

Overview of Precision Pistol (Bullseye) Competition

Competition grade target pistols are used in the NRA Precision Pistol matches, tournaments and championships and the Civilian Marksmanship Program's Service Pistol disciplines. A Precision Pistol competition grade target pistol is usually evaluated by its ability to hold a 3" or smaller 10-shot group at 50 yards. The NRA and CMP both sponsor annual National Championships for the respective shooting disciplines.

There is a wide array of rules that differentiate NRA and CMP pistol competition events. The primary differences between the NRA and CMP pistol disciplines is that typically, three target pistols are used in NRA events: .22 Caliber Rimfire, Center Fire Caliber and a .45 Caliber and it's the competitor's choice to use iron sights or optics. The CMP program specifies two calibers of pistol for their competition events: .22 Caliber Rimfire and an assortment of manufacturer's and their various models and calibers of Center-fire pistols. Competitors are restricted to iron sights and in the case of Center-fire, full metal jacket ammunition is required. The photograph below illustrates typical target pistols and range equipment used in Precision Pistol Competitions.

