

Appendix C- Carry Optics

1.1.1 Carry Optics Division

1.1.2 Handguns permitted for use in CO must:

- A. Comply with any IDPA pistol division before the optic is installed.
- B. Be semi-automatic
- C. Be double action, double action only, single action or striker fired
- D. Use 9 mm (9x19) or larger cartridges.
- E. Weigh 45.00 oz or less unloaded, with the heaviest magazine inserted.
- F. Fit in the IDPA CO gun test box* measuring 8 ¼" x 6" x 1 5/8" with the largest magazine inserted.

1.1.1.1 Start Condition

- A. Selective DA/SA firearms will start hammer down.
- B. Firearms with a hammer de-cocking lever or button will have their hammer de-cocked using the lever or button.
- C. If the hammer must be lowered by pulling the trigger and manually lowering the hammer, the hammer will be lowered to the lowest position possible.
- D. Manual safeties must be used for single action firearms with external safeties.

1.1.1.2 CO Permitted Modifications (Inclusive list):

- A. Optical/electronic sights REQUIRED; must be attached directly to slide between rear of slide and ejection port, and may not be mounted to the frame in any way.
- B. Replacement grip panels are allowed provided they do not extend below the butt of the gun to form a make-shift magwell. Grip modifications such as, but not limited to, undercutting/smoothing the trigger guard, adding or removing finger grooves, or adding stippling, a slip-on sock, grip tape, or checkering are specifically allowed.
- C. Magazine releases, slide stops, safety levers, de-cocking levers, hammers, and triggers, that are stock on one SSP legal firearm may be used on another CO legal firearm from the same manufacturer provided they are drop in replacements. Parts in this list must come factory installed on standard production firearms. Special parts that are available installed only from a factory custom shop are not eligible in CO.
- D. Recoil spring guide rods and dual spring recoil systems made of material that is no heavier than stainless steel.
- E. Frames may be replaced with identical frames from the same manufacturer.
- F. Internal action work may be used to enhance trigger pull as long as safety is maintained (no visible external modifications allowed).
- G. Internal reliability work.
- H. Aftermarket extractors and pins may be used.
- I. Internal accuracy work.
- J. Replacement of barrel with one of factory configuration that uses the original cartridge.
- K. Plastic plugs may be used to fill the opening behind the magazine well.
- L. Custom finishes may be applied.
- M. Stock slide cover plates may be refinished.
- N. Slides may be engraved. Engraving is defined as etching into the slide of logos, letters, and graphics no deeper than the original factory logos.

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- O. Aftermarket magazines may be used provided they do not weigh more than 1.00 oz. over the same capacity factory magazine.
- P. Aftermarket magazine base pads may be used provided they do not make the magazine weight more than 1.00 oz. over the same capacity factory magazine.
- Q. Magazine base pads may be modified by reshaping, texturing, or adding bumper pads provided that they do not make the magazine weigh more than 1.00 oz. over the same capacity factory magazine.
- R. Magazines that are longer than stock may be used provided they meet all other division requirements.
- S. Magazine wells.

1.1.1.3 CO Excluded Modifications (Non-Inclusive list):

- A. A barrel that uses a different cartridge that is not offered in the original factory model.
- B. Disabling the slide stop.

1.2 IDPA CO Gun Test Box*

- A. Test boxes modified by opening the side of the box opposite of the hinges to allow the optic to protrude outside the normal dimensions of the box. This is accomplished by measuring 1" inside both corners and cutting away 7" to create an opening that continues to fit standard pistol and carry optic firearms with an empty magazine inserted and allow the lid to completely close.



- B. When testing pistol, only the optic may protrude from the box when the lid is closed.



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1.3 Provisional classification for Carry Optics

- A. Competitors shall use their highest classification in any IDPA division when competing in matches that recognize Carry Optics as a division.

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