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## Clinic Guidelines

### Requirements:

- All mounted shooting arenas and or fields, must be approved by a current CMSA certified Rangemaster prior to the commencement of ANY mounted shooting activity.
- Board Approval
- Current Rangemaster certification
- Member in good standing with the CCMSA

### Equipment Requirements:

- Air Compressor, extensions cords, 'power'
- Balloon Sticks, Poles, Pylons, Barrels, Balloon Holders
- Minimum 200 Balloons
- Ammunition- 50 caps, 75 ½ loads/participant, 100 full loads
- Whip with cracker
- First Aid Kit
- Minimum of two .45 revolvers complete with holster – left and right handed
- Cleaning kit
- Garbage bags
- Loading table and spent cartridge container
- Hearing protection for participants

### Administration

- Send Income/Expense Report with a follow-up of the clinic to the President
- Follow board approved budget & send all monies with an itemized invoice to the Treasurer
- Clinic dates and location to be advertised on CCMSA website minimum 2 weeks in advance and are to be approved/sanctioned by insurance
- CCMSA membership form and waiver to be filled out by each participant prior to entering arena. CMSA memberships available for each new member
- Receipt book- receipt given on site for all received payments
- Envelope for received monies
- Payment for arena and clinic assistants
- Accounting summary to be sent to CCMSA office with receipt copies, waivers/membership forms and monies paid
- Log book
- Collect clinic payment at beginning of clinic. Collect membership payment at end of clinic.

- Local police are notified that an approved range will be in operation
- Forward information to secretary and treasurer as soon as possible upon completion

## **Assistance**

- An armourer is available for all reloads and inflating targets
- Additional help with seasoned lead horses and CCMSA members is encouraged

## **Arena Procedures**

- Observe participants during warm up for riding competence, appropriate tack, or visible equine injuries/lameness. Any deficiencies will result in disqualification from participation- refund less deposit available.
- Observe and instruct participants from lead horse while cracking the whip. Proceed until all horses have acclimatized to the sound. Special attention paid to ensure ALL participants and horses are ready to advance
- Tie horses and move to firearms handling demonstration and instruction. Proceed once all participants are competent and understand safety requirements.
- Make sure there is no live ammunition on site
- Begin shooting caps down and away from the lead horse- acclimatizing participants and horses- as with the whip.
- Instruct participants while they fire caps behind and away from their horse. Ensure all other participants remain in a safe location. Rotate among participants.
- Gradually advance to ½ loads and acclimatize as above. Ensure participants continue to fire behind and away from their horse.
- Once horses and participants are competent- and all other participants are in a safe location- instruct individuals on aiming at balloons, following the target behind the horse, cocking the firearm, and shooting at the target. Once again, maintain observation of horsemanship and equine abilities.
- Continue to rotate through participants, providing individual instruction as necessary. Only increase speed and obstacles when both horse and rider are competent in doing so.
- Have non shooting participants replace targets when firing range is clear and it is safe to do so.
- At end of clinic, have a review with participants, reiterating safety, horsemanship, and rules for practices.
- Discuss Federal Firearms Legislation
- Provide participants with Range Rulers for CCMS and practioner

## **Clean Up**

- Ensure all balloons and additional garbage has been removed from the arena.
- Ensure all participants have cleaned up after their horse.