



NRA Law Enforcement Competitions

## Police Pistol Combat Program Bulletin

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<b>Rule</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols</b>
<b>Sub-Topic</b>	<b>Springfield Model PC9803</b>
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**ISSUE:** Is the Springfield Loaded Long Slide Stainless PC9803 model approved for use in NRA Police Pistol Combat Distinguished Semi-Automatic Matches?

**FINDING:** Approved. In the configuration shown in the Springfield Armory on-line catalog<sup>1</sup>, the Springfield Model PC9803 long slide bull barrel model meets the specifications for NRA Police Pistol Combat Distinguished Semi-Automatic matches.



**APPLICABLE RULE:** Rule 3.1 governing ALL firearms and Rule 3.7 governing Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols of the 2011 Edition of the NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book.

**Rule 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.**

<sup>1</sup> At the time of this Bulletin, the Springfield Armory on-line catalog internet address for this firearm was <http://www.springfield-armory.com/armory.php?version=17> This pistol is not yet in the full on-line PDF catalog.

***Rule Section 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 8.5 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 grips/stocks.***
- 5. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the grips/stocks or hand.***
- 6. Full-length Bo-Mar type ribs on the slide.***
- 7. Weighted grips/grip panels.***
- 8. External trigger stops.***

**RESEARCH FINDINGS:** This pistol was recently added to Springfield Armory's on-line internet catalog and mirrors the PX9628LP Model that is in .45 ACP caliber. The on-line catalog provides the following information for the Springfield Loaded Long Slide Stainless PC9803 model. The listed technical specifications listed are found in the below Rule & Firearm Comparison Chart. Springfield Armory was contacted for the sight radius measurement.

**All Springfield Armory® Loaded 1911-A1 pistols include all the modern-day improvements that used to be performed only by custom gunsmiths. These features include: Precision-fit forged frames, slides and barrels, front and rear cocking serrations, flat, serrated mainspring housing, lowered and flared ejection port, delta lightweight hammer, loaded chamber indicator, titanium firing pin, Carry Bevel™ Treatment, ambidextrous thumb safety, High-Hand™ Beavertail Grip Safety, dovetail front sight, premium fixed or adjustable rear sights (many with tritium inserts), Torx™-head grip screws and lightweight, adjustable speed trigger.**

## Rule & Firearm Comparison / Springfield Model PC9803

<b>RULE SECTION 3.1 - ALL POLICE PISTOL COMBAT FIREARMS</b>			
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.		<b>Springfield Model PC9803</b>	<b>Compliant Yes / No</b>
Action work to make a crisper and/or smoother trigger pull	Allowed	Yes	<b>Yes</b>
Fixed or adjustable sights	Allowed	Adjustable Rear Sight – Fixed Front Sight	<b>Yes</b>
Internal modifications that would render the firearm less safe than originally designed by the manufacturer	Prohibited	N/A	<b>Yes</b>
Front sight extending beyond muzzle	Prohibited	N/A	<b>Yes</b>
Compensators, barrel venting, or barrel porting	Prohibited	N/A	<b>Yes</b>
<b>RULE SECTION 3.7 - DISTINGUISHED SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOLS</b>			
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols.		<b>Springfield Model PC9803</b>	<b>Compliant Yes / No</b>
Factory manufactured (catalog item)		Catalog Item	<b>Yes</b>
Center-fire semi-automatic pistol		Center Fire Semi-Automatic	<b>Yes</b>
Caliber: .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition		9mm	<b>Yes</b>
Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches	6 Inch Stainless Steel Bull	<b>Yes</b>
Trigger Pull Minimum Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds	5 to 6 Pounds	<b>Yes</b>
Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches	7.625 Inches	<b>Yes</b>
Open Sights, from any Manufacturer	Allowed	Open Sights	<b>Yes</b>
Extended Magazine Well Funnel	Allowed	N/A	<b>Yes</b>
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited	Dovetail Fixed Front Sight	<b>Yes</b>
Full-length Bo-mar type rib on the slide	Prohibited	N/A	<b>Yes</b>
Thumb Rest	Prohibited	N/A	<b>Yes</b>
Grip/Stock that is flared at the base	Prohibited	No	<b>Yes</b>
Weighted grip/stock	Prohibited	No	<b>Yes</b>