2020 Montana PPC Season

NRA Police Pistol Combat Tournement Announcement

The Montana PPC league is conducting a NRA Approved Police Pistol Combat Tournament at the Toole County Range. We will be offering the NRA Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Match, Open Class Revolver Match, and the following Duty Gun Division Matches: Production Pistol, Production Duty Optic, Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol and Stock Service Revolver.

You do NOT need any fancy gear or guns to start shooting these matches. Just bring your duty handgun, four magazines, holster & magazine pouch. There is nothing to memorize, the course will be announced as you shoot just like the stages during a qualification and fellow officers will gladly help you out. You can even use your stock duty gun to fire the Open Class Division matches to get started and see how challenging and fun these matches are.

Date: **March 6th** **April 11th** **May 9th** **June 13th**
July 18th **August 15th** **September 11th**

Location: Toole County Reservist Range
Sweetgrass, MT

Point of Contact: Please contact Adam Kovatch at **586-722-4931**.

Governing Rules: Current NRA Police Pistol Combat Rules will govern throughout the Tournaments. All competitors are encouraged to review the current PPC rules. The NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book is available on-line at **ppc.nra.org**.

Eligibility: Open to any eligible law enforcement member as outlined in Police Pistol Combat Rule Section 2.4. These include active and retired Law Enforcement Officers, and full time Police Firearms Instructors, Transit Police, Penal Institution Guards, Industrial Police which includes Bank Guards and Armored and Express Company Guards, and Military Police. Federal Flight Deck Officers who hold valid certifications are also eligible.

NRA Membership is not required for any NRA competitions but is encouraged. A special law enforcement discount form for NRA Membership and Renewal will be available at check in.

Registration: Registrations will be done onsite. Please complete the Registration Form on the last page and bring it with you to speed the registration process. Please make sure you arrive at least 30 minutes before your first Match Start Time to get Registered.

All competitors MUST present the following items during Registration:

1. Valid Department or Agency Identification
2. Current Classification Card or current Temporary Classification Book unless they have not fired in a PPC Tournament before.

Tournament Fees: *Includes NRA Match Fees Where Applicable*

- Registration Fee $ 5.00
- NRA Open Class Revolver Matches 1 thru 5 $ 10.00
- NRA Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches 8 thru 12 $ 10.00
- NRA Duty Gun Division Match $ 5.00

Production Pistol, Production Duty Optic, Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol, or Stock Service Revolver

Classification: Competitors will be entered using their current NRA Police Pistol Combat Classification of High Master, Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, Marksman, or Classified. Competitors with expired Classifications, new shooters with no Classification, or those without a Temporary Record Score Book will be registered in the High Master Class as required by PPC Rule 19.2.

Competitors may check their current NRA Classification by scanning this QR Code with Their cell phone camera or at **LEcompetitions.nra.org.**

Categories: There will be no categories used in these Tournaments.

Awards: There will be NO Awards in this Tournament.

Relay Times: Match Relays start at 0900, Open Class Division Match Relays.

Targets: Official NRA B-27 targets will be used. Competitors **MUST** bring their own staple guns and staples.

Scoring: Competitor scoring will be used. Pursuant to PPC Rule 14.2, **NO** competitor will score their own target **NOR** may a competitor score the targets of a competitor from their same agency. If this cannot be avoided due to the Relay's makeup contact a Match Official to score the targets. PPC Rules prohibit the use of plug-type scoring gauges. Overlays and Eagle Eyes may be used by competitors.

Score cards must be signed and are FINAL once signed so **PLEASE** double check the recorded hits and values BEFORE signing.

Refires: See NRA PPC Rule Section 9

Challenges: Target scoring Challenges will follow PPC Rule 16.1 with a Challenge Fee of $3.00 which will be returned to the competitor if the Challenge is upheld. The three-person jury will decide Challenges.

Result Bulletins: Final Result Bulletins will be provided following PPC Rule 11.14.

Courses of Fire:

Holsters: A conventional right or left-handed exterior belt mounted holster must be used. For safety reasons, shoulder, cross draw, IWB, or holsters which require releasing by insertion of finger within the trigger guard will not be allowed. Holsters cannot be tied down.

Time Limits: Time Limits will be announced for each stage or match with complete course instructions. Time will start with loaded gun in the holster. No part of the competitor's hand may touch the gun until the command to commence firing is given.

Firing Method: Matches or stages designated as double action must be fired double action. Matches or stages designated as single action may be fired either 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.

Loading: To force reloading under time restraints and magazines are loaded with a maximum of 6 rounds. There is no limit on the number of magazines or speedloaders you have but after initial loading all ammunition used during the firing of a stage or string MUST be on your person.

Optical Devices: No optical devices, other than normal glasses worn for corrective eyesight purposes or sunglasses are permitted on the range. This includes the use of a mechanical iris, eye patch, or eye cover. Optical, mirror, telescopic, laser beam, electronically projected dots, computerized sighting-aiming devices etc., are prohibited. Binoculars may be used by team coaches as allowed in Section 12.6.

