



NRA Law Enforcement Competitions

**Police Pistol Combat Program Bulletin**

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<b>Rule</b>	<b>3.7 &amp; 3.1</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols</b>
<b>Sub-Topic</b>	<b>Trigger Stops / External Modifications</b>
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**ISSUE:** Trigger Stops are prohibited on pistols used in Police Pistol Combat Distinguished Semi-Automatic Matches. On a pistol equipped with a Trigger Stop from the factory that is otherwise eligible, can the Trigger Stop simply be removed to make the pistol eligible ? An example is the Tanfoglio Gold Match pistol made by Fratelli Tanfoglio of Italy and marketed worldwide.



**FINDING:** Since the Trigger Stop is part of the standard factory catalog item features for the pistol, removing it from the trigger would be making an External Modification. External Modifications are prohibited by Rule Section 3.1 that states that “Any external modifications, except those allowed within each rule.” is prohibited. Section 3.7, covering Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistols, makes no such exception.



However, Section 3.7 does allow “Any accessories, parts, and components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer.” If Tanfoglio, or another company, makes the same trigger without the Trigger Stop and mounting hole and it is “manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer” the original trigger with the Trigger Stop could be replaced with the non-Trigger Stop version trigger.

**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.

**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 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.*

**3.7 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.*