



NRA Law Enforcement Competitions

Police Pistol Combat Program Bulletin

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**ISSUE:** To enhance manual operation of the slide on stock semi-automatic pistols can pieces of anti-slip abrasive tape be placed on the front and/or rear sides of the slide on semi-automatic pistols that are approved for Police Pistol Combat Stock Service Semi-Automatic Matches, Off Duty Semi-Automatic Matches and Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches ?

*Examples*



*Anti-slip tape panels on a stock Springfield XD without cocking serrations.*



*Laser cut anti-slip tape panel on a stock off duty Ruger LCP.*



*Commercially produced laser cut anti-slip panels on a XD Blue Gun sample.*



*Anti-slip tape applied between rear cocking serrations*

*Anti-slip tape panel on front sides of a Glock slide.*



*Anti-slip tape panel on rear sides of slide.*



**FINDING:** Anti-slip tape CANNOT be applied to the front or rear sides of semi-automatic pistol slides on pistols used for Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches, Off Duty Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches or Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches because it is an External Modification. Rule 3.1 governing ALL PPC firearms prohibits any External Modification unless specifically allowed within the rule for the specific firearm category. There is no exception for applying anti-slip tape to the sides of these semi-automatic pistol slides in any of the applicable Police Pistol Combat Rules.

**APPLICABLE RULES:** Rule 3.1 governing all pistols, Rule 3.7 covering Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistols, Rule 3.9 covering Off Duty Semi-Automatic Pistols and Rule 3.5 governing Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols of the 2012 Edition of the NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book.

**The NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book is available for free in printable rule Book format at: [www.nrahq.org/law/competitions](http://www.nrahq.org/law/competitions).**

**3.1 All Firearms:** With respect to Sections 3.2 through 3.9 and in addition to the firearm specific regulations below, the following features are either allowed or prohibited on all handguns used in Police Pistol Combat Tournaments.

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.

**3.7 Stock Service 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, provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.
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.
10. Smith & Wesson Model PPC9 Pistols.

**3.9 Off Duty Semi-Automatic 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, provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.
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 grip/stock or hand.
5. Bo-Mar style ribs on the slide.
6. Weighted grips or grip panels.
7. Trigger shoes.
8. External trigger stops.

**3.5 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, provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.
4. Maximum sight radius of 8.5 inches.
5. Finger groove and slip on grips.
6. Extended magazine well funnel.
7. Magazine bumper pads.
8. Smith & Wesson PPC9 Pistols

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 or grip panels.
8. External trigger stops.