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# NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for your interest in the NRA Instructor Training Program. The goal of this program is to develop instructors to teach NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses according to the lesson plans and training standards of the National Rifle Association. This program is *not* designed to prepare you to teach other firearm training courses (such as law enforcement, security, or hunter safety courses), nor to prepare you to develop firearm training courses of your own.

The NRA Instructor Training Course is designed to teach you how to teach others to shoot using NRA lesson plans and training methods. The course is not designed to improve your shooting skills. Taking the NRA Basic course in the discipline you wish to obtain is a prerequisite for certification. You will be asked to demonstrate your firearm background through participation in pre-course assessment or qualification exercises.

A complete NRA Instructor Training Course consists of two parts. The first is basic instructor training, which consists of 6 hours of instruction. The second part is discipline-specific instructor training, which consists of an additional 5 to 14 hours of instruction *per discipline*. For example, an NRA Instructor Training Course in rifle, pistol, and shotgun lasts at least 40 hours.

During the NRA Instructor Training Course, you will receive from your Training Counselor the NRA Trainer's Guide, the appropriate NRA Instructor Candidate Packet which includes the course outlines and lesson plans for the disciplines you wish to teach, the appropriate NRA basic course student packet which includes the handbook, certificates, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure and other materials used in NRA basic courses.

The NRA Training Counselor who conducts your course will make a recommendation to NRA concerning your certification based on an evaluation of your knowledge, skills, and attitude. You will be asked to demonstrate your organizational and teaching skills through participation in several practical exercises during the course of your training. You will also be asked to complete an instructor certification examination. A minimum score of 90 percent is required for certified instructor applicants (85 percent for assistant and apprentice instructor applicants). However, attendance at the course, or a passing grade on the examination, does not guarantee that you will receive the recommendation of the NRA Training Counselor.

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Initial Certified Instructor credentials are valid for two years. After completion of the second year, instructors will need to have reported training at nrainstructors.org and complete an online NRA Trainer Refresher course to recertify. Recertification will be required every other year.

Certified Instructors must have a valid email address and be registered at nrainstructors.org. They must remain current on NRA policies and procedures by thoroughly reviewing the NRA Training Department Update email blasts, nrainstructors.org and visiting the NRA Blog at: nrablog.com.

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I have read the description of the NRA Instructor Training Program on the previous pages, understand its goals, and am interested in attending a course to prepare me to become an NRA Certified Instructor.

Signature	
Name	
Street	
City, State, Zip	
Email address	
Daytime Phone	Evening Phone
Today's Date	Date of Birth
Occupation	
Highest level of education complet	ted ————
NRA Member? ———— Sta	etus (Annual, Life, etc.)
	an NRA Basic Firearm Training Instructor or NRA yes, which ratings do you hold?
Which instructor ratings are you in	terested in obtaining?
Why do you wish to become an NF	RA Certified Instructor?
Where do you plan to conduct the Firearm Training Courses?	ne classroom and range portions of your NRA Basic

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Briefly describe any previous teaching experience (shooting and non-shooting related).
Briefly describe your shooting experience with rifles, pistols, shotguns, muzzleloadin firearms, and air guns. List the <i>types</i> of guns you have fired (e.g., bolt-action rifle, semantomatic pistol), how long you have been shooting them, how often you shoot them how many rounds you have fired in the past six months, and the types of activities i which you participate with these guns.
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# NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUALIFICATION

# RIFLE

Name of Candidate	Date
The NRA Instructor Training Pre-Co	urse Qualification is to be administered after t

The NRA Instructor Training Pre-Course Qualification is to be administered after the potential Instructor Candidate has taken the Basic Rifle Shooting Course, and achieved a minimum score of 90 percent on the *Basic Rifle Shooting Course* Student Exam. The Pre-Course Qualification must be administered before or during an Instructor Training Course and is a hands-on, practical exercise to evaluate an individual's knowledge, skills and attitude in safety, loading, unloading, clearing firearm malfunctions, and shooting skills. The qualification is conducted in three phases. *Alternatively, candidates may provide documented proof of NRA Competitive Rifle classification as a Sharpshooter or better, or a certification as an NRA LEAD Patrol Rifle or Precision Rifle Instructor.* 

# Passing/Failing:

The NRA Pre-Course Qualification for Rifle will have a maximum score of 100 points and a minimum passing score of 80 points. Minimum passing requirement must be met in each phase.

