

Shooter Range Qualifications & Standard Operating Procedures

for the MGAC 600-yard & 1,000-yard Ranges

Overview:

Manatee Gun & Archery Club has two long range opportunities that require both shooter skills and a better rifle and scope combination. For a shooter to use these two ranges, the shooter must demonstrate the following:

600-yard Range:

The 600-yard line qualification is done on the 300-yard range. The shooter must demonstrate his or her ability to hit either a 6-inch paper target or a 6-inch steel gong five consecutive times. The shooter must declare their intent to qualify to an MGAC Range Safety Officer (RSO) prior to attempting this demonstration.

- Qualification by Paper Target:

The RSO will supply the shooter with a paper target that will be mounted on a target board. The target board will be placed on the 300-yard berm during the next range cold period. The shooter during the following range hot period, will shoot five shots at the target. At the conclusion of this hot period, the shooter will retrieve his or her target and present it to the MGAC RSO for review. The RSO will inspect the target to determine that there are only five shots recorded on the target board and that these five shots are in the 6-inch target area. If the shooter has achieved placing these five shots in the paper targets 6-inch target, the RSO will instruct the MGAC office to issue a 600-yard qualification card to the shooter.

- Qualification by Steel Gong:

The shooter under the direction of the MGAC RSO will shoot a 6-inch gong on the 300-yard range. The RSO will observe and record that the shooter did strike the 6-inch gong five consecutive times. The shooter must strike the gong five consecutive times before the MGAC RSO can approve the issuing of a 600-yard range qualification card.

Once the shooter has demonstrated that he or she is able to consecutively hit a 6-inch target at the 300-yard range five times in a row, the shooter will be issued a 600-yard range qualification card. The 600-yard qualification card is good for a 2-year period beginning on the date the card is issued. Recorded on the 600-yard qualification card is the rifle and the scope the shooter used to qualify. The shooter is only qualified to use the rifle and scope used to qualify on the 600-yard range. If the shooter would like to use a different rifle and scope combination, then the shooter would need to qualify the different rifle and scope combination. The shooter needs to be able to present the 600-yard qualification card to the 600-yard range RSO if requested.

1,000-yard Range:

The 1,000-yard line qualification is done on the 600-yard range. The shooter must demonstrate his or her ability to hit either a 10-inch paper target or a 10-inch steel gong five consecutive times. The shooter must declare their intent to qualify to an MGAC RSO prior to attempting this demonstration.

- **Qualification by Paper Target:**
The RSO will supply the shooter with a paper target that will be mounted on a target board. The target board will be placed on the 600-yard berm during the next range cold period. The shooter during the following range hot period, will shoot five shots at the target. At the conclusion of this hot period, the shooter will retrieve his or her target and present it to the MGAC RSO for review. The RSO will inspect the target to determine that there are only five shots recorded on the target board and that these five shots are in the 10-inch target area. If the shooter has achieved placing these five shots in the paper targets 10-inch target, the RSO will instruct the MGAC office to issue a 1,000-yard qualification card to the shooter.
- **Qualification by Steel Gong:**
The shooter under the direction of the MGAC RSO will shoot a 10-inch gong on the 600-yard range. The RSO will observe and record that the shooter did strike the 10-inch gong five consecutive times. The shooter must strike the gong five consecutive times before the MGAC RSO can approve the issuing of a 1,000-yard range qualification card.

