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SUBJECT: FIREARMS QUALIFYING - PISTOLS -RIFLES-SUB GUNS

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**I. PURPOSE:**

The following course has been developed to test and maintain the skills necessary to survive a lethal confrontation. The course will include five (5) different drills that will test and sharpen the fundamental skills of practical marksmanship. Each drill will have a time limit which will simulate the maximum amount of time an officer would actually have to respond to a confrontation represented by the drill. All drills will stress a balance of quickness and accuracy.

Slight course differences exist for rifle and sub-guns due to the extended range and automatic fire capabilities of these weapons.

**II. SCOPE:**

This policy will apply to all sworn employees and to their approved firearm.

**III. POLICY: COURSE STRUCTURE (PISTOLS)**

- A. Firearm: Standard Service Semi-Auto
- B. Ammunition: 30 Rounds
- C. Target: Georgia SQT or SQT-A1 (Two Targets per Shooter)
- D. Clothing: Standard Range Attire and Service Leather Gear.
- E. General: Students will clear all malfunctions during the course of fire with no alibi strings allowed. Range officer may run a hot line as his discretion.

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**Stage One:** From the 25 yard line- load fully and reload when necessary. Using angular search technique, on command the shooter will assume left side cover with weapon pointed at right target. The student will avoid contact with cover object.

1 round- 4 seconds right target and return to cover.

1 round- 4 seconds left target and return to cover.

De-cock and holster.

Using angular search technique, on command shooter assumes right side cover with weapon pointed at left target.

1 round- 4 seconds left target and return to cover.

1 round- 4 seconds right target and return to cover.

De-cock and holster.

**Stage Two:** From the 15 yard line, shooter stands facing his/her targets with weapon holstered and snapped in, hands relaxed at sides.

On command, shooter draws his/her weapon, moves to cover, and fires 4 rounds in 7 seconds. (4 rounds in 5 seconds for Instructor level.

2 rounds - right target

2 rounds - left target.

De-cock and holster a loaded weapon.

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**Stage Three:** From the 7 yard line.

On command, shooter draws weapon and assumes the low ready position.

On command, shooter fires.

2 rounds- 2 seconds- 1 on each target  
Return to low ready in single action mode.

2 rounds- 2 seconds- 1 on each target  
Return to low ready in single action mode.

De-cock and re-holster.

**Stage Four:** From the 7 yard line.

Weapons should be loaded with a total of 7 rounds and a spare magazine loaded with 5 rounds.

12 rounds in 21 seconds. (12 rounds in 18 seconds for Instructor Level).

On command, the shooter draws from the holster and fires.

2 rounds- right target  
2 rounds- left target  
1 round failure drill- right target  
1 round failure drill- left target

Reload and Repeat.

Entire sequence including reload to be completed within 21 seconds.

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**Stage Five:** From the 3 yard line.

On command the shooter draws his/her weapon and fires:

1 round on each target in 2 seconds.

1 round on each target in 2 seconds.

On command from the Transition, the shooter fires:

1 round on each target in 1 second.

**F. Scoring:**

SQT/SQT-A1 will be scored as follows:

1. All hits within center mass scoring lines ("A" Zone) will receive a 10 point value. Hits within body torso, but outside "A" zone receive a 5 point value.
2. Required head shots within "A" Zone will be scored as a 10 point value. Head shots outside of "A" Zone receive a 5 point value. Any head shots in excess of two per target will be scored zero.

Maximum Raw Score: 300 points.

Minimum Qualifying Score: 210 points- 70%

240 points- 80% (Instructor Level)

Note: Revolvers may be utilized on this course of fire by simply maintaining a hot line.

**IV. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (PISTOLS)**

- A. In this course, a shooter must qualify 1 time in 2 attempts with each approved issued handgun. Only 2 attempts at qualification will be permitted on any range date.
- B. Any malfunction of a firearm where the course of fire cannot be completed will negate the course of fire and will not be counted as a qualification attempt.
- C. When a malfunction occurs, the Range Master and the shooter will determine the cause and take appropriate steps to rectify the problem. Emphasis will be placed on the prevention of future malfunctions. Instructors will stress weapon clearance techniques by the shooter.

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V. COURSE STRUCTURE (RIFLES AND SUB-GUNS)

A. Drill I (Presentation Drill)

1. 1 Shot from the shoulder at 3 yards in 2 seconds.  
\*This drill will be fired twice.

B. Drill II (Presentation Drill)

1. 2 shots from the shoulder at 7 yards in 4 seconds  
\*This drill will be fired three times.

C. Drill III (Presentation Drill)

1. 4 shots from the kneeling position at 15 yards in 9 seconds.  
\*This drill will be fired once.

D. Drill IV (Distance Shooting/Cover/Position Drill)

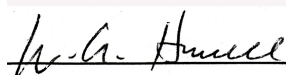
1. 2 shots from standing, kneeling, or prone position at 25 yards in 9 seconds.  
\*This drill will be fired once.

E. Drill V (Reloading Drill)

1. 2 shots, reload and 2 shots at 7 yards in 10 seconds.  
\*This drill will be fired twice.

F. Drill VI (Failure to Stop Drill)

1. All 3 shots to the head at 3 yards in 5 seconds.  
\*This drill will be fired once.

  
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