

## **XX. Individual Badge Holder Steel Target Use**

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### **PURPOSE**

Establish the policy, procedures and conditions under which individual AGC Range Badge holders are permitted to shoot personal steel targets.

### **SCOPE**

This policy covers the use of steel targets for individual Range Badge holders and their guests.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- The Executive Vice President is responsible for the administration of this policy.
- The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the records of individual Badge Holders certified to engage steel targets.

### **I. CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

- A. The first step in becoming certified is to take the online test covering this policy. The only passing score will be 100%. You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the rules for steel target use before attempting the test. You have up to three attempts to pass it online, separated by one day to give you an opportunity to review this policy.
- B. You will receive an email informing you of your test score. Print a copy of this email and bring it with you when you come in to get your Special Certification Badge.
- C. There is a nominal fee to cover basic administrative and supply costs that must be paid online before the issuance of the Special Certification Badge. The fee, as of January 2016, is \$10 and is subject to change without notice as approved by the Board of Trustees.
- D. On the AGC website, click on the link "SHOP" > "CERTIFICATION FEES" > "STEELTARGET CERTIFICATION" and process your payment. Print the receipt.
- E. After passing the test and paying online, the member will bring the copy of the email printed in "B", the receipt printed in "D", and the steel targets and mounting method they intend to shoot to the AGC for inspection by the duty RSO. The RSO will verify the documents provided and examine the steel and mounting method and will discuss with the member the type of ammunition they are planning to use to ensure compliance with this policy.
- F. If the RSO is satisfied with the member's ability to follow this procedure, the RSO will authorize the issuance of the Special Certification Badge.
- G. Badges are issued by the Treasurer's designee during the hours listed on the AGC website Events Calendar.
- H. The special badge **MUST** be worn at all times, in addition to the regular range badge, when shooting steel. The special badges are yellow and are issued with a

serialized holographic sticker. Badges must be in the possession of the person to whom they were issued.

## II. GENERAL RULES

- A. Steel used as targets shall meet the following minimum requirements.
  - 1. Steel targets shot at with any centerfire round or muzzleloader shall be at least 3/8" thick, AR-500 steel with a Brinell hardness rating of at least 500.
  - 2. Steel targets shot at with rimfire rounds other than .22 short, long or long rifle shall be at least 1/4" thick, AR-400 steel with a Brinell hardness rating of at least 400.
  - 3. Steel targets shot at with .22 short, long or long rifle rounds shall be at least 3/16" thick.
- B. Steel targets shall be placed at the maximum distance possible on any range.  
**(EXCEPTIONS: See Section III)**
- C. Permitted target mounting methods.
  - 1. Targets may be hung in a fashion that allows the steel to swing backwards when hit, provided that the target is attached using at least two points. The frame material shall not be capable of deflecting a bullet.
  - 2. Targets may be permanently mounted in a fashion that does not allow swing, providing that the target is angled downward at no less than 20 degrees nor greater than 45 degrees from the vertical. The frame material shall not be capable of deflecting a bullet.
  - 3. Commercial targets such as dueling trees, pepper poppers, and plate racks that are hinged are permitted providing that the hinges are protected from impact by a steel barrier in a manner that will deflect bullets downward.
    - i. Steel targets designed for .22 short, long, and long rifle are excluded from the hinge protection requirement.
- D. Targets that are damaged in any way are not permitted. This includes dimpling, cratering or holes, and concave or convex targets.
- E. RSOs have the authority to declare any steel or mounting method unsafe to use.
- F. Steel, mounting method and ammunition are subject to random inspection at any time.
- G. Ammunition restrictions.
  - 1. No round, regardless of configuration or caliber, with a muzzle velocity over 3,000 feet per second is permitted.
  - 2. No round with a muzzle velocity less than 750 feet per second is permitted.
  - 3. No centerfire magnum rifle rounds may be shot at steel.
  - 4. Maximum rifle caliber is 30-06 as rated by energy.

5. Maximum handgun caliber is .357 SIG as rated by energy. .45 ACP and .45 Colt are permitted.
6. Armor piercing, 'penetrator', or any ammunition whose bullet contains ANY amount of steel, tungsten or other material designed to increase the round's penetration, are prohibited.
7. Solid copper, bronze, or any solid metal bullet other than lead, are prohibited.
8. Shotgun Slugs and steel shot are prohibited.

### III. **Exceptions to Section II.E.**

#### A. 100-Yard Range

1. The Benchrest Area shall not be used for reduced-range steel target shooting.
2. Commercially manufactured steel targets designed to be fired upon with .22 rim fire may be placed at the minimum distance recommended by the manufacturer but, in NO case, less than 30 yards from the front edge of the concrete pad.
  - a. ONLY .22 short, long or long-rifle ammunition may be fired at a target sited at a distance less than 100 yards.
  - b. Targets must be sited such that missed rounds strike the impact area.
  - c. Shooters wishing to shoot steel at reduced range shall check in with duty RSO prior to setting up.
  - d. Reduced-range steel target shooting positions shall be assigned by the duty RSO.
  - e. There shall be a minimum of three (3) empty firing positions each side of any person or group of people engaging steel targets at reduced range.
3. Fixed steel plate targets may be shot at with handgun-caliber long guns and handguns at a range no less than 52 yards (two paces beyond the 50-yard cement target frame placements) from the front edge of the concrete pad.
  - a. Steel shall be a minimum of 3/8" thick AR-500 steel, rigidly mounted at an angle no less than 20 degrees nor greater than 45 degrees from the vertical such that fragments are directed downward.
  - b. Targets shall be sited such that missed rounds strike the impact area.
  - c. Shooters wishing to shoot steel at reduced range shall check in with duty RSO prior to setting up.
  - d. Reduced-range steel target shooting positions shall be assigned by the duty RSO.
  - e. There shall be a minimum of three (3) empty firing positions each side of any person or group of people engaging steel targets at reduced range.
  - f. Ammunition restrictions per Section II.G.5.