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# Fundamentals of Marksmanship



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## Dominant Eye Test





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# What is shooting?

# Is all shooting the same?



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## All Shooting is the same

Proper application of marksmanship fundamentals is universal



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What are the 4 fundamentals of  
marksmanship?



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## The fundamental's of rifle marksmanship are

- Steady position
  - Breathing
- Trigger squeeze
  - Aiming



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## 2 KEY FIRING TASKS

- 1. Properly point the rifle at the target**
- 2. Fire the rifle without moving it**



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The bullet will **ALWAYS** go in the direction that the barrel is pointed



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- 1. Properly point the rifle at the target**



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## Sight Alignment

*Sight alignment* is the centering of the front sight, rear sight, and the shooter's eye.





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## Aiming

*Sight Picture is-*

The addition of a target into properly aligned sights.

The eye, the sights, and the target are all in one straight line.





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When aiming what  
should your eye be  
focused on?



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## Aiming

- Focus should be on the front sight post
- The target should be blurry when the eye is focused correctly.





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## Aiming

- Focus should be on the front sight post
- The sight post or reticle should appear clear when the eye is focused correctly.



**INCORRECT**



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## STOCK WELD

Proper Stock Weld ensures consistent sight alignment and will improve accuracy. Consistent Sight Alignment is achieved by resting the full weight of your head on the stock in a manner that allows your Dominant Eye to look through the center of the rear sight aperture.

**INCORRECT**



**CORRECT**





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## Aiming

- Your eye must remain in the same position behind the sights in order to achieve consistent sight alignment in relationship to the target
- Consistent cheek to Stock weld is necessary for proper sight alignment

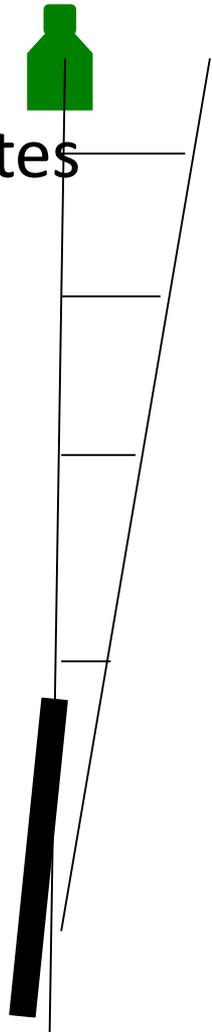


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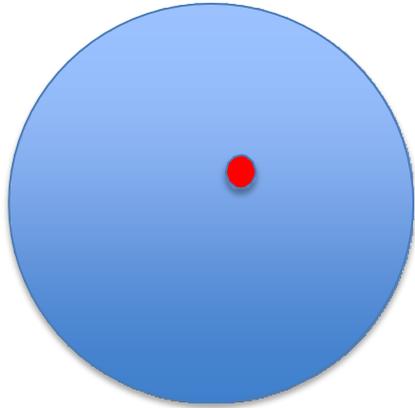
## Aiming

- A misalignment of the sighting system creates an angular error
- This error will increase with distance





# Trust your eye



Is this dot centered?



Is this square level?



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## Second key firing task

**Fire the rifle without moving it**



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## Trigger Control

**MOST IMPORTANTLY YOU WANT A SMOOTH TRIGGER SQUEEZE**

**Jerk**

**Snatch**

**Command detonate**

**Squeeze**

**Surprise break**

**Pull**

**Yank**

**The most important thing about trigger control can  
be summed up with one word.**



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## Trigger Control

**UNNATURAL  
FINGER TIP  
PLACEMENT**



**VS.**

**FINGER  
NATURALLY  
PLACED ON THE  
TRIGGER**





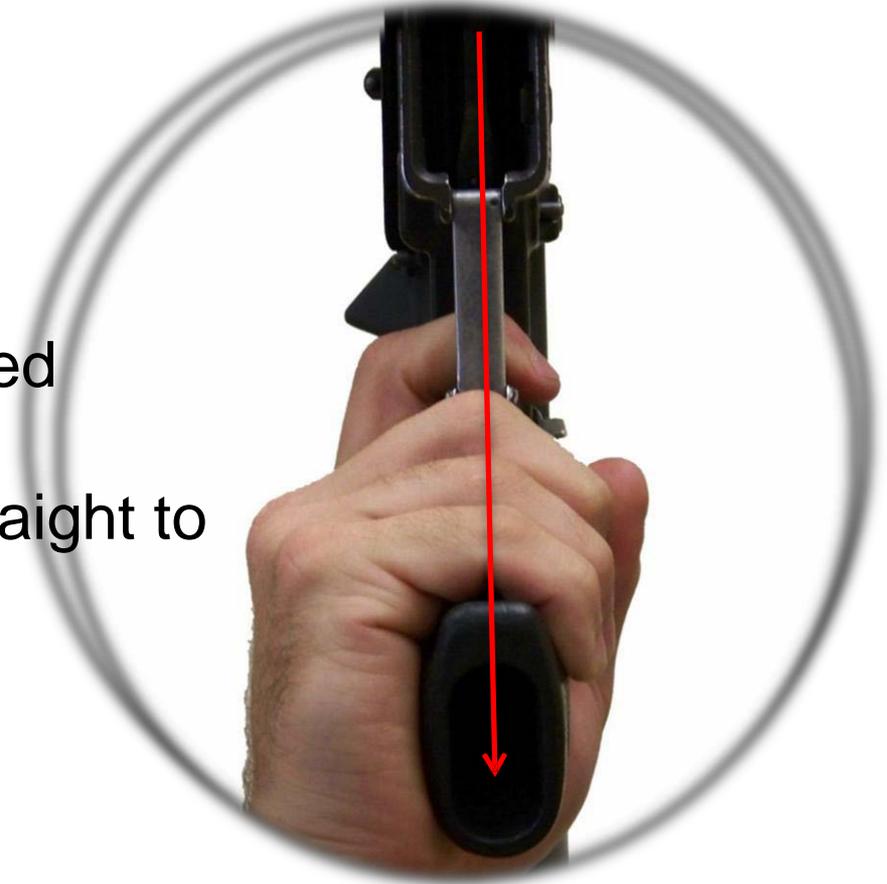
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## Trigger Control

### FIRING HAND

- Placed high on the pistol grip
- Firm handshake grip
- Trigger finger should be placed naturally on the trigger.
- Goal is to squeeze trigger straight to the rear





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# Follow Through



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## Follow Through

- ***Follow through is continuing to apply the two basic fundamentals of marksmanship until recoil has ceased.***



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## Calling Your Shot



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## Calling Your Shot

- *Technique ensures focus on front sight*
- *Calling your shot is estimating where the bullet went*
- *Use visual cues from the moment before the round is fired*
- *Enables faster learning/coaching*



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## Shooting Is...

Properly pointing the rifle at the target  
with consistent *Sight Alignment*

Firing the rifle without moving it utilizing  
SMOOTH *Trigger Control*

Put it all together - Integrated act of firing



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# Questions?