



Teller County Shooting Society

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GCSSC Safety Rules For Steel Target Use

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OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY IS SAFETY. Steel targets, while fun and instructive to shoot, have an inherent risk, and **MUST** be placed in accordance with these Rules in a manner that minimizes deflections and ricochets that can endanger participating shooters or bystanders. **ALWAYS** inspect steel targets prior to use. **NEVER** shoot steel targets that are cratered, pitted or damaged in any way. Shooters and bystanders using steel targets will observe **ALL** TCSS range safety protocols such as appropriate eye and ear protection.

The term "Steel Targets" shall be defined as follows: **ONLY** hardened steel targets that meet specific standards of thickness and hardness as defined by AR400/AR500/AR550 (AR=Abrasion Resistance) steel that is designed to be used as a point of impact for target shooting may be used. **NO** soft steel is allowed.

Every effort should be made to place targets so that missed shots, considering shooting position, will impact on the berms. Targets must be stationary in placement and angled downward at least 15 degrees or more so that deflections will impact the area in front of the target and not in a sideways or vertical direction.

Steel targets may be suspended but cannot freely swivel or turn (i.e., hung on nails, rope, Shepard's hooks, etc.), ensuring that there is no possibility of ricochet in a sideways or vertical direction. Rotating targets may be used and are subject to the same placement rules.

Armor-piercing, Steel core, solid copper, penetrator, Russian Silver Tip, Wolf Steel Jacket, XM-855 military green tip ammunition, or **ANY** ammunition with steel in it of any caliber may **NOT** be used when shooting steel targets. 50 BMG may **NOT** be used to shoot steel targets. BB's, steel shot or air gun pellets may **NOT** be used to shoot steel targets. Each shooter is responsible for knowing the type and characteristics of the ammo they are using.

A reminder that **Tracer, Armor Piercing, and Incendiary Ammunition is not allowed**, at any time, on any range.

The Target manufacturer's guidelines and recommendations will be followed when shooting reactive steel targets along with the following **Mandatory Minimum Distances**:

Centerfire Rifle: 100-yards

Centerfire Pistol (No magnum calibers): 10-yards

Rimfire Rifle Pistol: 10-yards

On rifle ranges, centerfire steel targets must be placed at the berms. Pistol shooters, or anyone shooting less than 25-yards, will use the 25-yard pistol range.

WATCH FOR RICOCHETS; Bullets and splatter can deflect and go in unknown and unpredictable directions. If you become aware of rounds impacting other areas, shooters will immediately cease fire, and targets will be reconfigured or repositioned to correct the problem.

SHOOT STEEL TARGETS AT YOUR OWN RISK - MAKE SMART CHOICES AND DECISIONS.

