

# **Less-Lethal Munitions Course of Fire**

## **PURPOSE**

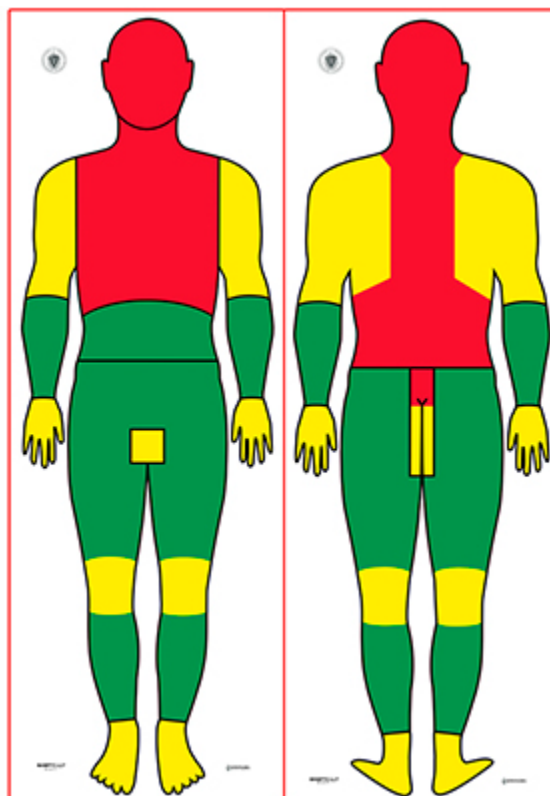
At the request of multiple agencies, ADLEST has developed the following model course of fire and qualification standard for less lethal munitions. This model can be used as a guide in the development of your agency's less lethal program. This model course of fire will not negate the manufacturer's recommendations for approved minimum standoff distances for munitions. Additionally, agency policy for use of less lethal munitions must be adhered to.

## **STANDARDS**

- Qualification should be completed annually
- Only Agency-approved munitions may be used
- Only RCPM Two-Sided Less Lethal Cardboard Targets may be used
- Students should perform a load or reload on each platform during qualification
- Student should properly verbalize prior to deployment in accordance with State or Agency policies (i.e. IMPACT, IMPACT, IMPACT or DEVICE, DEVICE, DEVICE)
- 100% of munitions should impact approved zones (GREEN/YELLOW)

## **TARGET ZONES**

- GREEN – Preferred target zone (large lower-body muscle groups)
- YELLOW – Not preferred but acceptable target zones (upper arms, groin, joints, hands, and feet)
- RED – Automatic failure (head, neck, chest, spine)



## **COURSE OF FIRE**

- 12 Gauge Less-Lethal Shotgun
  - Total Rounds – 6
  - STAGE 1 – Close Contact
    - Distance – 3 Yards
    - Student verbalizes appropriately
    - Student fires 1 round
    - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses
  - STAGE2 – Intermediate
    - Distance – 7 Yards
    - Student verbalizes appropriately
    - Student fires 2 rounds
    - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses
  - STAGE 3 – Extended
    - Distance – 10 Yards
    - Student verbalizes appropriately
    - Student fires 2 rounds
    - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses
  - STAGE 4 – Movement & Decision
    - Distance – 5 Yards
    - Student verbalizes appropriately during lateral movement (Left or Right)
    - Student fires 1 round
    - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses
  
- 37mm/40mm Less-Lethal Launcher
  - Total Rounds – 6
  - STAGE 1 – Close Contact
    - Distance – 5 Yards
    - Student verbalizes appropriately
    - Student fires 1 round
    - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses
  - STAGE 2 – Intermediate
    - Distance – 10 Yards
    - Student verbalizes appropriately
    - Student fires 2 rounds
    - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses

- STAGE 3 – Extended
  - Distance – 15 Yards
  - Student verbalizes appropriately
  - Student fires 2 rounds
  - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses
- STAGE 4 – Judgment
  - Distance – 7 Yards
  - Instructor gives Shoot/No Shoot cue
  - Student verbalizes appropriately *IF NECESSARY*
  - Student fires 1 round *IF NECESSARY*
  - Student safely re-loads & re-assesses *IF NECESSARY*

### **PASS/FAIL STANDARDS**

- 100% of munitions should impact GREEN or YELLOW zones
- Students should verbalize appropriately prior to employing munitions

### **AUTOMATIC FAILURE CONDITIONS**

- Unsafe conduct or unsafe handling of weapons as deemed by Instructor
- Failure to follow Instructor commands
- Deployment without verbalization
- Deployment of wrong munition or utilization of wrong platform
- Impact to Head, Neck, Chest, or Spine

### **REMEDIATION STANDARD**

- Immediate corrective coaching by Instructor
- Student should re-fire failed stage **ONLY**
- Second failure should initiate an automatic re-train

### **SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

- Use of dedicated Less-Lethal platforms **ONLY** (no cross-loading)
- Weapons are clearly identified as Less-Lethal (color differentiation or in accordance with Agency policy)
- Lethal coverage officer should be incorporated into training scenarios
- Medical plan / CASEVAC plan prior to training

## SCORING SHEET

|                         |           |             |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| SHOOTER NAME            |           |             |
| SHOOTER AGENCY          |           |             |
| INSTRUCTOR NAME         |           |             |
| INSTRUCTOR AGENCY       |           |             |
| TRAINING DATE           |           |             |
| TRAINING LOCATION       |           |             |
|                         | 12 Gauge  | 37mm / 40mm |
| Stage 1 (1 Round, P/F)  | Round 1 - | Round 1 -   |
| Stage 2 (2 Rounds, P/F) | Round 1 - | Round 1 -   |
|                         | Round 2 - | Round 2 -   |
| Stage 3 (2 Rounds, P/F) | Round 1 - | Round 1 -   |
|                         | Round 2 - | Round 2 -   |
| Stage 4 (2 Rounds, P/F) | Round 1 - | Round 1 -   |
| Overall Pass/Fail       |           |             |