Once the shooter has demonstrated that he or she is able to consecutively hit a 10-inch target at the 600-yard range five times in a row, the shooter must demonstrate that the rifle and scope combination is capable of regularly hitting a target at 1,000 yards. To demonstrate this, the shooter will show the RSO that the rifle scope has enough vertical adjustment to sight a target at 1,000 yards (e.g., at least 23 MOA). If all the above is accomplished, the shooter will be instructed to report to the RSO on the 1,000-yard range after purchasing a 1000-yard session from the clubhouse. The 1,000-yard range RSO will start the shooter by observing them hit the 600-yard target steel. Then the RSO will observe scope adjustments and assist the shooter on sighting the shooter's rifle/scope on hitting the steel target at 1,000 yards. If the shooter can consistently strike the steel target at a 1,000-yard, the shooter will be issued a qualification card. The shooter will verify the qualification card is filled out correctly by the qualifying RSO. The 1,000-yard qualification card is good for a 2-year period beginning on the date the card is issued. Recorded on the 1,000-yard qualification card is the rifle and the scope the shooter used to qualify. The shooter is only qualified to use the rifle and scope used to qualify on the 1,000-yard range. If the shooter would like to use a different rifle and scope combination, then the shooter would need to qualify the different rifle and scope combination. The shooter needs to be able to present the 1,000-yard qualification card to the 1,000-yard range RSO if requested.

Long Range Competitions

MGAC has an active long range shooting program whose members regularly compete at 600-yard and 1,000-yard matches. MGAC members hold monthly matches that include both MGAC members and other long-range shooters from other Clubs. To facilitate these events/matches, the event Match Director is authorized to qualify shooters who are competing or will compete at a MGAC match. The Match Director will ensure that the competitor is able to strike the target consistently. The Match Director will disqualify the competitor if he or she fails to strike the competition target safely and consistently. Once the Match Director determines that the competitor can regularly strike the target, he or she can issue a qualification card for the range of the match. As an example: If the match is held on the 600-yard range, the Match Director can issue 600-yard qualification cards.

Grandfathering of Existing Shooters

The MGAC Board of Directors may authorize the issuing of 600-yard and 1,000-yard Qualification Cards to existing MGAC members who are or have competed at either 600-yard or 1,000-yard shooting matches. The list of these members must be submitted to the MGAC Board within sixty days (about two months) of the official opening of the 1,000-yard range. The Board may approve this list of members at their next Board meeting.

Pricing (Introductory)

The pricing that follows for the 1,000-yard range session is an introductory price and will be subject to change starting the year 2024. Introductory pricing for a session at a 1,000-yard position for non-members is eight (\$8)

dollars and five (\$5) dollars for members. This 1,000-yard session is in addition to the purchase of a daily range fee. For an example a non-member will spend twenty-seven dollars for a daily range fee and eight dollars for the 1,000-yard session for the total of thirty-five dollars.

Assigning a 1,000-yard Position

Each member or non-member that purchases a session on the 1,000-yard range will be assigned a single designated 1,000-yard position for duration of four hot range cycles on the mainline. The assignment of the 1,000-yard position will be given to the shooter at the mainline from the present RSO. The RSO will mark the assignee's wristband provided by the office with the starting hot cycle time. The assignee of designated shooting position will have the opportunity to setup up and begin shooting from their assigned position after the first hot cycle begins. The assignee must have the position cleared for another shooter before the fourth hot cycle concludes.

Repainting 1,000-yard Targets

The 1,000-yard steel targets will be painted each morning and during a mainline cold period approximately twice a day. During this cold period a mainline Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO)/Range Safety Officer (RSO) will coordinate a repaint with the 600-yard CRSO/RSO. Both Mainline and 600-yard ranges will be called cold, and personnel will proceed from the 600-yard range to repaint the 1,000-yard steel targets. On completion of the repainting and the return of the personnel from down range from 600 and 1,000-yard, both mainline and 600-yard CRSO/RSO will communicate the range is safe and proceed out of the cold cycle.

Reservations

All attendees at the club that have made a reservation for a 1,000-yard session must first pass the 1,000-yard qualification. Manatee Gun & Archery Club is not responsible for any lost time of an attendee's reserved time slot attempting to finalize their qualification. Any attendee who has made a reservation for a 1,000-yard session forfeits any time lost for showing up late or for missing their reservation entirely. There are no refunds for reserved 1,000-yard sessions.

*Approved by the Manatee Gun & Archery Club Board of Directors
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