

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT

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SECTION 3

EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION

Each competitor is responsible for their firearm and any which may be questionable should be submitted to the Match Director/Referee/3-Man Jury for decision prior to being used. All standard safety features of the pistol must operate properly.

A Quick View Firearm Matrix is located at the back of this section.

3.1 All Firearms: With respect to Rules 3.2 through 3.9 and in addition to the firearm specific regulations below, the following features are either allowed or prohibited on all of the firearms described.

Allowed:

1. Sight blackening.
2. Fixed or adjustable sights
3. Action work to make a crisper and/or smoother trigger pull.
4. Stocks may be modified or changed because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading.

Prohibited:

1. Compensators, barrel venting, barrel porting.
2. Internal modifications that would render the firearm less safe than originally designed by the manufacturer.
3. Any external modifications, except those allowed within each rule.
4. The front sight may not extend beyond the muzzle.

3.2 Open Class Police Revolver: a revolver chambered to fire center-fire cartridges .35 caliber or larger. If the trigger is capable of single action it must be capable of lifting 2.5 pounds when gun is cocked for single action firing.

Allowed:

1. Maximum barrel length of 6 inches.
2. Maximum sight radius 8.5 inches.
3. Sight guards but they may not extend rearward more than 2 inches.
4. External trigger stops.

Prohibited:

1. Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 3/4 inches in thickness (1.75").

3.3 Distinguished Revolver: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition. If the trigger is capable of single action it must be capable of lifting 2.5 pounds when gun is cocked for single action firing.

Allowed:

1. Barrel length up to 6 inches.

2. Chamfered cylinders.
3. Any unmodified trigger sold by the manufacturer.

Prohibited:

1. Weighted grips or grip panels.
2. Adjustable front sight.
3. Trigger Shoes.
4. External trigger stops.
5. Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves.
6. Tape on the stock/grip.
7. Thumb rests.
8. Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 3/4 inches in thickness (1.75").
9. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the stock/grip or hand.
10. Revolver capable of chambering more than six (6) rounds.

3.4 Stock Service Revolver: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition. If the trigger is capable of single action it must be capable of lifting 2.5 pounds when gun is cocked for single action firing.

Allowed:

1. Barrel length up to 4 inches.
2. The front sight being a ramp or post as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm.
3. Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights.
4. Chamfered cylinders.

Prohibited:

1. Weighted grips or grip panels.
2. Adjustable front sight.
3. Trigger shoes.
4. External trigger stops.
5. Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves.
6. Tape on the stock/grip.
7. Thumb rest.
8. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the stock/grip or hand.
9. Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 3/4 inches in thickness (1.75").

3.5 Off Duty Revolver: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition. If the trigger is capable of single action it must be capable of lifting 2.5 pounds when gun is cocked for single action firing.

Allowed:

1. Maximum barrel length of 2.75 inches.
2. The front sight being a ramp or post as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm.
3. Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights.
4. Chamfered cylinders.

Prohibited:

1. Weighted grips or grip panels.
2. Adjustable front sight.
3. Trigger shoes.
4. External trigger stops.

5. Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves.
6. Tape on the stock/grip.
7. Thumb rest.
8. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the stock/grip or hand.
9. Grips/Stocks that when measured at the base from side-to-side are greater than 1 ¼ inches in thickness (1.75").

3.6 Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol: Center-fire pistols of .35 caliber or larger. Trigger pull not less than 3.5 pounds single or double action. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action except at the 50-yard line.

Allowed:

1. Maximum barrel length of 6 inches.
2. Maximum sight radius of 8.5 inches.
3. Sight guards but they may not extend rearward more than 2 inches.
4. Extended magazine well funnel.
5. Magazine bumper pads.
6. External trigger stops.

3.7 Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol: Factory manufactured (catalog item) center-fire semi-automatic pistol capable of chambering and firing .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition. Trigger pull must not be less than 3.5 pounds single or double action. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action except at the 50 yard line.

