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**Date:** March 8, 2014

**To:** All users of the Rocovich Shooting Sports Complex

**From:** Roger Ellmore, Executive Director - Skelton 4-H Center

**Subject: Range Safety – Ammunition used at Range – Procedures**

To clarify, we will provide .22 caliber rifles and ammunition during the event, as well as eye and ear protection. We do allow handguns at our range. We would ask that, if allowed, when not in use, they remain locked in the car or lodging room at all times.

The 4-H Center has recently completed repair work on the overhead baffles in the shooting sports complex. At that time, we did an evaluation of the damage done to the baffles, and an overall safety check. In our evaluation, we discovered that some rounds have been escaping the range. The following are issues that must be addressed immediately regarding ammunition used and procedural items that in both instances will reduce the damage to the range as well as rounds escaping.

- 1. ABSOLUTELY NO HOLLOW POINT OR FRANGIBLE ROUNDS ARE TO BE USED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 2. NO BOTTLE NECK STYLE CARTRIDGES OR RIFLE CHAMBERED CARTRIDGES ARE TO BE USED.** These are high pressure, high velocity cartridges which can travel great distances before losing their energy. Examples would be: .223, 5.7 X 28, .17 WMR and .357 SIG.
3. Whenever bench-rest shooting is done from a table, care must be taken to assure the angle of shot does NOT hit the ceiling baffles. Hang targets as low as possible on the backer to prevent this from happening.
4. Range officers will do a daily inspection at the end of each shift of ceiling baffles and record any significant new damage in the range log book. If shooter causing damage can be identified, this will also be noted in the log.

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5. All silhouette style targets, especially ICE-CT must be hung on 42” cardboard backers using spray adhesive. Any target mounted on the standard 36” backers must be mounted as low as possible to prevent rounds hitting the ceiling baffles.
- 6. During DCJS qualification trials, if the Range Safety Officer on duty notices any participant whose shooting abilities are causing safety issues, that person can be disqualified from the certification function. This includes excessive missing of the target causing errant rounds to skip off the floors or walls.**
7. Drawing and firing from holsters shall be closely monitored for safety. No person other than Certified Instructors can be in a booth during live fire with another person.
8. When shooting shotgun ammo in DCJS qualifications or in the Taurus Judge Style revolvers, **ONLY DOUBLE O BUCKSHOT CAN BE USED.** No slugs, bird or snake shot or Sabot style rounds.

Following these guidelines will ensure that the damage to the range is kept to a minimum and that the instances of escaping rounds are eliminated. Additional work will be done this spring to make sure all rounds are contained.