 times
Bar 7	200 yards	A-25	10	180/200	5 times
Dewar	20 Shots at 50 yards A-23 target (5 per bull) and 20 shots at 100 yards A-25 target (10 Shots per bull)				
Bar 8		Dewar		360/400	5 times
Bar 9		Dewar		370/400	5 times
Expert		Dewar		376/400	5 times
Distinguished Expert	40 Shot Aggregate—385/400—10 times or 2 times in Dewar Competition (iron sights only); see witness requirements Page 3				