Allowed:

1. Maximum barrel length of 6 inches.
2. Any accessories, parts, and components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer.
3. Open sights, from any manufacturer.
4. Maximum sight radius of 7.5 inches.
5. Finger groove and slip on grips.
6. Extended magazine well funnel.
7. Magazine bumper pads.

Prohibited:

1. Adjustable front sights.
2. Thumb rest.
3. Grips/Stocks that are flared at the base.
4. Tape on the grip/stock.
5. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock or hand.
6. Full-length Bo-Mar type ribs on the slide.
7. Weighted grips grip panels.
8. External trigger stops.

3.8 Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol: Factory manufactured (catalog item), center-fire semi-automatic pistol capable of chambering and firing .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action. Trigger pull not less than 3.5 pounds single or double action.

Allowed:

1. Maximum barrel length of 5.5 inches.
2. Any accessories, parts, and components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and

dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer.

3. Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights.
4. Maximum sight radius of 7.5 inches.
5. Finger groove and slip on grips.
6. Magazine bumper pad.
7. Extended magazine well funnel.

Prohibited:

1. Adjustable front sight.
2. Thumb rest.
3. Grips/stocks that are flared at the base.
4. Tape on the grip/stock.
5. Any substance that results in a sticky Surface to the grip/stock or hand.
6. Full-length Bo-mar type ribs on the slide.
7. Weighted grips or grip panels.
8. Trigger shoes.
9. External trigger stops.

3.9 Off Duty Pistol: A stock factory manufactured (catalog item) center-fire semi-automatic pistol suitable for off duty concealed carry, chambered for and capable of firing .380 caliber ammunition or larger. Trigger weight may not be less than 3.5 pounds single or double action. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every match or stage double action.

Allowed:

1. Maximum barrel length of 3.65 inches.
2. Finger groove and slip on grips.
3. Magazine bumper pad.
4. Magazine grip extensions, if when installed add no more than one finger width to the overall length of the magazine when inserted.
5. Extended magazines, if no more than one finger width of the magazine is exposed when the magazine is inserted.
6. Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights.
7. Extended magazine well funnel.

Prohibited:

1. Adjustable front sight.
2. Thumb rest.
3. Tape on the grip/stock
4. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the stock or hand.
5. Bo-Mar style ribs on the slide.
6. Weighted grips or grip panels.
7. Trigger shoes.
8. External trigger stops.

3.10 Optical Devices: No optical devices (other than normal glasses worn for corrective eyesight purposes or sunglasses) will be permitted on the range during match firing for use by competitors. Optical devices have also been interpreted to prohibit the use of mechanical iris, eye patch, or eye cover. Only open sights are allowed. Optical, mirror, telescopic, laser beam, electronically projected dots, etc., computerized sighting-aiming devices are prohibited (for Team Coaches during team match, see Rules 12.5 and 12.6).

