

NRA First Steps Pistol Orientation

Orientation Goal

To provide beginning shooters with an introduction to the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to own and use a specific pistol model safely.

Orientation Lessons

1. Introduction to Pistol Safety, Parts, and Operation
2. Introduction to Ammunition and the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting
3. Introduction to Pistol Shooting from the Benchrest Position
4. Introduction to Pistol Cleaning, Storage, and Training Opportunities

Additional content will include:

- pistol selection (based on student requirements)
- other pertinent subjects based upon student questions

Orientation Length

This is a half-day course – approximately 4 hours.

(This includes all classroom and range time. Depending upon the number of students and their abilities, the course length may vary.)

Orientation Cost

The fee for this course is currently \$75

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for taking this course. Just arrive with an open mind and a positive attitude, ready to learn.

Orientation Completion

Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a course certificate. Participants may also receive constructive suggestions and coaching during the live fire exercises. (There is no test for courses in the Orientation series.)

Other Information and common questions:

Who may take this course? - Any person who is legally eligible to possess a pistol.

(However, we do request that anyone under age 18 take the course with a parent or legal guardian.)

What is the level of the course? – The course is focused on the new pistol owner, or someone considering obtaining a pistol for the first time.

(For those that have not acquired a pistol yet, several major varieties will be covered, as will many safe uses and activities.)

Do I need to own a pistol to take this course? – No. Pistols will be provided.

(If you do own a pistol that you would like to bring to the course, please feel free to do so. If you bring your own gun make sure it is unloaded and in a case. Bring the correct ammo for your gun however please remember, no live ammo is allowed in the classroom so you are requested to leave your ammo in your vehicle.)

Do I need to bring eye and ear protection to this course? – Yes.

(However, if you need them, some will be available for purchase.)

Does this course have a textbook? - Yes.

The handbook *The Basics of Pistol Shooting* will be provided to each student.