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DETAILED INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

LESSON TITLE
WEAPONS HANDLING TEST

COURSE TITLE
SUSTAINMENT LEVEL RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP (PHASE I, II, III)
# INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION CHECKLIST

## ESSENTIAL DATA

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DETAILED OUTLINE

WEAPONS HANDLING TEST

1. TRAINING OBJECTIVE

a. **Intent.** This exercise will evaluate weapons handling. Marines will be evaluated on the four safety rules, weapons handling skills to include weapons carries, weapons transports, weapons transfers, and response to weapons commands. Adherence to the four safety rules will be enforced throughout the exercise.

b. **Learning Objectives.** The Terminal Learning Objective and Enabling Learning Objectives pertaining to this lesson are as follows:

1) **Terminal Learning Objective.** Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, magazine filler, ammunition, dummy ammunition, and targets, without the aid of references, perform weapons handling procedures without violating the four safety rules IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1)

2) **Enabling Learning Objectives**

   a) Without the aid of references, state the four safety rules for the M16A2 service rifle IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1a)

   b) Given a situation, an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, carry/transport the weapon in response to the situation IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1b)

   c) Given an M16A2 service rifle in an unknown condition, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, determine the weapon's condition IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1d)

   d) Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, load the rifle (Condition 4 to Condition 3) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1e)
e) Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, make the rifle ready (Condition 3 to Condition 1) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1f)

f) Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, unload the rifle (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1g)

g) Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, unload and show the rifle clear (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1h)

h) Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, transfer the weapon to another Marine IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1i)

i) Given an M16A2 service rifle with a stoppage, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, dummy ammunition, and a target, without the aid of references, perform remedial action to get the rifle back in action IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1k)

2. EXERCISE PLANNING

a. Range. Ensure a range/outdoor training area is available for the exercise.

b. Supply List. Ensure necessary supplies are available to support the exercise.

c. Ammunition. For this exercise, three dummy rounds of ammunition are required for each evaluator.

d. Safety. Ensure safety requirements comply with MCO P3570.1_ and local SOP.
3. **EXERCISE SETUP**

Group Marines according to the number of PMIs/coaches available. Each PMI/coach will evaluate one Marine at a time until all Marines have been evaluated. Designate a safe direction and/or down-range area in which to point rifle muzzles.

4. **CONDUCT OF EXERCISE**

a. **Exercise Brief.** The following items must be included in the brief prior to the start of the exercise:

   1) Marines will be evaluated on weapons handling through questions and performance. A performance checklist and questions will be used to evaluate each Marine in the following areas:
      
      a) Safety rules.
      b) Safe handling of the rifle.
      c) Carries and transports.
      d) Weapons conditions.
      e) Execution of weapons handling procedures.
      f) Remedial action.
      g) Weapons transfers.

   2) The PMI or coaches will provide immediate feedback to Marines on their performance.

b. **Exercise Procedures.** Each Marine will be evaluated by one PMI/coach at a time. The PMI/coach will designate which Marine will be evaluated. The Marine will step forward and execute the following procedures on command:

   1) Assume Strong Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Up).
   2) State the four safety rules.

   **INSTRUCTOR’S NOTE:** At this time, give the Marine three dummy rounds.

   3) Fill a magazine and return it to the magazine pouch.
   4) Assume the Tactical Carry. State the appropriate threat condition.
5) Determine and state the condition of the rifle.

6) "LOAD."

7) State the condition of the rifle.

8) "MAKE READY."

9) State the condition of the rifle.

10) Assume the Ready. State the appropriate threat condition.

11) "FIRE."

12) Perform remedial action.

13) Assume the Alert. State the appropriate threat condition.

14) Perform a Condition Unknown Transfer.

**INSTRUCTOR’S NOTE:** Accept the rifle from the Marine. Determine the condition of the weapon, stage a double feed, and transfer the rifle back to the Marine.

15) Perform remedial action to clear a double feed.

16) "UNLOAD."

17) Perform a Show Clear Transfer.

**INSTRUCTOR’S NOTE:** Accept the rifle from the Marine and complete the transfer. Then load the weapon and transfer it back to the Marine.

18) State the condition of the rifle.

19) "UNLOAD, SHOW CLEAR."

20) Assume Weak Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Down)

21) **Weapons Handling.** Throughout the evaluation, the Marine will be evaluated on safely handling the weapon (i.e., not violating any of the four safety rules).

**5. EXERCISE EVALUATION**

The Marine must master all performance steps to pass this exercise (100% mastery of learning objectives). Marines
failing to achieve mastery will receive remedial instruction.
PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST

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f. Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, unload the rifle (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1g)

g. Given an M16A2 service rifle, sling, cartridge belt, magazines, magazine pouches, and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, unload and show the rifle clear (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (PVTX.11.1h)

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TEST ITEM

1. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EVALUATOR:

   a. Ensure each Marine has the M16A2 service rifle, sling, and equipment.

   b. Separate the Marine to be evaluated from those waiting to be evaluated.

   c. Inform the Marine of the designated safe direction and/or down-range area.

   d. Evaluate the Marine via the performance checklist.

2. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MARINE: When the PMI/coach says to begin, perform weapons handling procedures for the M16A2 service rifle. You will be evaluated via a performance checklist on a pass/fail basis. The four safety rules will be evaluated throughout this test.
3. PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST:  

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a. Strong Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Up).  

b. State the four safety rules.  

c. Fill a magazine and return it to the magazine pouch.  

d. Assume the Tactical Carry.  

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e. Determine and state the condition of the rifle.  

f. “LOAD.”  

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g. State the condition of the rifle.  

h. “MAKE READY.”  

i. State the condition of the rifle.  

j. Assume the Ready.  

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k. “FIRE.”  

l. Perform remedial action.  

m. Assume the Alert.  

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n. Perform a Condition Unknown Transfer.  

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o. Perform remedial action to clear a double feed.  

p. “UNLOAD.”  

q. Perform a Show Clear Transfer.  

r. “UNLOAD, SHOW CLEAR.”  

s. Weak Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Down)  

t. Safely handled the rifle throughout the evaluation observing the four safety rules.  

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