- 3.11 Ground Cloth:** Ground cloth may be used provided it is not constructed or used in a manner to provide artificial rest or support. Thickness not to exceed 3/4 of an inch. Any ground cloth which is questionable should be submitted to the Match Director/3-Man Jury for a decision.
- 3.12 Gloves:** Gloves or similar devices can be used only when approved as provided in Rule 13.1.
- 3.13 Holster:** A conventional right- or left-handed holster must be used. For safety reasons, shoulder, cross draw, or holsters which require releasing by insertion of finger within the trigger guard will not be allowed. Semiautomatic pistol holsters must completely cover the trigger. This rule shall apply to all matches and tournaments fired pursuant to these rules.
- 3.14 Audible Timing Devices:** Audible timing devices are not allowed.
- 3.15 Release Triggers:** Triggers which function on release are prohibited. Any device programmed to activate the firing mechanism by other than conventional trigger movement is prohibited.
- 3.16 Ammunition:** No high speed or Magnum ammunition will be allowed. Ammunition must be loaded to produce sufficient velocity to pass through the target AND the backer. Shots which do not pass through the target and the backer will be scored as misses.
1. Open Class Revolver: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used.
 2. Distinguished Revolver: Must be from a licensed manufacturer, new issue, .38 Special, round nose or semi-wadcutter ammunition.
 3. Stock Service Revolver: Either hand loaded or factory loaded .38 Special ammunition may be used. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed..
 4. Off Duty Revolver: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.
 5. Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used.
 6. Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol: Must be from a licensed manufacturer, new issue, full metal jacket, semi-wadcutter, jacketed soft point, or hollow point.
 7. Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. **No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.**
 8. Off Duty Semi-Automatic Pistol: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition is allowed. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.
- 3.17 General:** All devices or equipment which may facilitate shooting and which are not mentioned in these Rules, or which are contrary to the spirit of these Rules and Regulations, are forbidden. The Match Director, Official Referee, Jury Chairman or Supervisor shall have the right to examine a shooter's equipment or apparel. The responsibility shall be upon the competitor to submit questionable equipment and apparel for official inspection and approval in sufficient time prior to the beginning of a match so that it will not inconvenience either the competitor or the official.

- 3.18 Eye Protection:** All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing line are urged to wear shatterproof shooting glasses or similar eye protection.
- 3.19 Ear Protection:** All competitors and other personnel in the immediate vicinity of the firing line are urged to wear ear plugs, ear muffs or similar ear protection.
- 3.20 Electronic Communication Devices:** No electronic communication devices permitted forward of the ready line, including, but not limited to pagers, cell phones, radios, tape recorders and the like, except hearing aids and those devices necessary for range control.

Quick View Firearm Matrix

APPLIES TO ALL FIREARMS		Rule 3.1
Each competitor is responsible for their firearm and any which may be questionable should be submitted to the Tournament Director, Referee, or 3-Man Jury for decision prior to being used.		
All standard safety features of the pistol must operate properly.		
With respect to Rules 3.2 through 3.9, and in addition to the firearm specific regulations below, the following features are either Allowed or Prohibited on all firearms.		
Action work to make a crisper and/or smoother trigger pull	Allowed	
Fixed or adjustable sights	Allowed	
Sight Blackening	Allowed	
Modification or change of stocks because of the size of a competitor's hand or to facilitate loading	Allowed	
Internal modifications that would render the firearm less safe than originally designed by the manufacturer	Prohibited	
Any external modifications, except those allowed within each rule	Prohibited	
Front sight extending beyond muzzle	Prohibited	
Compensators, barrel venting, or barrel porting	Prohibited	
Ammunition: No high speed or Magnum ammunition will be allowed. Ammunition must be loaded to produce sufficient velocity to pass through the target AND the backer. Shots which do not pass through the target and the backer will be scored as misses.		

OPEN CLASS REVOLVER**Rule 3.2**

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Open Class Revolvers.

Firearm / Caliber: A revolver chambered to fire center-fire cartridges .35 caliber or larger

Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
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Trigger Pull Minimum: Single Action	2.5 Pounds
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Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
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Sight Guards which do NOT extend rearward more than 2 inches	Allowed
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External Trigger Stops	Allowed
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Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75')	Prohibited
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Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used

STOCK SERVICE REVOLVER**Rule 3.4**

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Stock Service Revolvers.

Firearm / Caliber: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver with duty sights capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition.

Barrel Length Maximum	4 Inches
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Trigger Pull Minimum - Single Action	2.5 Pounds
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Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights	Allowed
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Ramp or post front sight as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm	Allowed
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Chamfered Cylinder	Allowed
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Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
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Trigger Modification as to length, width, or grooves	Prohibited
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Trigger Shoes	Prohibited
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External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
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Thumb Rest	Prohibited
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Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75")	Prohibited
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Tape on the stock/grip	Prohibited
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Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand	Prohibited
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Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
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Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.

