

## 2026 MPOETC Back-up Weapon Qualification Course

### 50 Rounds

Stage	Yards	Rounds	Time	Task	Description
1	1	4	2 seconds	Weapon Retention (2X)	From the 1-yard line, on the command to fire, shooter fires <b>2 rounds</b> center mass in <b>2 seconds</b> from a weapon retention position, scan, and recover. Reload if necessary and, on the command to fire, perform <b>a second time</b> .
2	3	6	2 seconds	Reaction Shoot	From the 3-yard line, on the command to fire, shooter <u>takes one step to the right or left</u> (as directed by instructor) and fires <b>3 rounds</b> center mass in <b>2 seconds</b> , scan, and recover. Reload if necessary and, on the command to fire, perform <b>a second time</b> <u>moving in the other direction</u> .
3	5	5	5 seconds	Failure Drill	From the 5-yard line, on the command to fire, shooter fires <b>2 rounds</b> center mass, then <b>1 round</b> to the head, then <b>2 rounds</b> to either marked hip area. <b>Total time for 5 rounds is 8 seconds.</b>
4	7	10	10 seconds	One handed firing (2X)	From the 7-yard line, on the command to fire, shooter fires <b>5 rounds</b> center mass using <u>strong hand only</u> , scan, and recover. Reload if necessary and, on the command to fire, shooter fires <b>5 rounds</b> center mass using <u>support hand only</u> , scan and recover. <b>Total time for 5 rounds is 10 seconds.</b>
5	10	5	12 seconds	Failure Drill	From the 10-yard line, on the command to fire, shooter fires <b>2 rounds</b> center mass, then <b>1 round</b> to the head, then <b>2 rounds</b> to either marked hip area. <b>Total time for 5 rounds is 12 seconds.</b>
6	15	10	10 seconds	Move to cover (2X)	From the 15-yard line, on the command to fire, shooter fires <b>2 rounds</b> at target, <u>takes a step to the right or left moving behind cover</u> and fires <b>3 rounds</b> from behind cover. Reload if necessary and, on the command to fire, perform <b>a second time</b> <u>after stepping</u> in the other direction. <b>Total time for 5 rounds is 10 seconds.</b>
7	15	10	20 seconds	Fire from Cover	From the 15-yard line, on the command to fire, shooter takes cover behind a barricade and fires <b>5 rounds</b> standing right side of barricade, reloads if necessary, moves to the left side of the barricade and fires <b>5 rounds</b> standing left side of the barricade. <b>Total time for 10 rounds is 20 seconds.</b>

#### Instructions:

All firing in this course should be done using a two-handed grip unless otherwise annotated.

Due to the variety of holsters and carrying positions, for safety reasons all stages will begin **EITHER** with the weapon in a holster located at the shooter's waist **OR** with the weapon in the strong hand, the muzzle in Sul or Low Ready (at the instructor's discretion), with the trigger finger OFF the trigger, outside of the trigger guard, and registered on the frame of the weapon. After firing at all stages, shooters will maintain proper muzzle control and trigger finger management while scanning 360° for additional threats, and holster if applicable.

Factory-new ammunition (either duty or range ammunition) shall be used for this course. Shooters will fire the course with full magazines/cylinders and reload as necessary with no additional time accommodations.

Prior to beginning the qualification, instructors should use a black marker to clearly mark a 6" circle on the target for each hip area as indicated in red on the next page. These circles will be used to score the four rounds fired in stage 4 and 6. Instructors should explain to the shooter the rationale for using shots to the hip as an alternative when shots to the body or head are not effective.

**Total – 50 Rounds on a TQ 21 target scored 5-3-0** (Score shots inside the lined area of the target, to include the head, and hip area circles at 5, all others on silhouette at 3, all shots outside the silhouette are scored 0 points.) **(Possible 250 points)**

**75% or 188 points must be attained to successfully pass this course.**