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Constitution & Rules Committee Congress Report

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The Constitution and Rules Committee ("C&R") of World Archery works closely with the World Archery office and other World Archery Committees in fulfilling its constitutional duties. These duties include answering and clarifying questions dealing with the World Archery Constitution and Rules, eligibility, championships, records and awards, reviewing and approving Committee interpretations, drafting motions for bylaws and laws as well as reviewing motions submitted by others, and advising and counseling World Archery's Executive Board, General Secretary and the World Archery office.

Following a complete restructuring and rewriting of the Construction and Rules, C&R and the World Archery office has focused on improving the rules, addressing ambiguities, making the Rule book more accessible, aiding other Committees, and assisting World Archery to continue to improve our sport.

C&R is involved with every interpretation request that is submitted to World Archery. In some cases, the question asked is within C&R's term of reference, and C&R issues the interpretation. More commonly, however, the interpretation is within the term of reference of another Committee with several Committees and having an interest in the request. For example, a common request for an interpretation is whether or not a new item of equipment is permitted under the rules. In this case, while the question falls within the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee, other Committees provide input and express their opinions. C&R assists the Committees in discussing the issues and, where possible, finding a mutually agreeable solution.

Similarly, C&R reviews and comments on each law being submitted to Congress and each bylaw being submitted to the Executive Board.

Various audiences are interested in World Archery's Rules and C&R's work including athletes, Members Associations, judges, tournament organizers, sponsors, manufacturers, coaches, sport governing associations such as the International Olympic Committee, anti-drug commissions such as World Anti-Doping Agency, and sport broadcasting and media. C&R believes that it can best serve our sport by considering the interests of all of these stakeholders and making others involved aware of other parties' points of view when considering interpretation requests, bylaws and laws.

C&R assists the World Archery in protecting archery against doping and other challenges facing sports which affect the integrity of sport and fair play. Last year, SportAccord and C&R, rewrote the World Archery Anti-Doping Code following the revisions made by World Anti-Doping Agency to its Code. The revised World Archery Anti-Doping Code was approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency and became effective on January 1, 2015.

Sport betting has spread into Olympic Sports and is becoming an increasing issue due to internet gaming sites. The integrity of archery depends on all involved with our sport playing fair and not having even the appearance of impropriety or a conflict of interest. Any activity



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which may lead to corruption or causes a suspicion of possible corruption needs to be prohibited before it becomes a problem. Accordingly, to avoid the issues of having those involved with World Archery events, including athletes, coaches, team support personnel, Member Association and those involved with World Archery, betting on international archery events, C&R and the World Archery staff have prepared extensive anti-betting and anti-corruption rules which are now a part of our Rules (see Book 1, Appendix 9). This is an example, of World Archery addressing an issue in its Rules to address a concern before it became a problem on our sport.

There are some questions which are repeatedly asked or as to which C&R or the World Archery office believes that publishing answers would be helpful. Typically, these address practical issues which do not require a formal interpretation or a change to the Rules but occasionally consist of a formal interpretation where World Archery does not believe that a change to the Rule Book is appropriate. In order to assist those who have basic and common questions, C&R and the World Archery Office identify Frequently Asked Questions and publish the answers to these questions on the World Archery website.

C&R and the World Archery office are looking for ways to improve how we can make interpretations more accessible and better communicate with Member Associations, other Committees and other interested parties. Since all interpretations are not included in the Rule Book, C&R and the World Archery staff is exploring the possibility of an on-line index of interpretations by subject matter. Also, to better communicate rule changes and interpretations to the Committees and Member Associations, C&R and World Archery is contemplating use of an "intra-net" where new matters can be uploaded with the interested parties then viewing what was added.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to my colleagues, Mr. Tom Dielen, Mr. Giuseppe Cinnirella, and Mr. Koo Ja Chung for their hard work on C&R matters. I am very fortunate to have these gentlemen to assist with the sometimes difficult issues with which C&R deals. Of course, I would also like to commend the World Archery office, and in particular Mr. Thomas Aubert, for their expert and professional involvement with C&R matters. Finally, on behalf of C&R, I would like to thank the President, the Executive Board, and the Permanent Committees for their confidence and professional cooperation.

As in the past, the primary aim of our work is the promotion of World Archery and our sport.

Respectfully submitted:

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