



**PUNONGHIMPILAN TANOD BAYBAYIN NG PILIPINAS**  
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**MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING**

**I. REFERENCES:**

- a. RA 9993 also known as Philippine Coast Guard Law of 2009 and its IRR
- b. HPCG Circular Nr 08-09 dtd 24 August 2009, subject: Policy on the Carrying of Firearms by PCG Uniformed Personnel and Civilian Agents

**II. PURPOSE:** This Circular prescribes the policies, regulations and procedure on individual and crew-served weapons in order to develop and be proficient in the use of such weapons to provide standard training throughout the PCG.

**III. SCOPE:** This Circular applies to all PCG Uniformed Personnel qualified by this Circular to carry firearms in the performance of his/her duties.

**IV. DEFINITION:**

- a. **.45 Caliber**- refers to the bore of a gun (or its ammunition) that measures forty-five hundredths of an inch in diameter.
- b. **.40 Caliber** – refers to the bore of a gun (or its ammunition) that measures forty hundredths of an inch
- c. **9mm Caliber** - refers to the bore of a gun (or its ammunition) that measures 9mm in diameter.
- d. **BRM** -Basic Rifle Marksmanship is a qualification testing for rifle where a shooter should pass the minimum score in order to be qualified as Marksman, Sharpshooter, and Expert.
- e. **BPM** – Basic Pistol Marksmanship is a qualification testing for pistol where a shooter should pass the minimum score in order to be qualified as Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert and Master.

f. **Crew-served weapons - (or crew service)** is any weapon system that requires a crew or more than one individual to function due to its high operational complexity.

g. **Marksmanship** - The ability to shoot accurately at a target.

h. **Mechanical** – is something that relates to the skill or use of machinery or tools.

i. **MARSEC Units** – composed of Coast Guard K9 Force, Coast Guard Intelligence Force, Coast Guard Security and Intelligence Service, Coast Guard Investigation and Detection Service, and Coast Guard Patrol Force. A PCG unit with a function to monitor and evaluate maritime security operations including control and supervision of ports and ship's security enforcement operations.

j. **Rifle (5.56mm/7.62mm)** -a long firearm firing a single projectile, usually with a rifled barrel to improve accuracy.

#### V. **PREPARATORY MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING:**

Before any marksmanship training instruction, record, refresher or familiarization firing is conducted on individual or crew-served weapons, it is mandatory that all concerned must undergo appropriate prescribed mechanical training and preparatory marksmanship training any time and as often as the situation permits during the year. It ensures that all personnel who are made to undergo the qualification course qualify at least as marksmen, and those who are made to fire for familiarization must acquire a fair knowledge of the use and operation of the different weapons they are made to fire.

#### VI. **INSTRUCTION FIRING:**

a. All PCG Personnel who have not previously passed the qualifying mark (at least marksman) in the course prescribed for record firing in their respective arms shall undergo the instruction firing before undertaking record firing.

b. Those who have qualified in the course prescribed for their respective arms in the last record firing are authorized to fire for purposes of familiarization and zeroing prior to record firing as stated in Annex A and B.

#### VII. **RECORD FIRING:**

Record firing should be completed in one day and no part of it should be conducted on the same day with instruction firing, unless scheduling activities so requires and force majeure.

a. Rifle Cal. 5.56m / Cal. 7.62mm - PCG personnel listed below shall undergo the prescribed firing for qualification subject to availability of ammunition:

- (1) Officers and Non-Officers must undergo Rifle Marksmanship once a year;
- (2) Special Operation Force (SOF) must undergo Rifle Marksmanship once every quarter of the year;
- (3) Officers and Non-Officers taking PCG career courses and Security and Law Enforcement related courses which require record firing; and
- (4) Officer and Non-Officers must be certified that they have undergone Rifle Marksmanship within the year as a requirement for promotion and reenlistment for Non-Officers.

b. Pistol Cal. 45/ Cal .40 Cal. 9 mm – The following personnel shall undergo the prescribed record firing for qualification, subject to the availability of ammunitions:

- (1) Officers and Non-Officers must fire once a year;
- (2) Special Operation Force (SOF) once every quarter of the year;
- (3) PCG personnel armed with the pistol and who are assigned/detached service/detailed with the MARSEC Units shall fire once every six (6) months;
- (4) Officers and Non-Officers taking PCG career courses and other related Security and Law enforcement courses which require record firing; and
- (5) Officers and Non-Officers must fire within the year prior the date of their promotion and reenlistment for Non-Officers.