NRA PPC Match Number Revolver Match	Semi-Automatic Pistol Match	*Course Description*
		Open Class Division Matches *150 Rounds Total*
Match 1	Match 8	Two stages of 12 shots each fired double action standing without support. First stage fired at 7 yards and second stage fired at 15 yards. Time limit is 20 seconds per stage including time to reload.
Match 2	Match 9	At 25 yards, 18 rounds fired; 6 shots kneeling; 6 shots standing left handed with support from behind left side of barricade, 6 shots standing right handed with support from behind right side of barricade, all fired double action. Time limit 90 seconds, including time to reload.
Match 3	Match 10	At 50 yards, 24 rounds fired; 6 shots sitting; 6 shots prone; 6 shots standing left handed with support from behind left side of barricade; 6 shots standing right handed with support from behind right side of barricade. All shots may be fired single or double action. Time limit 2 minutes and 45 seconds including time to reload.
Match 4	Match 11	At 25 yards, 24 rounds fired in two stages of 12 shots each fired double action, standing without support. Time limit 35 seconds for each 12-shot stage including time to reload.
Match 5	Match 12	Stage 1: 7 yards, 12 shots double action standing without support. Time limit 20 seconds including time to reload. Stage 2: 25 yards, 6 shots kneeling; 6 shots standing left handed with support from behind left side of barricade, and 6 shots standing right handed with support from behind right side of barricade. All fired double action. Time limit 90 seconds, including time to reload. *Change Targets* Stage 3: 50 yards, 6 shots sitting; 6 shots prone; 6 shots standing left handed with support from behind left side of barricade and 6 shots standing right handed with support from behind right side of barricade. All shots may be fired single or double action. Time limit 2 minutes and 45 seconds including time to reload. Stage 4: 25 yards, 6 shots double action standing without support. Time limit 12 seconds.
Match 6	Match 13	Match 6 is the Aggregate of the shooter's Open Class Revolver Match 1 through Match 5 scores with a total possible score of 1500 points. Match 13 is the Aggregate of the shooter's Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Match 8 through 12 scores with a total possible score of 1500 points.

Firearms & Ammunition Allowed: Please see NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 and the *NRA PPC rule Book Quick View Matrix* reproduced below.

	NRA Stock Service Duty Gun Division Matches *48 Rounds*
Match 14 *Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol* Match 23 *Production Pistol* Match 25 *Production Duty Optic Pistol*	NRA Stock Service Duty Gun Match Stage 1: 3 yards, 6 shots one handed standing without support in 8 seconds. Stage 2: 7 yards, 12 shots, one or two handed standing without support position. Twenty second time limit which includes required reload. *Change Targets* Stage 3: 15 yards, 12 shots, one or two handed standing without support. Twenty second time limit which includes required reload. Stage 4: 25 yards, 18 shots, one or two handed; 6 shots kneeling, from behind the right side of the barricade for cover and support; 6 shots standing left handed from behind the left side of the barricade; and 6 shots standing right handed from behind the right side of the barricade. Time limit is ninety seconds which includes the required two reloads.

NRA PPC Rule Book 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 Sections 3.2 through 3.10, 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 hand loaded or factory 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 .32 caliber or larger	
Barrel Length Maximum	6 Inches
Trigger Pull Minimum: Single Action	2.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
Sight Guards which do NOT extend rearward more than 2 inches	Allowed
External Trigger Stops	Allowed
Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75')	Prohibited
Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. Wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

OPEN CLASS SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL	Rule 3.3
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
Trigger Pull Minimum Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	8.5 Inches
Sight Guards which do NOT extend rearward more than 2 inches	Allowed
Extended Magazine Well Funnel	Allowed
Magazine Bumper Pad	Allowed
External Trigger Stops	Allowed
Caliber / Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition may be used. Wadcutter ammunition is allowed	

STOCK SERVICE REVOLVER	Rule 3.6
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
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.	Allowed
Ramp or post front sight as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm	Allowed
Chamfered Cylinder	Allowed
Adjustable Front Sight	Prohibited
Trigger Modification as to length, width, or grooves	Prohibited
Trigger Shoes	Prohibited
External Trigger Stops	Prohibited
Thumb Rest	Prohibited
Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 ¾ inches in thickness (1.75")	Prohibited
Tape on the stock/grip	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. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

NRA PPC Rule Book Quick View Firearm Matrix

STOCK SERVICE SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL Rule 3.7	
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Stock Service 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 provided such sights do not require alteration of the firearm for installation.	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
Smith & Wesson Model PPC9 Pistols	Prohibited
Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

Please remember - NO matter what APPROVED Replacement Sight is used, the sights MUST keep a Duty Gun Point of Aim/Point of Impact, not a competition set up, such as a Neck Hold, Shoulder Hold, or Head Hold. A Duty Gun Point of Aim/Point of Impact sight set up requires the sights to be aligned on the X Ring/Center Mass to obtain a Hit in the X Ring/Center Mass area. Pistols with competition sight set ups will be Disqualified, even if having already been used to fire a Match. Competitors may be required to allow their pistol to be test fired, or checked with a laser boresight to check the sight set up.

