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ISSUE: As produced from the factory, is the Smith & Wesson Model 952 pistol with the 5 inch barrel that is currently produced eligible for Police Pistol Combat Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Matches?



FINDING: As produced by the factory, the catalog offered Smith & Wesson Model 952 pistol meets the eligibility specifications for Stock Semi-Automatic Pistols and is allowed for use in NRA Police Pistol Combat Tournaments.

Competitors are responsible for ensuring that the trigger pull meets specifications and that any other changes to their handgun are compliant.

APPLICABLE RULES: Rule 3.1 governing all pistols and Rule Section 3.8 covering Stock Semi-Automatic Pistols of the 2011 Edition of the NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book.

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.

3.8 Stock 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.
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.

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RULE SECTION 3.1 - ALL POLICE PISTOL COMBAT FIREARMS			
		Smith & Wesson Model 952	Compliant Yes / No
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.			
Action work to make a crisper and/or smoother trigger pull	Allowed	Yes	Yes
Fixed or adjustable sights	Allowed	Adjustable Rear Sight – Fixed Front Sight	Yes
Internal modifications that would render the firearm less safe than originally designed by the manufacturer	Prohibited	No	Yes
Front sight extending beyond muzzle	Prohibited	Does Not	Yes

RULE SECTION 3.8 – STOCK SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOLS

In addition to the specifications within Section 3.1, the following specifications apply for Stock Semi-Automatic Pistols.		Smith & Wesson Model 952	Compliant Yes / No
Factory manufactured (catalog item)		Catalog Item	¹ Yes
Center-fire semi-automatic pistol		Center Fire Semi-Automatic	Yes
Duty Type Sights		Post Front & Adjustable Rear	² Yes
Caliber: .35 caliber or larger ammunition, or FN 5.7 x 28 caliber ammunition		9mm or .40 S&W	Yes
Barrel Length Maximum	5.5 Inches	5 Inches	Yes
Trigger Pull Minimum: Single or Double Action	3.5 Pounds	Not Published	³ Conditional
Sight Radius Maximum	7.5 Inches	Not Published Example Model had a 7 Inch Radius	⁴ Yes
Any accessories, parts, or components which are manufactured to duplicate, in materials and dimensions, the original as offered by the manufacturer	Allowed	N/A	Yes
Replacement of service type sights with other service type sights, luminescent service sights, or fiber optic service sights.	Allowed	N/A	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	No	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 Stops	Prohibited	No	Yes
Grips/stocks that are flared at the base	Prohibited	No	Yes

¹ CATALOG ITEM NOTE: In addition to the factory catalog, the pistol was found for sale as a factory new item at numerous on-line commercial firearm retailers.

² REAR SIGHT: The current catalog S&W Model 952 shows a Wilson Combat adjustable sight that has been approved for Stock Semi-Automatic Pistols in PPC Program Bulletin 10-3 concerning approved sights for Stock Semi-Automatic Pistols. The Smith & Wesson low profile adjustable sight was also approved in PPC Bulletin 10-3.



Use of other un-approved Stock Semi-Automatic sights, such as the Aristocrat Tri-Set or Screw Set RS-45 and TS-45 Competition Sights are not allowed and would make the pistol ineligible.



³ TRIGGER PULL: The trigger pull for the catalog Smith & Wesson Model 952 is not published. Only catalog pistols which have a trigger pull of 3.5 pounds or greater are approved.

⁴ SIGHT RADIUS: Smith & Wesson does not list the Sight Radius in their catalog. A check of an example model had a Sight Radius of compliant radius of 7 inches. Competitors need to check their pistol and are responsible for compliance.