

ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
Steel Target Rules
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Target shooting at steel targets must be controlled in order to ensure a safe shooting environment. The elements of safe steel target shooting are shooter knowledge, ammunition, target design and course of fire design. These rules address each element.

- A) Rockford Sportsman's Club Range Rules apply.
- B) Matches/Events intended to use steel targets must be approved by the Board with a specific mention of the use of steel targets.
- C) Steel targets are only allowed at approved Club matches and/or events. Steel target shooting by members or the general public when not participating in an event or approved match is NOT allowed.
- D) Training
 - a) Match/event directors
 - 1) Board approval of a director is required to assure steel target shooting knowledge.
 - 2) New directors must review and sign the RSC steel target shooting rules.
 - 3) New directors must have a mentor for the initial match. The mentor will ensure that the match director understands the Club rules before allowing future matches without supervision.
 - b) A safety meeting specifically addressing the RSC rules for shooting steel targets must be held before the match is allowed to start.
 - c) New shooters must be shadowed by an experienced shooter during their 1st course of fire to ensure compliance and understanding of Club rules.
- E) Equipment
 - a) Targets
 - 1) All targets are approved and owned by RSC and available to all approved matches/events. The targets are to be stored in a secure location and available only to the event/match directors and select Board members.
 - 2) Construction to be of AR500 steel or greater.
 - 3) Design to deflect bullet fragments toward the ground.
 - 4) Targets labeled to clearly define firearm caliber.
 - i) 22LR & rounds up to .44 Mag and a maximum velocity of 1500 fps may use 1/4" plate steel.
 - ii) Rifle rounds up to 7.62 and pistol calibers 9mm, 45, 38 Sp with velocity less than 3000 fps require 3/8" plate steel.
 - 5) Pitted, bent or other damaged targets are to be discarded and not used.

b) Stands

- 1) Target stands must be made of materials that will not cause ricochets.
- 2) Brackets and other hardware must be shielded to prevent ricochet.
- 3) Mountings must result in bullet splatter deflecting to the ground.
- 4) Target stands must position targets such that misses will end in a berm.

c) Ammunition

- 1) Armor piercing, steel core/steel jacket, solid copper, or other hardened bullets are NOT allowed. Frangible ammunition is preferred.

NOTE:

Illegal ammunition will be confiscated when discovered and will be returned when the shooter leaves the range.

- d) Eye and ear protection are required. A hat is recommended.

F) Course of Fire

- a) Targets must be staggered such that the normal fragment deflection, twenty (20) degrees, will not result in ricochets at adjoining targets.
- b) Target stands must be placed such that misses will end in a berm.
- c) Targets must be mounted such that the energy from a bullet strike is absorbed.
- d) Targets may NOT be mounted in a rigid fixed location.
- e) Shooting positions must be straight on from the targets, Steep angles can cause uncontrollable directions and dangers from steel splatters.
- f) Targets must be a minimum distance of 10 yards from 22LR and pistol shooters. The minimum distance for rifle shooters is 100 yards.