DISTINGUISHED REVOLVER**Rule 3.3**

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Distinguished Revolvers.

Firearm / Caliber: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition. Revolver may chamber no more than six rounds.

Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
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Trigger Pull Minimum - Single Action	2.5 Pounds
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Installation of any unmodified trigger sold by the manufacturer	Allowed
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Chamfered Cylinder	Allowed
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Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
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Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves	Prohibited
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Trigger Shoe	Prohibited
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External Trigger Stop	Prohibited
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Thumb Rest	Prohibited
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Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75")	Prohibited
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Tape on the stock/grip	Prohibited
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Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand	Prohibited
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Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
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Caliber / Ammunition: Must be from a licensed manufacturer, new issue, round nose or semi-wadcutter ammunition.

OFF DUTY REVOLVER**Rule 3.5**

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Off Duty Revolvers.

Firearm / Caliber: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition.

Barrel Length Maximum	2.75 Inches
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Trigger Pull Minimum - Single Action	2.5 Pounds
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Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights	Allowed
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Ramp or post front sight as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm	Allowed
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Chamfered Cylinder	Allowed
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Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
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Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves	Prohibited
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Trigger Shoes	Prohibited
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External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
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Thumb Rest	Prohibited
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Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75")	Prohibited
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Tape on the stock/grip	Prohibited
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Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand	Prohibited
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Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
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Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.

OPEN CLASS SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL**Rule 3.6**

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistols.

Firearm / Caliber: Center-fire pistols of .35 caliber or larger. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action except at the 50 yard line.

Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
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Trigger Pull Minimum Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
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Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
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Sight Guards which do NOT extend rearward more than 2 inches	Allowed
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Extended Magazine Well Funnel	Allowed
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Magazine Bumper Pad	Allowed
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External Trigger Stops	Allowed
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Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used

DISTINGUISHED SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL Rule 3.7

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols.

Firearm / Caliber: Factory manufactured (catalog item) center-fire semi-automatic pistol capable of chambering and firing .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition. All double action semi-automatic pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action except at the 50 yard line.

Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum Single or Double Action.	3.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
Open Sights, from any Manufacturer	Allowed
Extended Magazine Well Funnel	Allowed
Magazine Bumper Pads	Allowed
Finger Groove and Slip on Grips	Allowed
Any accessories, parts, or components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer of the pistol.	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Full-length Bo-mar type rib on the slide	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/Stocks that are flared at the base	Prohibited
Tape on the grip/stock	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock or hand	Prohibited
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited

Caliber / Ammunition: Must be from a licensed manufacturer, new issue, full metal jacket, semi-wadcutter, jacketed soft point, or hollow point.

STOCK SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL**Rule 3.8**

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Stock Semi-Automatic Pistols.

Firearm / Caliber: Factory manufactured (catalog item), center-fire semi-automatic pistol with duty sights capable of chambering and firing .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition. All double action pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action.

Barrel Length Maximum	5.5 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum: Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	7.5 Inches
Any accessories, parts, or components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer	Allowed
Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights.	Allowed
Magazine bumper pads	Allowed
Extended magazine well funnel	Allowed
Finger groove and slip on grips	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Full-length Bo-mar type rib on the slide	Prohibited
Trigger Shoe	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/stocks that are flared at the base.	Prohibited
Tape on the grip/stock	Prohibited
Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock or hand	Prohibited
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited

Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. **No wadcutter ammunition allowed.**

SECTION 19

NATIONAL POLICE PISTOL COMBAT CLASSIFICATION

19.17.1: Reclassification During the National Police Shooting Championships - Deleted

APPENDIX SECTION

National Police Shooting Championships Shotgun Match

The following is provided as reference for competitors attending the annual National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) and desire to participate in the Police Shotgun Match. As with any tournament, the NPSC Official Tournament Program will set forth the Conditions and Course of Fire for the match and must be checked by competitors.

