

Some Explanations for The Practical Rifle Program

First let's all try to understand that this is a “qualification” program.

This is *NOT* a competition!

You will all do well to leave your ego at home while you try to develop the shooting and thinking skills needed to achieve a good level of performance at this (and similar) shooting scenarios. Some shooters will think of this as an easy program of fire. Most will find it very challenging because you are expected to *think* while you shoot. You must *think* about how many shots to fire at each target. You must *think* about controlling your rate of fire.

There is plenty of time to make 20 well-aimed shots.

This program has taken into account many different scenarios that might require your armed response. After long deliberation it was determined that when distilled down to the most basic skill set, the requirements for this program adequately reflect the skills *and* decision-making requirements of a real-life *hostile* shooting event. This is why we are trying to keep the rules simple and basic. For all those whining questions that seem to start with the words, “can I,” or “can we ...?” the answer is NO!

As with any other martial art, training, practice and drill will make a huge difference in the performance of the individual when real action is needed.

This program was designed around military bolt-action rifles using 5-shot stripper clips, just as the National Match Service Rifle program was.

Even so, we expect most shooters will use a semi-auto of some kind.

The reason we allow any sights or optics is that these things do not greatly effect the actual skill needed to accomplish the basic requirements.

We know that some might just use a Ruger 10-22 (or similar) to easily attain high-scoring qualifications. We see nothing wrong with using what is essentially “training wheels” as you acquire the skill needed to use some type of *real* battle rifle in the manner for which it was designed.

Eventually you should move up to the real thing.

Remember, your personal honor is *always* at stake!