



# USCCA PROTECTOR ACADEMY™ SHOOTING QUALIFICATIONS

As USCCA Members are participating in Protector Academy™ at an increasing rate, they are now reaching out for the shooting qualifications portion of the training – which means MORE students are being driven to you! If a USCCA Member reaches out to you about shooting qualifications for Protector Academy™, you can assist him or her based on the outline provided. You set the price based on the qualification.

## LEVEL 01 QUALIFICATION

Your student has potentially completed the Handgun Safety and Marksmanship Fundamentals and Children's Firearms & Safety Fundamentals: How to Teach Kids About Firearms classes online. The student has learned about topics such as the universal safety rules, proper grip, stance, handgun nomenclature and firearms cleaning and is now ready for Level 01 Qualification. Please note that the completion of these online courses is optional.

### THESE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE:

**REQUIREMENTS:** Take a two-hour in-person class of your choice with a certified firearms instructor. Simply return to this section of your Protector Academy™ training to add your course into your account after completion.

**SUCCESS CRITERIA:** You must get at least 70% (35 or more) of your shots inside the 8-inch center circle of your target.

**COURSE OF FIRE:** You will complete a series of basic handgun marksmanship challenges meant to test your accuracy at varying distances. There will be NO time limits. This is purely a test of your accuracy with your self-defense handgun.

- **STAGE 1:** Place your target 3 yards downrange. Fire 10 rounds at the 8-inch center circle.
- **STAGE 2:** Place your target 5 yards downrange. Fire 10 rounds at the 8-inch center circle.
- **STAGE 3:** Place your target 7 yards downrange. Fire 10 rounds at the 8-inch center circle.
- **STAGE 4:** Place your target 10 yards downrange. Fire 10 rounds at the 8-inch center circle.
- **STAGE 5:** Place your target 15 yards downrange. Fire 10 rounds at the 8-inch center circle.

**ASSESSMENT:** If you successfully placed 70% (35 or more) of your total shots inside the 8-inch center circle, you have completed your Level 01 USCCA Qualification. ("Inside" does not include breaking the ring. A shot must be fully inside the ring to count.)

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- USCCA Universal Target with 8-inch center circle
- 50 rounds
- 1-2 magazines



# LEVEL 02 QUALIFICATION

In addition to Level 01 Qualification, your student has potentially completed the Defensive Shooting Concepts and Emergency First-Aid Fundamentals classes online. He or she has covered topics such as building skills for rapid acquisition and engagement of multiple targets in a real-world scenario. The student has also learned the fundamental skills every gun owner should have in an emergency and has the knowledge and confidence to provide lifesaving aid. He or she is now ready for Level 02 Qualification. Please note that the completion of these online courses is optional.

## THESE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE:

**REQUIREMENTS:** Take a four-hour in-person course with a certified firearms instructor. Add your course into your Protector Academy™ account after completion.

**SUCCESS CRITERIA:** You must complete the following:

- 1** Complete a competency check: Load, unload and show clear (using snap caps).
- 2** Complete the following three drills with 100% accuracy and in the allotted amount of time for each drill.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- USCCA Universal Target with 8-inch center circle
- 15 rounds and 2 snap caps
- 2 magazines
- Shot timer

**COURSE OF FIRE:** You will complete a series of drills meant to test your ability to load and unload, load and shoot, reload, and clear malfunctions while engaging a target at a distance of 3 yards. Each drill will be timed. This course of fire is designed to test your ability to complete these tasks under the stress of limited time while accurately engaging your target at a plausible self-defense distance.

**\*\*\*You MUST be facing downrange at your target BEFORE you pick up and secure your firearm for any drill.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Your firearm MUST be secured in a proper grip – with the barrel facing downrange at your target – BEFORE you chamber a round.\*\*\***

**COMPETENCY CHECK:** Using snap caps, load, unload and show clear (three repetitions, not timed).

### PART 1: LOAD & SHOOT DRILL

You must complete this drill in under six seconds and with 100% of your hits inside the 8-inch center circle.

