



BSA 30 Minute Shotgun Briefing

***NO LIVE AMMUNITION
in the classroom
NO EXCEPTIONS!***

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Orientation Goal

To provide beginning shooters with the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to shoot a shotgun safely under the direct supervision of a NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor or NRA/USA Shooting Coach.



NRA Gun Safety Rules

- **ALWAYS keep your gun pointed in a safe direction**
- **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**
- **ALWAYS keep your gun unloaded until ready to use**



Shotgun Parts *Pump*

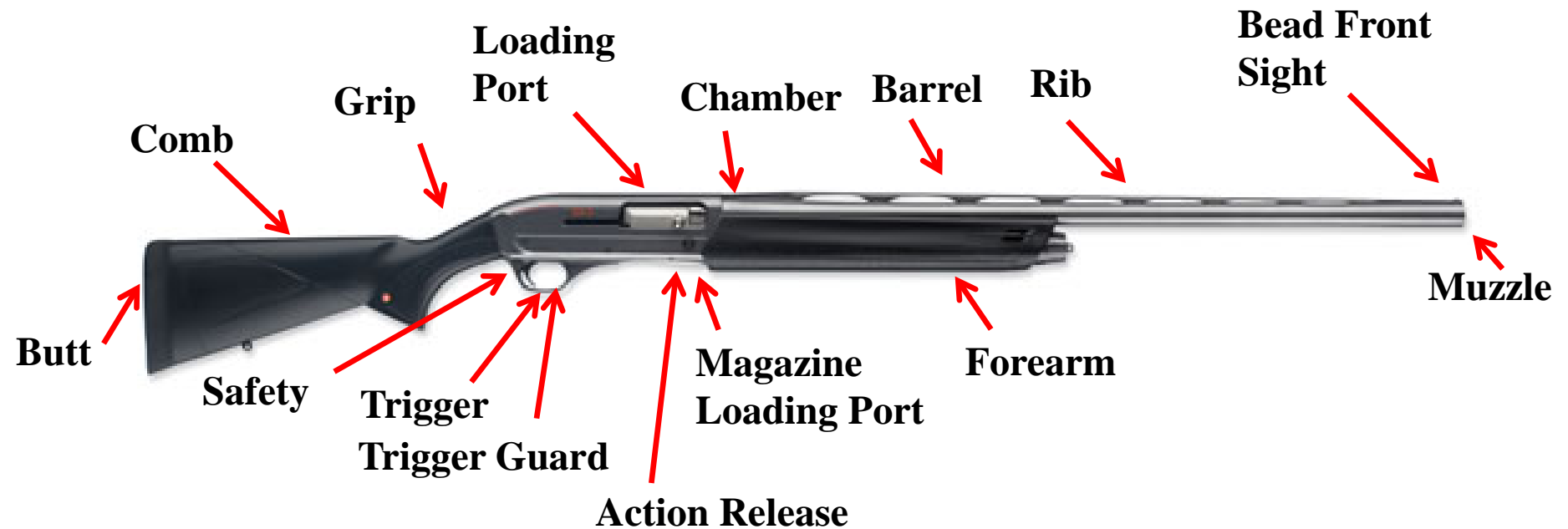


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Shotgun Parts

Semi-automtic



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Shotgun Parts

Break Action



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Demonstrate Shotgun Operation

Instructor demonstration only

- Loading with Dummy Ammo
- Cocking
- Firing “Dry-fire only” with Dummy Ammo
- Unloading



Shooting Fundamentals

Determining the Dominant Eye



- **Extend arms forward and form opening between the hands**
- **With both eyes open, look at a distant object through opening**
- **Bring hands to face while looking at object – Opening will be aligned with the dominant eye**

Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

1. Stance

2. Hold Point

3. Mount

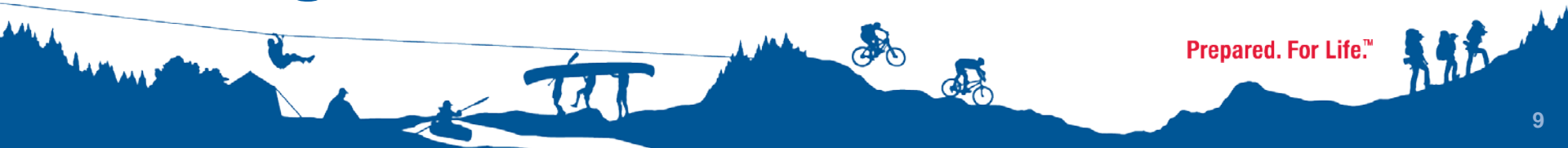
4. See the Target

5. Swing

6. Pull the Trigger

7. Follow Through

Scouts will be shooting straight away targets



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Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

Stance

- Stance aligned with target breaking point.
- Feet about shoulder width apart, with toes on lead foot turned slightly outward.
- Knee of the lead bent slightly; back leg remains straight.
- Approximately 60 % of body weight on lead leg and 40 % on rear leg.
- Stance comfortable and balanced so that it may be maintained before, during, and after the shot.



Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

Hold Point

- Know where the target will first appear and the direction it will be traveling.
- Your hold point will be aligned just under the flight path of target to allow a clear view of where the target will first appear.
- The shotgun is pointed at the hold point, but the eyes are focused on the area where the target will first appear.



Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

Mount

- The shotgun is brought up to your face to keep the head erect level.
- The cheek is pressed firmly against the stock.
- The head is as far forward on the comb as possible without straining the neck.
- The butt of the shotgun is in the pocket of the shoulder.



Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

See the Target

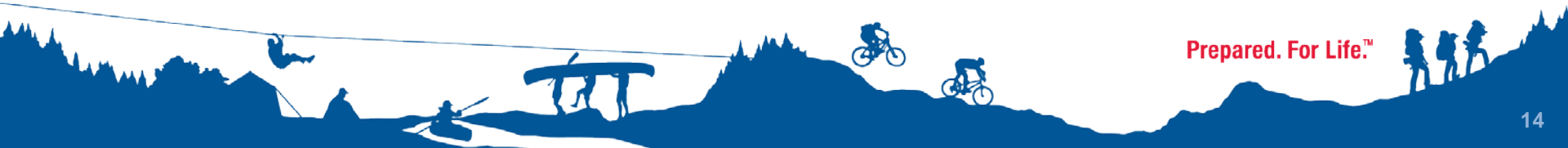
- The target must be seen clearly at the earliest point possible.
- You must be looking past the beads and focusing on the field of fire where the target is in focus.
- The Sight Picture is the visual relationship of the shotgun muzzle to the target.
- When acquiring the sight picture, the focus must be on the target.



Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

Swing

- The swing begins with the shotgun already mounted on the shoulder.
- When the target is clearly seen, the shotgun is pointed at the target.



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Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

Trigger Pull

- The trigger must be pulled the instant the sight picture is correct (the target and the muzzle meet) for straight away targets.



Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals

Follow Through

- Follow-through means continuing to do everything that was being done at the time the shot was fired.
- The swing must continue if the shot pellets are to hit the target. The trigger is pulled while the shotgun is moving, and the gun must continue to move after the shot is fired.



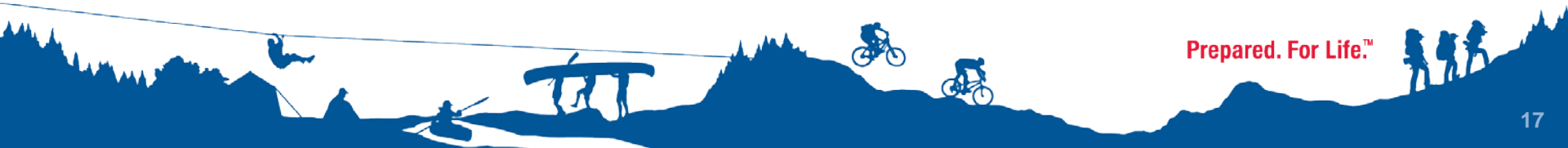


Most Important Fundamentals!

The most IMPORTANT shotgun shooting fundamental is.....

➤ *See the Target* “Focus on the target”

You must learn to concentrate on the target.



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Range Safety Briefing

Range layout

- ✓ Ready Area
- ✓ Shooting Station
- ✓ Target Path
- ✓ Down range shot drop zone



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NRA Safe Gun Handling Rules

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Other Safety Rules

- Know your target and what is beyond
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting
- Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions

Range Commands

- “Commence Firing”
- “Cease Firing”
- “Pull”

At The Shooting Station

One instructor will be at each firing point.

1. Watch straightaway target.
2. Point finger at the target all the way to the ground.
3. Point finger and say “bang” on touching target.
4. The instructor will hold the shotgun by the forearm.
5. Place your hands on the grip. When you have control of the shotgun, say “Thank you” and the instructor will let go.
6. You will then Dry-fire. **TAKE YOUR TIME.** Focus on safety and the shooting fundamentals. When you are comfortable, tell the Instructor you are ready to shoot.
7. You will Live-fire the prescribed number of shoots.



Questions

Do you have any questions before you move to the Ready Area?

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