

## **Qualification Requirements for Muzzleloading Pistol Instructor Candidates**

- 1. Pre-Test:** Score 80% or higher on the *Basic Muzzleloading Pistol Student Exam*  
It is **STRONGLY** recommended that Instructor Candidates (IC's) read the NRA handbooks *The Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook (EF 14350)* and *Home Firearm Safety (ES 14120)* prior to attending the Instructor Candidate class. The handbooks may be purchased for \$12.00 and \$7.00 respectively (plus shipping and handling) through the following link:  
<http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=G-Books>

- 2. Safe Handling Exercises:**

The candidate must demonstrate basic safe handling practices and procedures for checking an ignition source and a load in the muzzleloading pistols specified.

- a. Single Shot Percussion Pistol**

Explain and demonstrate the proper procedures to check whether this gun is unloaded (i.e. no ignition source, no ball, no powder) by:

- i. Pick up gun, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- ii. Place hammer in half cock and inspect nipple.
- iii. Follow procedures to check bore for load as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook*.
- iv. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction and hammer at half cock position.

- b. Flintlock Pistol**

Explain and demonstrate the proper procedures to check whether this gun is unloaded (i.e. no ignition source, no ball, no powder) by:

- i. Pick up gun, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- ii. Open frizzen, inspect pan and gently lower hammer.
- iii. Follow procedures to check bore for load as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook*.
- iv. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction, frizzen open and hammer down.

- c. Muzzleloading Revolver**

Explain and demonstrate the proper procedures to check whether this gun is unloaded (i.e. no ignition source, no ball, no powder) by:

- i. Pick up gun, point in safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- ii. Place hammer at half cock and inspect nipples.
- iii. Follow procedures to check chambers for load as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook*.
- iv. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in safe direction and hammer at half cock position.

### 3. Live-Fire Exercises:

The candidate must safely demonstrate basic pistol shooting positions and shooting fundamentals.

- Target distance is 25 yards.
- Target is a B-19, 50-yard International Slow Fire pistol target – other targets with a seven-inch (7”) bullseye may be substituted.
- Student must use either percussion or flintlock single-shot muzzleloading pistol for one position and a muzzleloading revolver for the other.
- Choice of pistols and positions is up to the student.
- Students are encouraged to use their own firearms.

#### a. Two Handed Standing Position

Student will load and fire eight (8) shots while:

- i. Following range commands.
- ii. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook*.
- iii. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in handbook.
- iv. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures.

#### b. One-Handed Standing Position

Student will load and fire five (5) shots while:

- i. Following range commands.
- ii. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in the *NRA Muzzleloading Pistol Handbook*.
- iii. Assume the proper shooting position according to details in pistol handbook.
- iv. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in handbook.
- v. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures.

A minimum of ten (10) shots must be on target. The best ten (10) of thirteen (13) shots total must have a minimum score of 50% or a maximum group size of ten inches.