- 1** Place your target 3 yards downrange.
- 2** Load three rounds into one magazine. Place it on the table. **Do not load your firearm yet.**
- 3** Lock the slide of your UNLOADED handgun to the rear. Place it on the shooting table, ensuring that the ejection port is skyward and that the barrel is facing your target downrange.
- 4** Face your target downrange. **If allowed by the range, start by facing away from your target, turning after starting the timer.**
  - Start the drill and timer (required time is six seconds or less).
  - If you're starting turned away from your target, turn your whole body until you are facing the target. (If not, continue to face your target directly downrange.)
  - Pick up your firearm and secure a proper grip, keeping the barrel pointed downrange at your target while you're in the high-compressed-ready position.
  - Insert your loaded magazine (with the gun's barrel still pointing downrange), chamber a round, extend the firearm and fire all three rounds at the 8-inch center circle.
- 5** Clear the firearm and return it to the table.
- 6** Repeat three times. The first series is an untimed warmup. The second and third repetitions are timed and count toward qualification requirements.

## PART 2: RELOADING DRILL

*You must complete this drill in under 12 seconds and with 100% of your hits inside the 8-inch center circle.*

- 1** Keep your target 3 yards downrange.
- 2** Load three rounds into each of two magazines. Place them both on the table (or keep one on the table and one in a pocket or magazine pouch). **Do not load your firearm yet.**
- 3** Ensure your firearm is completely unloaded, with no round in the chamber. Place it on the shooting table, ensuring that the barrel is facing your target downrange.
- 4** Face your target downrange. **If allowed by the range, start by facing away from your target, turning after starting the timer.**
  - Start the drill and timer (required time is 12 seconds or less).
  - If you're starting turned away from your target, turn your whole body until you are facing the target. (If not, continue to face your target directly downrange.)
  - Pick up your firearm and secure a proper grip, keeping the barrel pointed downrange at your target while you're in the high-compressed-ready position.
  - Insert one of the three-round magazines (with the gun's barrel still pointing downrange), chamber a round, extend the firearm and fire at the 8-inch center circle until the slide locks on empty.
  - Drop the empty magazine from the firearm while returning to a high-compressed-ready position.
  - Reload using your second magazine, chamber a round, extend the firearm and fire at the 8-inch center circle until the slide locks on empty.
  - Clear the firearm and return it to the table.
- 5** Repeat three times. The first series is an untimed warmup. The second and third repetitions are timed and count toward qualification requirements.

## PART 3: CORRECT MALFUNCTION & RELOAD DRILL

*You must complete this drill in under 15 seconds and with 100% of your hits inside the 8-inch center circle.*

**Note:** *You will be using two snap caps (one in each magazine) to simulate malfunctions. You will have to clear the simulated malfunctions when they occur by using the tap/rack method and then finish firing your remaining rounds to complete the drill.*

- 1** Keep your target 3 yards downrange.
- 2** Load three rounds and one snap cap at random into each of the two magazines. Place both magazines on the table (or keep one on the table and one in a pocket or mag pouch). **Do not load your firearm yet.**
- 3** Ensure your firearm is completely unloaded, with no round in the chamber. Place it on the shooting table, ensuring that the barrel is facing your target downrange.
- 4** Face your target downrange. **If allowed by the range, start by facing away from your target, turning after starting the timer.**
  - Start the drill and timer (required time is 15 seconds or less).
  - If you're starting turned away from your target, turn your whole body until you are facing the target. (If not, continue to face your target directly downrange.)
  - Pick up your firearm and secure a proper grip, keeping the barrel pointed downrange at your target while you're in the high-compressed-ready position.
  - Insert one of the three-round-plus-one-snap-cap magazines (with the gun's barrel still pointing downrange), chamber a round, extend the firearm and fire at the 8-inch center circle. Clear any malfunctions as needed and continue firing until the slide locks on empty.

- Drop the empty magazine from the firearm while returning to a high-compressed-ready position.
- Reload using your second magazine. Chamber a round, extend the firearm and fire at the 8-inch center circle. Clear any malfunctions as needed and continue firing until the slide locks on empty.
- Clear the firearm and return it to the table.

**5** Repeat three times. The first series is an untimed warmup. The second and third repetitions are timed and count toward qualification requirements.

**ASSESSMENT:** If you successfully placed 100% of your shots inside the 8-inch center circle in under the required time for each drill, you have completed your Level 02 USCCA Qualification.

