

TAKE AIM

**INDOOR SHOOTING SPORTS AND
TRAINING FACILITY**

Basic Pistol

Teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for owning and operating a pistol safely. This course is at least eight hours long and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot revolvers and semi-automatic pistols.

Students will learn:

- NRA's rules for safe gun handling
- Pistol parts and operation
- Ammunition
- Shooting fundamentals
- Range rules
- Shooting from the bench rest position
- Shooting from two handed standing positions
- Cleaning the pistol
- Continued opportunities for skill development

Students will receive:

- NRA Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook
- NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure
- Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet

Students will take a Basics of Pistol Shooting Student Examination. Upon completion, students will be awarded with an NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course certificate. This course certificate qualifies the students to most firearms licensures in the country. It is a lifetime award and therefore, students do not need to take another basic pistol course.

What to bring:

- Note taking material.
- Handgun (can be any make, model, or caliber) and 50 Rounds of ammunition
(Please leave Handgun and Ammunition in your car until the Range Portion of the class).
- Lunch (we will break for lunch – you will have time to go out or you can bring a sack lunch and enjoy it in our lobby).
- Coffee is provided and other refreshments/snacks can be purchased in the lobby.
- Must be 21 years of age or accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Course Outline

Lesson I: Pistol Knowledge and Safe Gun Handling

Learning Objectives

- State the course goal and any special requirements for the five lessons.
- Identify the principal parts of a pistol and the types of pistol actions, and demonstrate how they function.
- State, explain and apply the NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling.
- Demonstrate how to handle a pistol in a safe manner.

Lesson II: Ammunition Knowledge and the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting

Learning Objectives

- Identify the different components of a pistol cartridge.
- Explain the firing sequence of a cartridge.
- Explain how to properly identify and store ammunition.
- State the major types of cartridge malfunctions and how to react to them.
- Explain the fundamentals of pistol shooting.

Lesson III: Firing the First Shots

Learning Objectives

- Safely demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to assume the benchrest shooting position with a pistol.
- Safely shoot a pistol from the benchrest position, using the fundamentals of pistol shooting, at a target on a range.
- Safely demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to assume a two-handed standing shooting position with a pistol
- Safely shoot a pistol from a two-handed standing shooting position, using the fundamentals of pistol shooting, at a target on a range.

Lesson IV: Scoring Targets, and Selecting and Maintaining Your Pistol

Learning Objectives

- Properly score a pistol target.
- Explain the basic guidelines for selecting and purchasing a pistol.
- Identify the materials needed to clean a pistol.
- Demonstrate how to safely clean a pistol.

Lesson V: Continued Opportunities for Skill Development

Learning Objectives

- Identify several ways to pursue pistol shooting activities after the course.
- Successfully complete the NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course written examination*.