

State of Connecticut
Regulation of
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Concerning
Olympic Pistols

The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding sections 53-202b-1 to 53-202b-5, inclusive, as follows:

(NEW) Sec. 53-202b-1. Scope and applicability

Sections 53-202b-1 to 53-202b-5, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall apply to the sale of a semiautomatic pistol that the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection designates as being expressly designed for use in target shooting events of the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee, and sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for international shooting competition in the United States.

(NEW) Sec. 53-202b-2. Definitions

(1) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and

(2) “Olympic pistol” or “pistol” means a semiautomatic pistol that the Commissioner designates as being designed expressly for use in target shooting events at the Olympic Games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee, and sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for international shooting competition in the United States, as provided in section 53-202b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(NEW) Sec. 53-202b-3. Weapons designated by the Commissioner as Olympic pistols

(a) The Commissioner has designated the following manufacturers and models of pistols as expressly designed for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee and sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for international shooting competition in the United States:

Manufacturer	Model(s)
Benelli	MP90s, MP95, MP95E
Hammerli	SP20, SP20RRS, 280
Morini	CM22M, CM22M RF-ALU, CM22M RF-Steel, CM32M
Pardini	SP1, SP1RF, SP, SP RF, HP, HPE, MP
Peter Stahl	PS600
RBA	PS600

Manufacturer	Model(s)
Tesro	TS22, TS32
Walther	GSP, GSP-C, GSP Expert, GSP Target, SSP, OSP

(b) The Commissioner may, from time to time, designate other semiautomatic pistols as being expressly designed for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee and sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for international shooting competition in the United States.

(NEW) Sec. 53-202b-4. Application for inclusion on the list of Olympic pistols designated by the Commissioner

The process for requesting the addition of a pistol to the list of designated Olympic pistols is as follows:

1. On such forms as the Commissioner may prescribe, the applicant shall provide information regarding the pistol manufacturer, model designation, caliber, location of magazine, round capacity and such other facts as may demonstrate that the pistol was designed for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee and is sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for international shooting competition in the United States; and

2. The applicant shall provide the Commissioner with drawings or photographs that accurately depict the physical characteristics of the pistol, and any additional information that the Commissioner may require.

After reviewing the information submitted, the Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, add the pistol to the list of designated Olympic pistols.

(NEW) Sec. 53-202b-5. Form required to purchase an Olympic pistol

(a) The Commissioner shall prescribe a form to be signed by a purchaser of a pistol under penalty of false statement prior to the purchase. The Commissioner shall take appropriate steps to make the form publicly available to firearms sellers and purchasers. The form shall, at a minimum, contain:

1. The name, home address, phone number and the state eligibility certificate or pistol permit number (if applicable) of the individual purchasing the pistol;
2. The name, address, phone number and federal firearms permit number (if applicable) of the seller;
3. The make, model and serial number of the Olympic pistol sold;
4. The sale price of the Olympic pistol;
5. The date of sale;
6. The name of the organization for which the purchaser competes in target shooting events at the Olympic games;
7. A description of the type of events at which the purchaser anticipates using the pistol;
8. An attestation by the purchaser that the pistol will be used by the purchaser primarily for target shooting practice and events sanctioned by the Internal Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for internal shooting competition in the United States, as provided in sections 53-202b-1 to 53-202b-5, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies; and
9. A requirement that the applicant attach evidence of participation, or an intent to participate, in

target shooting practice and events sanctioned by the Internal Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for internal shooting competition in the United States.

(b) The form shall contain a conspicuous warning that:

(1) Failure to properly complete, execute and file the form shall constitute the unlawful sale of an assault weapon;

(2) Failure to apply to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession for such firearm within ninety days of such purchase, pursuant to section 53-202d (a)(2)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall constitute the unlawful possession of an assault weapon;

(3) Possession of a firearm for those who have been issued a certificate of possession is subject to the limitations outlined in section 53-202d(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

(4) The certificate of possession is granted pursuant to section 53-202d of the Connecticut General Statutes to be used by the purchaser primarily for use in target shooting practice and events sanctioned by the Internal Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, or any subsequent corresponding governing board for internal shooting competition in the United States. If, at any point, the firearm is no longer being used primarily for such target shooting practice and events, the owner shall notify the Department of Emergency Services and Public protection.

(c) The seller shall provide an executed copy of the form to the purchaser and retain an executed copy for five years from the date of sale. The seller shall attach the original executed form to the DPS-3-C form and file such form with the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

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Statement of Purpose: To adopt regulations required by section 53-202b of the Connecticut General Statutes. The regulations identify certain semiautomatic pistols and create a process whereby the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection may designate such pistols as being designed for use in target shooting events of the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee, thus allowing their sale in Connecticut. Without such designation, they are considered to be assault weapons, the possession and sale of which are restricted and subject to criminal penalty. The regulations also require that the form executed by the purchaser at the point of purchase be executed under penalty of false statement and copies maintained for five years by the seller. A copy must also be provided to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.