



## CMP COMPETITION RULES FAQ'S

**Question:** *Does the dovetailed cut front sight found on the Rock River Arms National Match Hardball model pistol comply with CMP rules?*

**Answer:** The dovetail cut sight is legal if the cross-dovetail front sight insert is milled to conform to the smooth arc shape of the slide. The slide must have the same external dimensions as the Service Pistols allowed in CMP sanctioned competitions. CMP Rule 6.3.1 (3) states: "Open sights only with a non-adjustable front sight. The rear sight may be adjustable and must have an open "U" or rectangular notch." CMP Rule 6.3.2 (2) states: "external alterations, additions, or changes to the appearance of configuration of the assembled arm are prohibited."

**Question:** *Are the "Series 80" hammers with the half cock notch that are installed on .45 caliber service pistols legal for CMP Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) matches?*

**Answer:** The Colt Series 80 hammer with the modified half cock notch is legal if the built in firing pin block is operational. CMP Rule 6.3.2 (4) states: "All safety features must remain in place and operate properly." The half-cock notch is not meant to be a safety mechanism; the firing pin block is the safety mechanism that must be in place and functioning properly.

**Question:** *Can a 10 round magazine be used with the 5.56 rifle?*

**Answer:** A 10 round magazine can be used with the 5.56 rifle if it has the same outside dimensions, size, shape etc. as the service issue 20-round magazine.

**Question:** *Is the 10 round magazine that was included with the CMP AR-15 type Bushmaster rifle legal for CMP Competitions?*

**Answer:** The 10 round magazine that was included with the CMP AR-15 type Bushmaster rifle is not legal for CMP matches because it does not have the same configuration as the service type magazines. The Bushmaster magazine has a bend in the middle.

**Question:** *There are several commercial .45 cal. pistols that are advertised or sold as pistols that are legal for use in CMP EIC (Leg) Matches (Les Baer Custom, Caspian Arms, etc.) where the curve on the frame formed by the fore strap and lower line of the trigger guard has a much smaller radius than the same curve on the M1911 Government model pistol. Are these pistols legal for CMP EIC Matches?*

**Answer:** Yes, these pistols are legal for CMP EIC Matches. The CMP received several current inquiries on this issue and learned of at least one Match Referee who recently ruled that these pistols are illegal on the basis of **CMP Competition Rule 6.3.2 (3)**, which states, “*All other external alterations, additions or changes to the appearance or configuration of the assembled arm are prohibited.*” After considerable research, the CMP was able to obtain a copy of a letter issued by the Office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship in 1994 that approved these frames. Copies of the letter, unfortunately, were not left in files turned over to the CMP when it was privatized in 1996 and the 1994 ruling was never incorporated into AR 920-30 that became the basis for the first edition of the **CMP Competition Rules**. To resolve this issue, the CMP Program Committee has just issued a ruling confirming the legality of pistol frames with smaller radius curves at the junction of the fore strap and trigger guard. While the CMP recognizes that this design is a variation from the M1911 Government pistol frame, it concluded that a variation that has been officially permitted at least since 1994 and, which was incorporated into many commercial .45 cal. hardball pistols that have been in widespread use in CMP EIC Matches, cannot be eliminated from competition now after so many years of acceptance. These pistols are legal; a change reflecting this ruling will most likely be incorporated in **Rule 6.3.2** in the next edition of the **CMP Competition Rules**.