#### REQUIRED TIMES:

*Part 1: Load & Shoot Drill* – 6 seconds x 2 reps (3 rounds/rep; 6 total rounds inside circle)

*Part 2: Reloading Drill* – 12 seconds x 2 reps (6 rounds/rep; 12 total rounds inside circle)

*Part 3: Correct Malfunction & Reload Drill* – 15 seconds x 2 reps (6 rounds/rep; 12 total rounds inside circle)

If you fail this qualification, consult with a certified firearms instructor. He or she should be able to help you diagnose and correct any issues. Then shoot the drills again.

## LEVEL 03 QUALIFICATION

In addition to Level 01 and Level 02 Qualifications, your student has potentially completed the Emergency Preparedness Fundamentals, Countering the Mass Shooter Threat and USCCA LaserTRAIN classes online. The student has covered topics such as what “emergency preparedness” is and why it’s needed, and he or she has had the opportunity to analyze data from 48 mass shootings to develop a critical eye for self-defense situations. The student is now ready for Level 03 Qualification. Please note that the completion of these online courses is optional.

### THESE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE:

**REQUIREMENTS:** Take a six-hour live-fire firearms course with a certified firearms instructor. Add your course into your Protector Academy™ account after completion.

**SUCCESS CRITERIA:** You must complete each drill within the time allotted. Additionally, you must hit all designated target areas on your USCCA Universal Target based on the requirements for each drill.

**COURSE OF FIRE:** You will complete a series of drills meant to test your speed and precision. Each drill will be timed.

**\*\*\*You MUST be facing downrange at your target BEFORE you fire.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*You MUST begin each drill from the HIGH-COMPRESSED-READY position, with your gun’s barrel pointing downrange.\*\*\***

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- USCCA Universal Target with 5.5-inch high-center-chest square
- 27 rounds
- 1-2 magazines
- Shot timer

## **DRILL SET 1: SPEED-FOCUSED**

You must complete these drills within the time allotted and with 100% of your hits inside the 5.5-inch high-center-chest square of your target. Load five rounds into each magazine. You will complete this course of fire twice, with the first attempt serving as a warmup.

### **3-YARD SPEED DRILL**

- 1** Place your target 3 yards downrange.
- 2** While facing your target, assume the high-compressed-ready position, with the barrel of your firearm pointing downrange at your target.
- 3** Insert one five-round magazine and chamber a round.
- 4** Start the drill and timer.
- 5** Engage your target by firing all five rounds at the high-center-chest square.
- 6** Clear the firearm and return it to the table.

### **5-YARD SPEED DRILL**

- 1** Place your target 5 yards downrange.
- 2** Repeat the steps you already executed from 3 yards.
- 3** Clear the firearm and return it to the table.

### **7-YARD SPEED DRILL**

- 1** Place your target 7 yards downrange.
- 2** Repeat the steps you already executed from 5 yards.
- 3** Clear the firearm and return it to the table.

*First time through: Warmup*

*Second time through: Qualification*

### **REQUIRED TIMES FOR DRILL SET 1:**

*3-Yard Speed Drill: 100% hits in 2 seconds*

*5-Yard Speed Drill: 100% hits in 3 seconds*

*7-Yard Speed Drill: 100% hits in 5 seconds*

## **DRILL SET 2: PRECISION-FOCUSED**

There is no time limit. You must hit each numbered target zone in numerical order before moving on to the next, and you must successfully complete this task at the 3-yard line before moving to the 5-yard line.

### **3-YARD DRILL**

- 1** Load one magazine with six rounds.
- 2** Place your target 3 yards downrange.
- 3** While facing your target, assume the high-compressed-ready position, with the barrel of your firearm pointing downrange at your target.
- 4** Insert your magazine and chamber a round.

- 5** Start the drill.
- 6** Fire one round into each numbered target zone in numerical order.
- 7** Come back to the high-compressed-ready position between each shot.
- 8** Proceed to the next numbered target zone only after you have hit the one before it.
- 9** Any miss ends the drill at that point. You do not pass that qualification attempt and must start over from the beginning.
- 10** Clear the firearm and return it to the table.

### **5-YARD DRILL**

- 1** Load one magazine with six rounds.
- 2** Repeat the previous drill but with your target placed at 5 yards downrange.
- 3** Clear the firearm and return it to the table.

**ASSESSMENT:** If you successfully placed 100% of your shots into the high-center-chest square of your target at both distances in the allotted times in Drill Set 1 (speed-focused) **and** if you hit all six numbered target zones on your target at both distances without a miss in Drill Set 2 (precision-focused), you have completed your Level 03 USCCA Qualification.