



NRA Law Enforcement Competitions

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| Topic | Stock Service Semi-Automatic |
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ISSUE:

1. Do the stock catalog Tactical 5.0 and Tactical 4.0 pistols produced by STI International meet the specifications for use in NRA Police Pistol Combat Tournament Stock Service Semi-Automatic Matches ?
2. Can the stock fixed sights be changed ?
3. Does the pistol meet the requirements for use in NRA Tactical Police Competitions ?



FINDING:

1. In its original stock form, the factory stock produced STI International Tactical 5.0 and 4.0 model pistols meet the specifications for pistols used in NRA Police Pistol Combat Stock Service Semi-Automatic Matches and can be used in these matches.

In its original factory stock form, the pistol can also be used in Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches and Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches.

2. Changing Sights: The stock sights may be replaced with other fixed or adjustable rear service type sights provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation. Service type sights also include luminescent service sights, and fiber optic service sights. The STI Adjustable (Bomar style) and the STI Tactical Adjustable sights can be used if they do not require alteration of the slide to fit in the existing dovetail cuts and the 7.5" sight radius maximum is maintained. Other examples of approved Service Sights for Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistols can be found in Police Pistol Combat Bulletin 10-3.
3. In its original stock form, the factory stock produced STI International Tactical 5.0 and 4.0 model pistols meet the specifications for pistols used in NRA Tactical Police Competitions. The exterior may not be altered. The optional STI 2011 Tactical Magwell option is allowed but the full size STI 2011 Magwell is not. For more details see the on-line NRA Tactical Police Competition Standards.

NOTE: Each competitor is responsible for their firearm, and being aware that any changes made to the pistol from original specifications may affect the eligibility of the pistol. Any changes or features which may be questionable should be submitted to NRA Law Enforcement Competitions (LEcompetitions@nrahq.org). All standard safety features of the pistol must operate properly.

APPLICABLE RULES: Police Pistol Combat Rule Book Sections 3.1 and 3.7

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.

Rule & Firearm Comparison / STI Tactical 5.0 and 4.0

Specification comparisons were made with the stock models shown on the STI website catalog. Unless allowed in Rule 3.1 or 3.7, exterior modifications from stock configuration are not allowed, even if made by the factory. These can include certain magazine wells, oversize magazine release buttons, hammer changes, swapping slides, and trigger changes.

RULE SECTION 3.7 – STOCK SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOLS

| In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Stock Semi-Automatic Pistols. | | STI Tactical 5.0 & 4.0 | Compliant Yes / No |
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| Factory manufactured Stock Catalog Item (numerous stock sellers were located) | | Catalog Item | Yes |
| Center-fire semi-automatic pistol | | Center Fire Semi-Automatic | Yes |
| Duty Type Sights | | STI Ramped Front / Novak Style Fixed Rear | Yes |
| Caliber: .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition | | 9mm, .40S&W or .45ACP | Yes |
| Barrel Length Maximum | 5.5 Inches | 5.0 = 5.01" 4.0 = 4.26" | Yes |
| Trigger Pull Minimum: Single or Double Action | 3.5 Pounds | 4-5 Pounds | Yes |
| Sight Radius Maximum | 7.5 Inches | Shooter's Sight Selection Must Ensure Compliance | Yes |
| Any accessories, parts, or components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer. | | N/A | Yes |
| Sights: Service Sights. May be replaced with other service type sights, including luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights, provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation. | | Shooter Must Ensure Compliance | Yes |
| Magazine bumper pads | Allowed | N/A | Yes |
| Extended magazine well funnel | Allowed | N/A | Yes |
| Finger groove and slip on grips | Allowed | N/A | Yes |
| Adjustable Front Sight | Prohibited | Fixed Front Sight | Yes |
| Full-length Bo-mar type rib on the slide | Prohibited | No | Yes |
| Trigger shoe | Prohibited | No | Yes |
| Thumb Rest | Prohibited | No | Yes |
| External Trigger Stop | Prohibited | No | Yes |
| Grips/stocks that are flared at the base | Prohibited | No | Yes |