



## Shooting Proficiency Requirements NSCA Instructor Program

Although the purpose of the NSCA Instructor Courses is to train instructors how to effectively teach shotgunning, the shotgun-shooting competency of each instructor will be enhanced as a result of taking the class. To teach shotgun shooting effectively, a minimum shotgun shooting competency level is expected of instructors at each level.

### Level I

- Shooting Proficiency Requirement - Candidate must EITHER, 1) have earned their way to C Class or equivalent at some point prior to attending the course and shot a minimum of 3,000 lifetime registered targets, OR, 2) pass a Shooting Proficiency Test (SPT) during the course.
- Shooting Proficiency Test - The NSCA Level I proficiency is defined as the ability to break more than 70% of targets presented from the four cardinal directions by the end of the course. Cardinal direction targets are those that come from each of four directions: 1) a target that comes from some distance away and is thrown directly toward the shooter and stalls or starts to descend at a point above the horizon and inside of thirty yards of the shooter's position (i.e., incoming target); 2) a target that originates near the shooter (within 15 yards) and flies directly away from the shooter (i.e., outgoing target); 3) and 4) two targets that come from some distance away and passing by perpendicular to the shooter at 20-25 yards similar to a skeet low-house target and a skeet high-house target shot from just behind position #4. The recommended proficiency test consists of 20 targets, half of the targets being two crossing targets (for example, 5 pairs of crossing targets shot from skeet station #4 with high-house and low house on report) and half of them being incoming/outgoing targets (for example, 5 pairs of incoming/outgoing targets shot from skeet stations 1 or 7 with high-house and low house on report). Note: Certifying instructors are encouraged to have instructor candidates also demonstrate reasonable competency on a variety of other target presentations and should use this segment of the class to also coach candidates who are observing to call a miss.

### Level II

- Shooting Proficiency Requirement - Candidate must EITHER, 1) have earned their way to A Class or equivalent at some point prior to attending the course and shot a minimum of 6,000 lifetime-registered targets, OR, 2) pass a Shooting Proficiency Test (SPT) during the course.
- Shooting Proficiency Test - Since the purpose of the Level II Instructor Course is to evaluate and train instructors in how to effectively teach students up to and including intermediate level competitors in sporting clays and FITASC, the Level II candidate should have attained a minimum shotgun shooting competency level. The NSCA Level II proficiency requirement is defined as the ability to break 75% or more of a broad assortment of targets that is of a level of difficulty that surpasses the Level I Shooting Proficiency Test and is of a level that is challenging to a shooter that has earned a rating of A Class or above.

### Level III

- Shooting Proficiency Requirement - Candidate must EITHER, 1) have earned their way to AA Class or equivalent at some point prior to attending the course and shot a minimum of 10,000 lifetime-registered targets, OR, 2) pass a Shooting Proficiency Test (SPT) during the course.
- Shooting Proficiency Test - Since the purpose of the Level III Instructor Course is to evaluate and train instructors in how to effectively teach students up to and including advanced level competitors in sporting clays and FITASC, the Level III candidate should have attained a minimum shotgun shooting competency level. The NSCA Level III proficiency requirement is defined as the ability to break 80% or more of a broad assortment of targets that is of a level of difficulty that surpasses the Level II Shooting Proficiency Test and is of a level that is challenging to a shooter that has earned a rating of AA Class or above.