

BRC Holster Drawing Certification

Intent:

The purpose of this mandatory certification process is to allow select Beloit Rifle Club (BRC) members to be permitted to draw a loaded handgun from a holster in practice at the BRC Defense Range.

Structure of Certification:

The certification will consist of three parts. The first part is to read the entire policy. The second part is a classroom portion where the rules of the policy will be covered, your gear will be inspected, and a quick demonstration of the required skills will be provided. The final part of the certification is a practical demonstration of skills.

Administration:

The administrators*** are responsible for the administration of this certification, curriculum and testing procedure development and application. A certification may be revoked or suspended at any time by the BRC Board, or their designee, including Range Officers (RO) or Match Directors.

After successful completion of all criteria, the member will be issued a lanyard that must be displayed while shooting on the defensive range.

There is a one-time \$10.00 fee for the certification. This may change by order of the Board of Directors.

*** Administrators are a group consisting of Defensive Range, Multi-gun and NRA Instructor board members. They will oversee any future instructors.

General Rules and Equipment for certification process:

1. Only strong-side, inside the waistband(IWB)* or outside the waistband(OWB) drawing from the hip will be permitted. *Any inside the waistband holster must be constructed to maintain its shape to allow safe re-holstering.
2. Only gun-specific holsters of polymer, Kydex, or leather are permitted. Any leather holster must be form-fitted and retain a fully loaded firearm upside-down. (No nylon or other material).
3. Some form of firearm retention holster is required. This can be passive retention as in friction holsters, or active retention holsters such as trigger guard, thumb-break, or twist retention. Multiple levels of retention are permitted.
4. The belt must be appropriate for holster use. This can be a traditional-style belt, duty belt, or any belt specifically designed for use with an appropriate holster.
5. All shots must be aimed or have "sight picture". No shooting from the hip or other non-sighted shooting is permitted.
6. The certifying instructor has the final word on whether or not equipment is appropriate.
7. You may only have a loaded gun holstered on the firing line when given the command to make ready by the instructor.
8. If your firearm has a safety it must be engaged after the make ready command.
9. Classes must be taught by a BRC designated instructor. Live fire activities will be a 1:1 instructor to student ratio.
10. Caliber used must conform to BRC pistol use on steel.
11. All other range safety rules are still applicable.

Any of the following will result in an immediate halt to the certification process and may result in suspension or termination of holster drawing privileges:

1. Bad attitude or arguing with the instructor or RO.
2. Any range rule violation or violation of any holster use rules.
3. Defective, broken, or inappropriate equipment.
4. Any accidental or negligent discharge.
5. Dropping your firearm whether it is loaded or unloaded.
6. Your finger within the trigger guard before you acquire a sight picture.
7. Any other determination by the instructor that certification should not be granted.

Any appeal of an instructor or RO's decision can be made to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final. You must send your request to be heard to the BRC Secretary at least two weeks in advance of either the Executive Committee or Board of Director meetings.

Anyone failing any part of the certification process may try again another day (No same day do-overs).

Classroom Curriculum:

Welcome / Administrative information

No ammunition in the classroom / Safety briefing

Course overview

Rules

- Applicable Range Rules

- Holster drawing specific rules

Explanation and demonstration of appropriate equipment

- Holsters - Both gun and magazine

 - Retention

 - Level I - Friction only

 - Level II - Index finger, thumb-break, twist, plus Level I

 - Level III - Usually a hood, strap, or shroud, plus Level II

 - Placement

 - Strong side only at the belt

 - Material can only be polymer, form-fitted leather or Kydex-type and must be specifically designed for your handgun

Explanation and demonstration of proper drawing technique. (All Dry Fire)

Bold are the "four steps" of a proper draw. (Video shown of this)

- Strong hand goes to gun**

- Weak hand stays at side or goes to chest / ready position**

- Draw gun with trigger finger indexed along slide/frame**

- Strong hand brings gun to chest level with muzzle pointed down range**

- Weak hand grips gun**

- Extend arms or "press" out**

- Acquire sight picture**

 - Alternately, strong hand may join the weak hand at or near full extension.

Students practice with their own equipment until they and the instructor are comfortable on a designated firing line.

Practical:

Required Equipment:

- Handgun in good working order
- Holster designed for the handgun being used
- Minimum 50 rounds of ammunition
- Eye protection
- Ear protection (electronic recommended)

Recommended Equipment:

- Additional magazines
- Spare Magazine carrier
- Speed loader

The practical course of fire will include dry firing, single shot draws and multiple shot draws with reloads as needed. Instead of a scoring target, an 18 x 24" steel target or paper equivalent target will be used. Safety and proper technique are the only requirements for the course of fire. Marksmanship and speed are not grading criteria.

Instructor: Proceed all timer starts with "Is the shooter ready?"... "Stand by." Alternately you may break the draw down into steps and then graduate to just a command of "draw" or "up".

Phase I - Standard Drills

Dry Fire

Pistol: No ammunition, no magazines inserted unless you have a magazine disconnect.

Command -Make ready.

Command - When instructed, draw and dry fire one time, engage safety and holster. Repeat for a total of 10 times at will.

When complete have the shooter show clear, hammer down / de-cock and holster.

Single Fire (10 rounds total)

Pistol: Load with 5 rounds

Command - Load and make ready.

Command - When instructed, draw, and fire one round. Engage safety, holster and repeat for a total of 10 times.

Command - Show clear, hammer down / de-cock and holster.

Multiple Fire (20 rounds)

Pistol: Load with 5 rounds

Command - Load and make ready.

Command - When timer starts, draw and fire 5 rounds. in 10 secs., Engage safety, reload as needed and holster.

Command - Repeat for a total of 20 rounds.

Command - Show clear, hammer down / de-cock and holster.

Instructor and student sign certification.

Holster Certification Affidavit

I, _____ agree to follow all rules, policies, and procedures governing the privilege of holster drawing at the Beloit Rifle Club.

I understand that drawing from a holster at the Beloit Rifle Club (BRC) is a privilege and not a right. I also understand that drawing from a holster increases the risk of a negligent discharge, therefore I will consciously exert every effort to demonstrate total safety when drawing from a holster.

I understand that this privilege may be suspended or revoked if I am deemed to have violated any of these rules, policies, or procedures by any BRC Range Officer.

I understand that if I wish to appeal an RO's decision to the Board of Directors, I must submit my appeal to the BRC Secretary at least two weeks before the monthly Executive Committee or Directors meetings.

(signature)

(date)

Payment verified? Y / N

Instructor certification of passing practical:

_____(print)

_____(signature)

Office

Date issued:_____