### Unsafe Gun Handling:

Candidates who demonstrate unsafe gun handling will be given 0 points for that particular skill test. Examples of unsafe gun handling include pointing the gun in an unsafe direction or any area not designated as safe by the Training Counselor, sweeping one's own body, or placing the finger on the trigger before being ready to shoot.

### PHASE 1 - LOADING/UNLOADING

Location: Classroom or Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must load and unload a bolt-action rifle, lever action rifle, and a semi-automatic rifle.

Requests for assistance will result in a deduction of 3 points per action type in the exercises; candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.

Loading

Appendix 3: NRA Instructor Training Program Pre-Course Qualification Rifle

Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 15 points

5 points maximum per action type	
Bolt Action Rifle Lever Action Rifle Semi-Automatic Rifle	Points
7	TOTAL
Unloading Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 5 points maximum per action type	15 points
Bolt Action Rifle Lever Action Rifle Semi-Automatic Rifle	Points
7	TOTAL

### PHASE 2 – CLEARING COMMON RIFLE STOPPAGES

Location: Classroom or Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must demonstrate how to clear a common rifle stoppage using a semi-automatic rifle. Training Counselor will set-up the rifle and conduct a practical exercise involving failure to fire and double feeds.

Requests for assistance will result in a deduction of 3 points per action type in the exercises; candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.

FAILURE TO FIRE DRILL: If candidate waits 30 seconds keeping the gun pointed in a safe direction, taps the bottom of the magazine, and pulls the charging handle/bolt handle expending the bad cartridge, 5 points will be given.

DOUBLE FEED DRILL: If the candidate locks the bolt to the rear and renders the rifle unloaded, 5 points will be given.

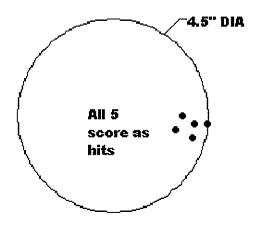
Minimum Passing 8 points / Maximum 10 points 5 points maximum per stoppage type

•	Point	S
Semi-Automatic Failure to Fire		
Semi-Automatic Double Feed		
	TOTAL	

### PHASE 3 - RIFLE SHOOTING

Location: Range

Candidate will shoot one type of rifle for the shooting phase of the qualification. A blank 4.5 inch diameter circle at a distance of 25 yards will be used as the target for the shooting phase. Candidate will fire 10 shots from each of three positions: bench rest position, prone position, and standing, unsupported position. A fresh target will be used for each position. Two points will be given for each shot that hits the paper. Shots that break the edge of the paper will count as a hit (see below). Candidates will be allowed to shoot their own firearms if desired. Two requalification shoots are allowed within any 24-hour period.



If distance adjustment is required due to range limitations, the following formula will be used; all distances are in inches (hit scoring and requirements remain the same):

Target Diameter = Target Distance (in inches) Multiplied by .005

Appendix 3: NRA Instructor Training Program Pre-Course Qualification Rifle

Candidates will be given a score of  $\theta$  for each safety violation.

Minimum Passing 48 points / Maximum 60 points for each scoring hit	points	
Diffe Cheesting Developed (10 chests)	Points	
Rifle Shooting - Benchrest (10 shots)		_
Rifle Shooting - Prone (10 shots) Rifle Shooting - Standing (10 shots)		_
Standing (10 bilots)		_
Phase I Loading Unloading Sub-Total:		
Minimum Passing 80%		
Phase II Clearing Stoppages Sub-Total:		
Minimum Passing 80%		
Phase III Rifle Shooting Sub-Total:		
Minimum Passing 80%		

# NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSE BUDGET WORKSHEET

The NRA has prepared this budget worksheet to assist you in estimating the costs involved in planning and conducting an NRA Instructor Training Course. As explained earlier, the NRA does not expect Training Counselors to pay these costs themselves. You may recover your costs by charging a course fee and/or by using a sponsor. You may partially recover your costs, completely recover your costs (break even), or make a profit. This decision is up to you. Training Counselors must keep in mind that generating profits may require them to obtain a business license in their locality, and is likely to affect their liability insurance coverage and tax situation.

