

# **NRA Basic Pistol**

## **Course Outline and Objectives**

Lesson 1 — Pistol Knowledge & Safe Gun Handling. Participant will be able to:

- Identify the principal parts of a pistol and types of actions, and demonstrate how they function.
- Name, explain, apply, and adopt the NRA rules for safe gun handling.
- Demonstrate how to handle pistols in a safe manner.

Lesson 2 — Ammunition Knowledge & Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting. Participant will be able to explain:

- The different components of a pistol cartridge.
- The firing sequence of a cartridge.
- How to properly store ammunition.
- The major types of cartridge malfunctions.
- The fundamentals of pistol shooting.

Lesson 3 — Firing the First Shots. Participant will be able to:

- Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to shoot a pistol safely on a range.
- Shoot targets from the benchrest position using the fundamentals of pistol shooting.
- Identify materials needed to clean a pistol.
- Clean a pistol safely.

Lesson 4 — Two-Handed & One-Handed Standing Shooting Positions. Participant should be able to:

- Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot a handgun from the two-handed and one-handed standing shooting positions.
- Properly score a pistol target.
- Explain the basic guidelines for purchasing a pistol.

Lesson 5 — Pistol Sports & Activities. Participant should be able to:

- Identify several ways to pursue pistol shooting activities after the course.
- Safely pursue and enjoy pistol shooting activities to the best of their abilities.