Firearm: Shotgun must be factory manufactured, 12 gauge, barrel length not to exceed 22 1/4 inches, metallic sights only, and no modifications. Barrel is to be cylinder or improved cylinder bore; constriction at the choke may not exceed 0.0149. No back boring is allowed. Shotgun barrels will be checked for choke and inspected. All safety devices provided by the manufacturer must function as designed.

Shotgun may be equipped with a sling but it cannot have sling cuffs or other devices that attach to the arm. Sling may only be used during Stage 4.

Sights: Metallic Sights Only.

Ammunition: Provided by the NRA or by competitor. Ammunition must be 12-gauge, 00 lead Buckshot with nine pellets per shell, and 1 ounce rifled slugs. Ammunition will be inspected and a sample shell may be required for disassembly and examination. Reloaded or sabot ammunition will not be allowed.

Scoring: Competitor scoring will be used.

Each Buck Shot round hit within the 7 Ring of the B-27 target counts 5 points.

Rifled slug hits are be scored by using the B-27 target face value scoring rings.

Tie Breaking: Stage 3 (the rifled slug target); then Stage 2 (the buck shot target). If a tie remains, it will be broken by: Highest number of X's on the 50 yard target, then highest number of X's on the 25 yard target, then by the fewest misses in the match, then by the fewest number of shots of the lowest value in that match, then by the fewest number of shots of the next lower value in that match, then repeat the above procedure on the 50 yard target, then on the 25 yard target. If the tie can still not be broken Rule 15.11 will be utilized.

Course of Fire: NRA Law Enforcement Shotgun Course, as follows:

Stage 1: 15 yards from the hip or shoulder, 5 rounds of 12 gauge nine pellet 00 buckshot, fired at four B-27 targets in 10 seconds. Fire one round at three of the targets and two rounds at one target of choice. Gun stock must be held under the arm until targets start to turn. Gun may then be brought to the shoulder, or fired from the underarm position.

OFF DUTY SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL Rule 3.9

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Off Duty Semi-Automatic Pistols.

Firearm / Caliber: A stock factory manufactured (catalog item) semi-automatic center-fire pistol suitable for off duty concealed carry, chambered for and capable of firing .380 caliber ammunition or larger. All double action pistols must fire the first shot of every match or stage double action.

Barrel Length Maximum	3.65 Inches
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Trigger Pull Minimum: Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
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Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights	Allowed
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Magazine bumper pads	Allowed
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Extended magazine well funnel	Allowed
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Finger groove and slip on grips	Allowed
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Magazine grip extensions, if when installed, add no more than one finger width to the overall length of the magazine when inserted	Allowed
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Extended magazines, if no more than one finger width of the magazine is exposed when the magazine is inserted	Allowed
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Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
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Bo-Mar type ribs on the slide	Prohibited
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Thumb Rest	Prohibited
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External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
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Trigger shoe	Prohibited
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Tape on the grip/stock	Prohibited
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Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock, or hand.	Prohibited
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Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited
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Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. No wadcutter ammunition allowed.

Stage 2: 20 yards, from the shoulder, 5 rounds of 12 gauge nine pellet 00 buckshot fired at four B-27 targets in 5 seconds. Fire one round at three of the targets and two rounds at one target of choice. Gun may be placed against the shoulder before targets start to turn.

Stage 3: 25 yards, from the shoulder, 5 rounds of rifled slugs fired at one B-27 target in 10 seconds. Gun must be held under the arm until target start to turn.

Stage 4: 50 yards, from the shoulder, in either the kneeling or standing position, 5 rounds of rifled slugs fired at one B-27 target in 60 seconds. Gun stock must be held under the arm until target start to turn. Sling may be used but it cannot be wrapped around the arm, or otherwise attached in any manner to the competitor's body until after the targets start to turn.