

Basic Rifle Marksmanship

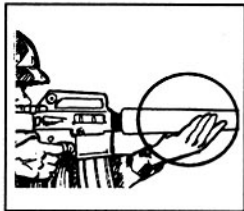
Coaches Checklist (4 Fundamentals)

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1. Steady Position



Nonfiring elbow
under rifle for
stability; use
elbow pads if
available



Nonfiring hand grip light
with slight rearward pressure



Rifle butt in pocket of
firing shoulder



Firing hand grip forms a
"V"; slight rearward pressure



Cheek to stock weld

2. Aiming (correct sight picture)

- ✓ Focus on front sight
- ✓ Assume proper sight alignment
- ✓ Assume proper aiming point
- ✓ Center front sight post on target
- ✓ Close nonfiring eye



3. Breath Control



- ✓ Maintain natural respiratory pause for zeroing/single targets
- ✓ Hold breath between trigger squeezes for multiple targets

4. Trigger Squeeze

- ✓ Place trigger between first joint and end of finger
- ✓ Pull trigger straight to the rear
- ✓ Do not anticipate round firing
- ✓ Do not jerk trigger

