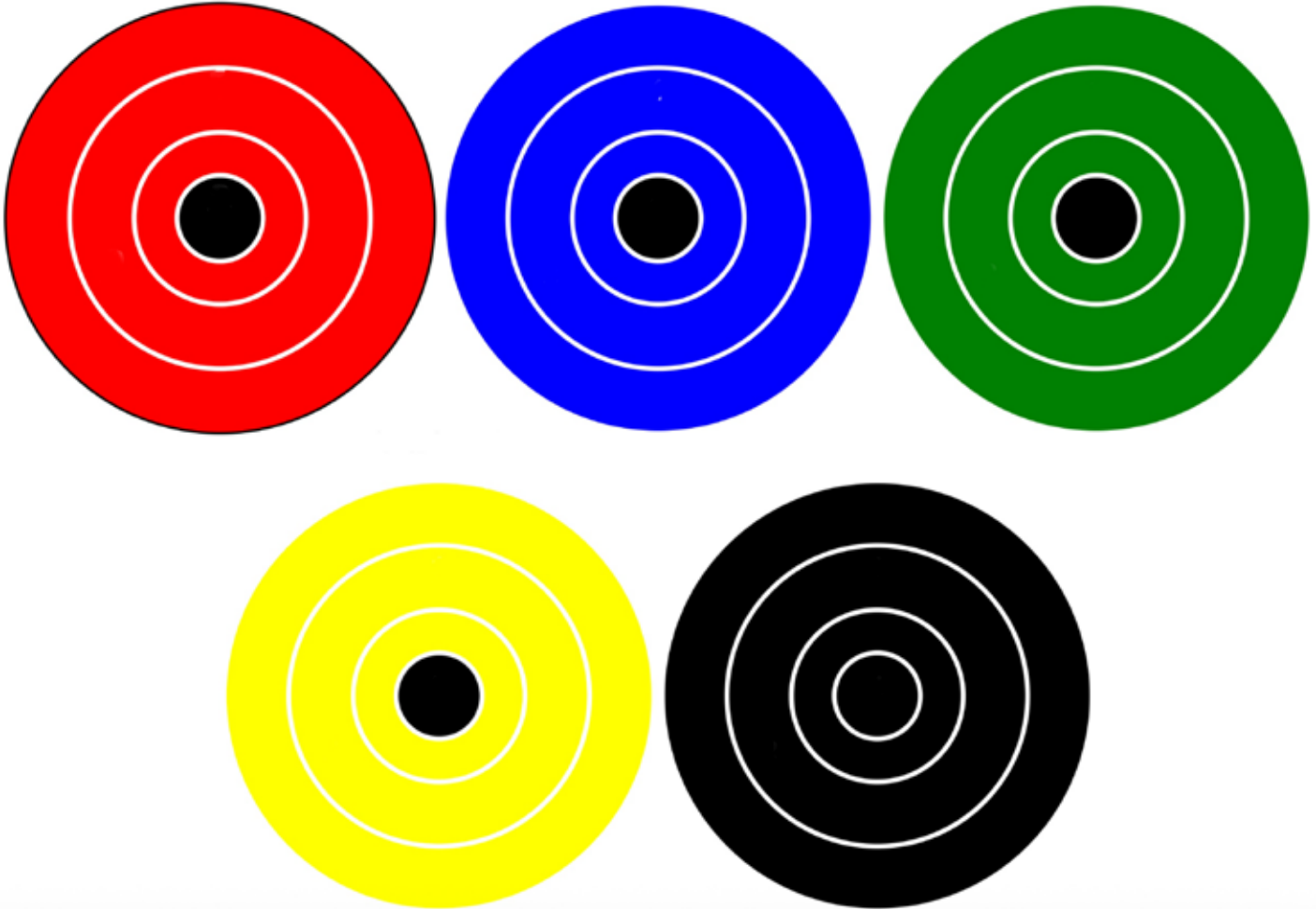


THE ASCENT
May Challenge | Color React

Accuracy | Speed | Reaction



SHOOTER	HITS	NSSF The Firearm Industry Trade Association	TIME	FIREARM USED
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THE ASCENT RULES

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DIRECTIONS

Overview:

The *Color React Sequence* is a 50-round drill for rifle or handgun shooters designed to build accuracy, reaction time, and disciplined shot execution under pressure.

How It Works:

- Start from low ready (or holstered for advanced levels)
- Engage five colored targets through structured sequences
- Emphasizes memorization, target transitions, and speed
- Prioritizes **quality hits over speed**

Safety:

- Strict adherence to the 4 fundamental firearm safety rules
- Maintain safe muzzle direction at all times
- Properly safe and reset the firearm between strings

Equipment Needed:

- Eye & Ear Protection
- Rifle or handgun
- 50 rounds of ammunition
- Five 2.5-inch targets, Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Black
- Timer and spotter (recommended)

Goal:

Progress from untimed execution to time-constrained performance while developing the ability to **think clearly, react quickly, and deliver precise, accountable shots under pressure.**

Distance:

5 yards Handgun, 15 yards rifle (paper only, not steel)

SCORING

- 3** CENTER (3) = 3 POINTS
- 2** OUTER RING (2) = 1 POINT
- 1** OUTER ZONE (1) = 1 POINT
- X** MISS = 0 POINTS
- +** WRONG COLOR = -2 POINTS

EACH COLOR TARGET = 10 ROUNDS TOTAL
(8 IN PHASE 1 + 2 IN PHASE 2)

COLOR REACT SEQUENCE (50 ROUNDS – 10 PER COLOR)

STRING	SEQUENCE (ROUNDS)	BEGINNER <small>NO TIME JUST HITS</small>	INTERMEDIATE <small>TIME STANDARD</small>	ADVANCED <small>TIME STANDARD</small>
Phase 1				
1 <small>(5 ROUNDS)</small>	Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Black	No time, just hits	Under 6 seconds	Under 4 seconds
2 <small>(5 ROUNDS)</small>	Black, Red, Blue, Yellow, Green	No time, just hits	Under 6 seconds	Under 4 seconds
3 <small>(10 ROUNDS)</small>	2 Red, 2 Blue, 2 Green, 2 Yellow, 2 Black	No time, just hits	Under 8 seconds	Under 6 seconds
4 <small>(10 ROUNDS)</small>	Red → Blue → Green → Yellow → Black Green → Black → Red → Blue → Yellow	No time, just hits	Under 6 seconds per sequence	Under 4 seconds per sequence
5 <small>(10 ROUNDS)</small>	3 Red, 1 Yellow, 3 Green, 1 Blue, 2 Black	No time, just hits	Under 8 seconds	Under 6 seconds
Phase 2				
6 <small>(10 ROUNDS)</small>	2 Blue, 1 Yellow, 1 Black, 1 Blue, 2 Yellow, 1 Black, 1 Red, 1 Green	No time, just hits	Under 8 seconds	Under 6 seconds
PHASE 1 TOTAL: 50 ROUNDS (10 ROUNDS PER COLOR)				

Four Fundamental Rules of Firearms Safety:

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded: Never assume a gun is unloaded, even if you just saw someone else check it. Always verify for yourself that the chamber is empty.
2. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction: Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy. A safe direction means a bullet cannot strike anyone, accounting for potential ricochets or penetration through walls.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot: Keep your finger indexed along the frame of the gun, outside the trigger guard, until you have made the conscious decision to fire.
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it: You are responsible for every round fired. Ensure there is a safe backstop and that no people or property are in danger.

