

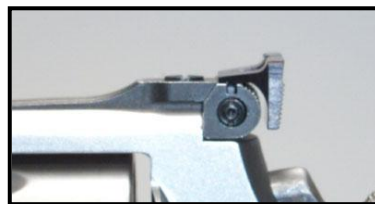
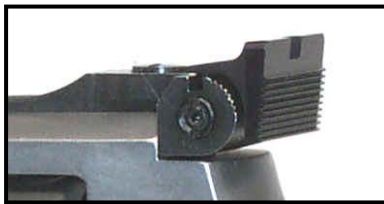


NRA Law Enforcement Competitions

Police Pistol Combat Program Bulletin

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Rule	3.1, 3.6 & 3.8
Topic	Stock Service Revolvers and Off Duty Revolvers
Sub-Topic	Weigand After Market Sight Blade
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ISSUE: Can the original rear sight blade on Smith and Wesson Revolvers that are eligible for use in the Duty Gun Division for Stock Service Revolver and Stock Off Duty matches be replaced with the Weigand Combat Handgun *Enhanced Rear Sight Blade for Smith & Wesson Revolvers*?



Weigand Combat Handgun Enhanced Rear Sight Blade



Example Smith & Wesson Sights

REFERENCE MATERIAL USED:

- Specifications, photos and information from the Weigand Combat Handguns internet site at http://www.jackweigand.com/smith_wesson_rear_blade.html.
- Information provided by Mr. Jack Weigand
- Review of NRA Referee Opinions

FINDING: Since the Weigand Combat Handgun *Enhanced Sight Blade for Smith & Wesson Revolvers* requires no alteration of the firearm or of the original sight, is not manufactured or marketed exclusively as a competition sight, and the sight remains a duty service type sight after blade installation, it can be used in Duty Gun Division Stock Service Revolver and Off Duty Revolver matches.

While not part of the original review request, it is also eligible for use on Open Class Division matches on Distinguished Revolvers and Open Class Revolvers.

APPLICABLE RULES: The 2013 Edition of the NRA Police Pistol Combat Rule Book Applies.

Rule Section 3.1: Governing ALL firearms

Rule Section 3.6: Stock Service Revolvers

Rule Section 3.8: Off Duty Revolvers

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.

Firearm Specifications Waiver:

1. A competitor may file a request for a Firearm Specifications Waiver with NRA Law Enforcement Competitions asking that a firearm be allowed even though it does not meet the required specifications.
2. Firearm Specifications Waivers are only issued in cases where a firearm has to be repaired and original compliant parts are not available, or the firearm had to be slightly altered from its original condition to be operational. No approval will be given if the alteration gives the competitor an unfair advantage.

Examples include:

- a. A pistol was damaged by extreme heat in a fire and the slide is no longer safe to use. A firearm Specifications Waiver could be requested to replace the slide with a duplicate slide, either from the original manufacturer, or other vendor that produces a matching slide.
- b. The fixed post sight on a revolver or semi-automatic pistol is damaged, loose, or otherwise needs to be replaced. A Firearm Specifications Waiver could be requested to remove the fixed sight, mill a dovetail sight slot, and replace the sight with a sight the same height as the original.
- c. The red insert of a revolver front sight repeatedly falls out and the competitor requested to remove the insert sight and replace it with a sight the same height.
3. If approved, the requester will be issued a Firearm Specifications Waiver card by NRA Law Enforcement Competitions that must be presented to the appropriate Tournament Official when using the firearm. The card lists the firearm's serial number, the specific changes that have been allowed, what matches it is approved for, and any other necessary information.
4. The approval of a Firearm Specifications Waiver is not a subject to Protest.

3.6 Stock Service Revolver: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition.

Allowed:

1. Barrel length up to 4 inches.
2. The front sight being a ramp or post as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm.
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. Chamfered cylinders.

Prohibited:

1. Weighted grips or grip panels.

2. Adjustable front sight.
3. Trigger shoes.
4. External trigger stops.
5. Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves.
6. Tape on the stock/grip.
7. Thumb rest.
8. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the stock/grip or hand.
9. Grips/Stocks that when measured from side-to-side at the base are greater than 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in thickness (1.75").

3.8 Off Duty Revolver: A factory manufactured (catalog item) revolver capable of chambering and firing .38 Special ammunition.

Allowed:

1. Maximum barrel length of 2.75 inches.
2. The front sight being a ramp or post as sold by the manufacturer of the firearm.
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. Chamfered cylinders.

Prohibited:

1. Weighted grips or grip panels.
2. Adjustable front sight.
3. Trigger shoes.
4. External trigger stops.
5. Trigger modification as to length, width, or grooves.
6. Tape on the stock/grip.
7. Thumb rest.
8. Any substance that results in a sticky surface to the stock or hand.
9. Grips/Stocks that when measured at the base from side-to-side are greater than 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in thickness (1.75").