

Shotgun Qualification

◆ Trap ◆ Skeet
◆ Sporting Clays ◆ 5-Stand™



The Trap, skeet, sporting clays and 5-Stand™ courses of fire introduce the shooters to the complete sport from the very beginning. In this way, shooters can develop their skills at the same time they participate in club shoots, leagues and practice sessions. Any qualifying score fired in a club shoot, league or practice session can be applied to the qualification rating the shooter is currently working on.

Whichever shotgun event is chosen, participants can improve their shotgun shooting skills with the proportioned and progressive challenges offered in the NRA Marksmanship Qualification shooting program.

Guidelines

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply.

Trap—Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) Rules. To obtain Trap rules, call (937) 898-4638 or go to www.shootata.com.

Skeet—National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) Rules. To obtain Skeet rules, call (800) 877-5338 or go to www.mynssa.com.

Sporting Clays and 5-Stand—National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) Rules apply. To obtain the NSCA Sporting Clays/5-Stand rules, call (800) 877-5338 or go to www.mynsca.com/pubs.

Shotguns

Any safe shotgun, 12-gauge or smaller, may be used. Different gauges and different guns can be used for any round or rating.

Position

Shooters have the option of mounting the shotgun on the shoulder before calling for the target.

Ammunition

Any shotgun ammunition, factory or reloads, may be used. Be sure to check with the range or club for local ammunition restrictions. (Maximum 1 1/8 oz., No. 7 1/2 shot or less, or as specified in the rulebooks.)

Targets

Standard clay targets are used.

Round

In shotgun shooting the term “round” refers to a single series of 25 targets.

Awards

- Shotgun Qualification 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.

COURSES OF FIRE

Trap or Skeet Course

Rating	Scores	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Shotgun Course.	
Pro-Marksman	11 or better out of 25 targets	2 times
Marksman	13 or better out of 25 targets	4 times
Marksman 1 st Class	15 or better out of 25 targets	6 times
Sharpshooter	17 or better out of 25 targets	6 times
Expert	19 or better out of 25 targets	10 times
Distinguished Expert	22 or better out of 25 targets 10 times, or 84 or better out of 100 targets in two ATA or NSSA registered shoots. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	

Sporting Clays or 5-Stand™ Course

Rating	Scores	Repetitions
Basic Practical	This rating is achieved by completing the practical exercise conducted during an NRA Basic Shotgun Course.	
Pro-Marksman	10 or better out of 50 targets	2 times
Marksman	16 or better out of 50 targets	4 times
Marksman 1 st Class	20 or better out of 50 targets	4 times
Sharpshooter	22 or better out of 50 targets	5 times
Expert	52 or better out of 100 targets	3 times
Distinguished Expert	60 or better out of 100 targets 3 times, or 57 or better out of 100 targets in two NSCA shoots. (See Witness Requirements, page 3.)	