#### **VIII. REFRESHER FIRING:**

Officers and Non-Officers are authorized to fire the weapons listed in paragraph VII. (Record Firing), as an alternative, shall undergo refresher firing, subject to approval of higher Headquarters in the event that record firing cannot be undertaken due to lack of firearms and/or ammunition.

#### **IX. FAMILIARIZATION FIRING:**

a. Officers and Non-Officers armed with Rifle Cal 5.56mm/7.62mm, and Pistol Cal .45/.40/9mm shall undergo familiarization firing on these weapons once every quarter for SOF personnel once every six (6) months for

personnel assigned in MARSEC Units and once a year for other PCG Units/Offices.

b. PCG personnel undertaking instruction on any individual or crew-served weapons are authorized to undergo familiarization firing.

**X. AMMUNITION ALLOWANCE:**

a. Authorized ammunition allowances for all types of firing for the different individual listed in the preceding paragraphs are indicated in Annex A. "Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM)" and Annex B. "Basic Pistol Marksmanship (BPM)".

b. Ammunition allowance for the conduct of firing on the crew-served weapons is authorized upon approval of higher headquarters subject to the availability of ammunitions.

**XI. REPORTS:**

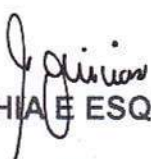
All Major Unit Commanders/ District Commanders shall render reports on the annual record of all PCG personnel conducted under their commands covering the entire calendar year from 1 January to 31 December. Reports shall be accomplished using the attached form (**Annex A and B**) and will be submitted in four (4) copies to this Headquarters (Attn: DCS for MWCEIS, CG- 11 and DCS for Education and Training, CG-12) not later than 07 January of the succeeding year.

**IX. RESCISSION:** All PCG previous publications not in conformity with this Circular are hereby rescinded.

**X. EFFECTIVITY:** This Circular takes effect upon publication.

**BY COMMAND OF COMMODORE GARCIA:**

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Annex A: Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM)  
Annex B: Basic Pistol Marksmanship (BPM)

**ANNEX A**

**Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM)**

**SCORE SHEET**

**CGWS Rifle Marksmanship Standard Record Firing**

**Target:**

- Slow Fire - Alpha Target
- Sustained Fire - Delta Target

**Scoring:**

- Inside 3-ring "A" and "D" Target Sheets (5 pts, 4 pts, 2 pts)
- Center or Bullseye is 5 pts (maximum points per round)
- Procedural (minus highest hit/score per procedural)

| Stage | Stage Name                                | Number of Rounds   | Time                      | Ring 1<br>(Nr of hits<br>x 5pts) | Ring 2<br>(Nr of hits<br>x 4pts) | Ring 3<br>(Nr of hits.<br>x 3pts) | Total                   |
|-------|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1     | Zeroing (25 m)                            | With 6 rds in 3 sets                                       |                           | ---                              | ---                              | ---                               | ---                     |
| 2     | Slow Fire (accuracy / 25 m)               | With 2 rds for confirmation                                |                           | ---                              | ---                              | ---                               | ---                     |
|       | Prone                                     | 20 rds   | 5 rds w/n 3 mins (4sets)  |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
|       | Sitting/Kneeling/Squatting                | 20 rds   | 5 rds w/n 3 mins (4sets)  |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
|       | Standing                                  | 20 rds   | 5 rds w/n 3 mins (4sets)  |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
| 3     | Sustained Fire (accuracy w/ speed / 25 m) | With 24 rds for confirmation / 2 mags: 1rd & 5rds (4 sets) |                           | ---                              | ---                              | ---                               | ---                     |
|       | Standing to Prone                         | 24 rds   | 6 rds w/n 40 sec (4 sets) |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
|       | Standing to                               | 24 rds   | 6 rds w/n 40 sec (4 sets) |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
| 4     | Sitting/Kneeling/Squatting                | With 3 rds for confirmation                                |                           | ---                              | ---                              | ---                               | ---                     |
|       | Slow Fire (accuracy / 50 m)               | 20 rds   | 5 rds w/n 3 mins (4 sets) |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
|       | Prone                                     | 20 rds   | 5 rds w/n 3 mins (4 sets) |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
|       | Sitting/Kneeling/Squatting                | 20 rds   | 5 rds w/n 3 mins (4 sets) |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
|       | Standing                                  | 20 rds   | 5 rds w/n 3 mins (4 sets) |                                  |                                  |                                   |                         |
|       | <b>Total</b>                              | <b>63 rounds</b>   |                           |                                  |                                  |                                   | <b>BRM TOTAL POINTS</b> |