(Items marked with an asterisk should be pro-rated according to the number of courses

# you conduct per year. You may wish to spread the cost of attending a Training Counselor workshop over several years.) Travel costs (e.g., personally owned vehicles, \$.55 per mile) NRA certification fees\* Cost of attending Training Counselor workshop\* Liability insurance\* Facilities Classroom rental fee Range rental fee NRA Materials: Training Team (Initial cost or depreciation on existing items.) Instructional wall charts

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Appendix 8: NRA Instructor Training Course Budget Worksheet

Videotapes, DVDs, etc	
NRA Training Counselor shirt and hat	
NRA Training Counselor patch and rockers	
NRA Materials: Instructor Candidates	
NRA Trainer's Guides	
NRA Instructor Candidate Packets	
NRA Basic Course Student Packets	
NRA Instructor Course Completion Cards	
Instructor Course Report Form	
Shipping	
Sales tax	
Non-NRA Materials: Training Team (Rental costs, actual costs, and/or depreciation)	
Audiovisual equipment	
Depreciation on personally owned firearms	
Dummy ammunition	
Other training aids	
Non-NRA Materials: Instructor Candidates	
Ammunition	
Targets	
Target repair materials (stapler, staples, pasters, etc.)	

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Disposable ear plugs			
Eye protection			
Photocopying costs for pre-course questionnaires and assessment forms			
Refreshments	1.11111		
<u>Promotion</u>			
Internet			
Print advertisements			
Photocopying costs for course flyers			
Postage			
Telephone			
Subtotal of Expenses			
(Less Amount Donated by Sponsor)			
Total Expenses			
Projected Profit			
Total Projected Revenue			

Divide total expenses by the anticipated number of participants in the course to compute the "break-even" fee for instructor candidates. If you plan to make a specific profit, add it to the expenses and divide the sum by the number of instructor candidates to compute the course fee.

# HOW TO INTRODUCE A SPEAKER

Proper introductions at a training course are important. Students attending the course expect to hear and see qualified trainers and good introductions help establish prestige for the staff. Here are some suggestions for NRA trainer and guest speaker introductions:

- NRA Trainer
  - 1. Give the full name carefully. Avoid the use of nicknames.
  - 2. Describe the trainer's experience: shooting, training, recognitions, or awards.
  - 3. Describe involvement in NRA.
  - 4. Describe the trainer's function in the training course and explain why they were selected for the particular assignment in the course.
  - 5. State their occupation.
  - 6. Be professional.
- A guest speaker at a training course needs a slightly different type of introduction:
  - 1. Be brief.
  - 2. Avoid stale or stilted phrases, such as "This speaker needs no introduction" or "We are gathered here tonight."
  - 3. Briefly answer the following questions:
    - a. Why is the subject of interest in general?
    - b. Why is it of interest to this particular audience?
    - c. Why is this speaker the one to present it?
  - 4. Give the speaker a sincere buildup, but don't oversell them.

Appendix 11: How to Introduce a Speaker

- 5. Make the speaker's name the climax of your introduction by pausing before it, saying it clearly, and raising your voice a bit. "I am pleased to present (short pause) Ms. Gloria Brooks!" Her name is usually recognized as the signal for her to come forward. Don't give it until you are ready for her.
- 6. Face the audience until you have finished saying the speaker's name, and then quickly turn to the speaker for their acknowledgement.
- 7. Be sure to thank the speaker after they have finished and, when appropriate, congratulate them on their presentation.