PRODUCTION PISTOLS and DISTINGUISHED PRODUCTION PISTOLS Rule 3.10	
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Production Pistols.	
Firearm / Caliber: **Approved Pistols for this Division are listed in Police Pistol Combat Bulletin 14.1 on the Law Enforcement Competitions website.** To be considered for approval the pistol must be a mass produced center-fire semi-automatic pistol made for police or military use (at least 1,000 pistols), a stock catalog item that is unmodified from its original factory condition, and have a double, double/single, or striker type action. **Double/single actions pistols must have a manual decocking device, or equipped with an automatic decocker that returns the pistol to double action mode when the slide is released.** All double/single action and double action pistols must fire the first shot of every stage double action.	
Barrel Length Maximum	5 Inches
Single Action Models	Prohibited
Trigger Pull Minimum: Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds
Sight Radius Maximum	7.5 Inches
Installation of extended magazine releases and slide catches produced by the pistol's manufacturer.	Allowed
Replacement of the factory fixed or adjustable service sights with another service type sight, luminescent service sight, or fiber optic service sight sold by the pistol's manufacturer as a factory catalog replacement part for the pistol, **or** with an approved sight listed in Police Pistol Combat Bulletin 16.1 on the NRA Law Enforcement Competitions website. In no case may the firearm be altered for any sight installation.	Allowed
Magazine bumper pads	Allowed
Finger groove and slip on grips	Allowed
Single Action Pistols	Prohibited
Custom or competition model Pistols, even if a catalog item or another version of the manufacturer's base stock model.	Prohibited
Any external change to the pistol from its original manufactured condition, including grips, extended magazine wells/funnel, trigger stops, trigger shoes, etc.	Prohibited
Changing any internal part or component with a non-original factory manufactured part.	Prohibited
Tape on the grip/stock	Prohibited
Any Substance that results in a sticky surface to the grip/stock or hand.	Prohibited
Ammunition: Either hand loaded or factory loaded ammunition. No wadcutter ammunition is allowed.	

PRODUCTION DUTY OPTIC PISTOLS	**Rule 3.10.1**
In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, and 3.10, the following specifications apply for Production Duty Optic Pistols.	
Firearm / Caliber: Pistols meeting the specifications for Production Pistols in Section 3.10 and are listed as Approved in Police Pistol Combat Bulletin 14.1 may be equipped with an Approved non-magnified optic suitable for duty use. **The Duty Optic must be listed as Approved by NRA Law Enforcement Competitions in Police Pistol Combat Bullet 19.1 on the Law Enforcement Competitions website.** To be considered for approval, Duty Optics must mount <u>without any modification</u> to the handgun as originally manufactured. Swapping the original slide to an aftermarket slide with optic mount cuts is <u>not</u> allowed since the handgun is no longer as originally manufactured. The pistol should have co-witnessed front and rear sights, but the rear sight may be removed to mount the Duty Optic or to use a Stock Optic Ready Plate.	
All Other Specifications are the same as Production Pistols	

Make sure your Duty Optic is listed as approved in online Police Pistol Combat Bulletin 19-1.

To check, use your smart phone camera to scan this Quick Reader Code.

Once on the PPC page, scroll down to see the PPC Bulletins.

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NRA POLICE PISTOL COMBAT TOURNEMENT

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration will be done onsite. Please complete this form and bring it with you to the Tournament to speed the Registration process.

Please make sure you arrive at least 30 minutes before your first Match Start Time to get Registered and get your gear ready for your matches.

Remember to bring your Valid Department or Agency Identification and your current NRA PPC Classification Card or current Temporary Classification Book unless you have not fired in a PPC Tournament before.

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:_____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip Code*

AGENCY: _____

NRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER or NRA ASSIGNED COMPETITOR NUMBER: _____
N/A if you do not have one.

Please CIRCLE your NRA Police Pistol Combat assigned Classifications

Open Class Revolver Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Duty Gun Revolver Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Duty Gun Semi-Automatic Pistol Classification: HM MA EX SS MK CL UNCLASSIFIED

Please check the Matches you wish to Register For

- ❒ **NRA Open Class Division Revolver Matches 1 thru 5** **$ 10.00**
- ❒ **NRA Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches 8 thru 12** **$ 10.00**
- ❒ **NRA Duty Gun Division Match** **$ 5.00**
  Production Pistol, Production Duty Optic, Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol, or Stock Service Revolver