- Disqualification (violation of Safety Rules)

Passing score is 70% out of total number of ammo/rounds fired on the last set of every stage (record firing).

Rank/Name of Shooter: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Rifle Make/SN: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certified Correct By:**

**Noted By:**

**Points Score**

147 - 163 pts = MARKSMAN

164 - 179 pts = SHARPSHOOTER

180 - 195 pts = EXPERT

196 - 210 pts = MASTER

146 points and below - did not meet the BRM standard.

(Signature Above Rank/Name)  
Rifle RSO/Conducting Officer

(Signature Above Rank/Name)  
Rifle RSO/Supervisor

**ANNEX B**

**Pistol Marksmanship Record Firing  
SCORE SHEET  
CGWS Pistol Marksmanship Standard  
Basic Pistol Marksmanship (BPM)**

| Stage | Stage Name                        | Number of Rounds  | Distance | Time                    | "A"<br>(Nr of hits<br>x 5pts) | "B"<br>(Nr of hits<br>x 4pts) | "C"<br>(Nr of hits<br>x 3pts) | "D"<br>(Nr of hits<br>x 2pts) | TOTAL |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1     | Familiarization Firing (Standing) | 12 rds            | 5m       | ---                     | ---                           | ---                           | ---                           | ---                           |       |
| 2     | Zeroing (rested on Table)         | 24 rds            | 25m      | ---                     | ---                           | ---                           | ---                           | ---                           |       |
| 3     | Basic (Standing)                  | 12 rds            | 5m       | 1.8 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Standing                          | 12 rds            | 7m       | 2 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets)   |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Standing to kneeling              | 12 rds            | 10m      | 2.5 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Kneeling                          | 12 rds            | 15m      | 3.0 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Prone                             | 12 rds            | 25m      | 3.5 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
| 4     | Record (Standing)                 | 12 rds            | 5m       | 1.8 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Standing                          | 12 rds            | 7m       | 2 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets)   |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Standing to kneeling              | 12 rds            | 10m      | 2.5 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Kneeling                          | 12 rds            | 15m      | 3.0 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | Prone                             | 12 rds            | 25m      | 3.5 sec/ 3 rds (4 sets) |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
| 5     | Field Course                      | 44 rds            |          |                         |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |
|       | <b>Total</b>                      | <b>200 rounds</b> |          | <b>BPM TOTAL POINTS</b> |                               |                               |                               |                               |       |

Target:

IPSC "A"

Scoring:

- 5 pts (maximum points per round)
- Procedural (minus highest hit/score per procedural)
- Disqualification (violation of Safety Rules)

Passing score is 70% out of total number of ammo/rounds fired on the last set of every stage (record firing).

Rank/Name of Shooter: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Pistol Make/SN: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified Correct By: \_\_\_\_\_

Noted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Points \_\_\_\_\_

Score \_\_\_\_\_

66 – 75 pts = EXPERT

51 – 65 pts = SHARPSHOOTER

31 – 50 pts = MARKSMAN

Below – 30 pts = BOLOMAN

30 points and below - did not meet the BPM standard.

(Signature Above Rank/Name)

Pistol RSO/Supervisor