# NRA BASIC FIREARM TRAINING COURSE BUDGET WORKSHEET

The NRA has prepared this budget worksheet to assist you in estimating the costs involved in planning and conducting an NRA Basic Firearm Training Course. The NRA does not expect instructors to pay these costs themselves. You may recover your costs by charging a course fee and/or by using a sponsor. You may partially recover your costs, completely recover your costs (break even), or make a profit. This decision is up to you. Instructors must keep in mind that generating profits may require them to obtain a business license in their locality, and is likely to affect their liability insurance coverage and tax situation.

# (Items marked with an asterisk should be pro-rated according to the number of courses you conduct per year. You may wish to spread the cost of attending an instructor training course or recertification activity over several years.) Travel costs (e.g., personally owned vehicles, \$.55 per mile) NRA certification fees\* Cost of attending instructor training course\* Liability insurance\* Guest speaker for NRA Personal Protection Course Facilities Classroom rental fee Range rental fee

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Appendix 9: NRA Basic Firearm Training Course Budget Worksheet

NRA Materials: Training Team (Initial cost or depreciation on existing items.)	
Instructional wall charts	
Videotapes, DVDs	
NRA Certified Instructor shirt	
NRA Certified Instructor cap	
NRA Certified Instructor patch and rockers	
NRA Materials: Basic Course Students	
NRA basic course student packets	
Shipping	
Sales tax	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Non-NRA Materials: Training Team (Rental costs, actual costs, maintenance, and/or depreciation.)	
Audiovisual equipment	
Depreciation on personally owned firearms	
Dummy ammunition	
Other training aids	
Non-NRA Materials: Basic Course Students	
Ammunition	
Targets	
Target repair materials (stapler, staples, pasters, etc.)	
Disposable ear plugs	

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Eye protection	
Photocopying costs for course handouts	
Refreshments	
Promotion	
Internet	
Print advertisements	
Photocopying costs for course flyers	
Postage	
Telephone	
Subtotal of Expenses	
(Less Amount Donated by Sponsor)	
Total Expenses	
Projected Profit	
Total Projected Revenue	

Divide total expenses by the anticipated number of participants in the course to compute the "break-even" fee for basic course students. If you plan to make a specific profit, add it to the expenses and divide the sum by the number of students to compute the course fee.

# NRA INSTRUCTOR COURSE EVALUATION

Please complete the following evaluation. It is one of the ways we monitor and improve NRA training programs. Thank you for your help.

Ho	ENERAL INFORMATION ow did you find out about the course? NRAINSTRUCTORS.org her					
As	OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS a result of your training, on a scale of 1 – 5, (1 indicating not at all licating extremely well), please rate the following.	, aı	ad	5		
1.	Explain why shooters and instructors are important	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Use the NRA Instructional method to teach shooting skills	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Use of NRA's training philosophy of Total Participant Involvement (TPI)	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Explain, demonstrate and use the fundamentals of shooting	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Explain how to evaluate and improve a student's shooting skills	1	2	3	4	5
6.	Proceed with planning and conducting your first NRA course	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Register and use <a href="http://nrainstructors.org">http://nrainstructors.org</a>	1	2	3	4	5
	COURSE ORGANIZATION AND INSTRUCTION					
8.	The Trainers presented a favorable image	1	2	3	4	5
9.	The Trainers presented the information effectively	1	2	3	4	5
10.	The Trainers made the course enjoyable	1	2	3	4	5
11.	The Trainers answered my questions	1	2	3	4	5
12.	The material presented was easily understood	1	2	3	4	5
13.	The material was presented in a logical manner	1	2	3	4	5
14.	This course has prepared me to teach beginning shooters	1	2	3	4	5
	sed on your experience in this class, would you take another course with Source NO If no, please explain:					
	sed on your experience in this class, would you take any other NRA cons. NO If no, please explain:	urse	es?	,		

# THE NRA TRAINING COUNSELOR GUIDE Appendix 13: NRA Instructor Course Evaluation

COMMENTS
How can this course be improved:
Based on your experience, please provide any further statements you deem necessary for the improvement or our program:
Thank you for your time!