

Approved Cartridge Firearms

Be advised this list is not all inclusive. Remember it must have been available in the Old West in the 1865 to 1899 time period. Manufacturers are coming out with reproductions and variations of them faster than NCOWS can address. Therefore, if you have any questions or are not sure, please contact the NCOWS National Judge for clarification.

Revolvers, Reproduction

SAA 1873 Colt clones by EMF, Navy Arms, Cimarron, Uberti, Armi San Marco, EAA, and Beretta. Colt Bisley models distributed by EMF, Navy Arms, and Cimarron.
Colt 1873 Target models distributed by Navy Arms
Colt 1872 Open Top Models distributed by EMF, Cimarron, and Navy Arms. Conversion Models distributed by Cimarron, Navy Arms, & others.
Ruger Full-size Vaquero and new Ruger Vaquero
Remington 1875 and 1890 S.A. manufactured by Armi San Marco, Beretta, & Uberti.
Schofield revolvers made by Uberti, Armi San Marco, and Smith & Wesson.
Conversion cylinders by Kirst and R&D
Colt Thuer Conversion Cylinder replica by GB
Enterprises Taurus Gaucho, and Colt Cowboy
Colt models 1889, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1901, 1903, and Colt New
Police Webley revolvers with Birds-head or Banana grips e.g. (MK1, MK2, MK4, MK5) Model 3 Russian by Uberti, Navy Arms
Beretta Laramie by Uberti, Beretta
455 Webley Service Revolvers: Mark I, Mark II, Mark III, Mark IV, and Mark V. (Model VI is not approved.)
Other Webley Revolvers: R.I.C. (Royal Irish Constabulary), M.P.(Metropolitan Police), #1 1/2, #2, #4 (Webley-Pryse), #5 Express, Mark II Pocket, Improved Government (Patterns I, II, and III), Webley Government (including W.G., W.G. Army, and W.G. Target)
Other British Revolvers: any pre-1900 design by makers such as Adams, Kerr, Tranter, Enfield Mark I & II .455/.476 service revolver
Rogers & Spencer, and reproductions, and conversions of same
For percussion revolvers, Tresco (Ampco) and Slix-Shot nipples are allowed

Pocket Pistol

A Pocket Pistol is defined as any pre-1900, percussion or cartridge, single or double action revolver, or replica thereof, that meets the following criteria:

1. A barrel no longer than 4 inches.
 2. Weighing less than 27 ounces / 765 grams.
 3. Any cartridges used to have a case length not to exceed 1.2 inches (typical of a .41 long colt.)
- (Amended March 2021).

Rifles, Reproductions

Winchester Models 1860, 1866, 1873, 1886, and 1892 manufactured by Armi San Marco, Uberti, and others Winchester '94s if they retain the physical characteristics and appearance of 1894 models manufactured prior to 1899, in approved cartridges.
Marlin '94 and '95s if they retain the same appearance as the originals prior to 1899, and as long as they are chambered in approved calibers/cartridges and safe in operation.
Colt Lighting models by Tri-Star, the Taurus Thunderbolt and US Firearms Lightning clone and Beretta Gold Rush Carbine
Spencer, all models
Sharps by Pedersoli, Armscor, and others
Remington Rolling Blocks Winchester 1885 High and

Low Wall Ballard, all models
Springfield 1873 Trapdoor,
all models Remington
Hepburn models
Marlin 1894CB in 32H&R
Magnum Taylor &
Companies "73" in 32H&R
Taylor & Companies "66" in
32H&R
Peabody Rifles produced by Providence Tool Company
1876 Winchester replicas, made by Uberti and Chaparral Arms

Shotguns, Reproductions

Winchester 1897 pumps by Norinco and Tri-Star
Side-by-Side/Double Barrels: approved models are too numerous to
list here. Winchester 1887 lever-action 12 ga.
IAC 1887 replica lever-action shotgun
IAC 1893 replica pump shotgun
Single trigger/ double-barreled shotguns
Top-lever break single shot shotguns that retain the characteristics of pre-1899 originals