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Book 2, Chapter 3, Article 3.12.1.3

FITARCO (Italian Archery Federation) has requested an interpretation as to whether a Judge can require the athlete to disassemble a piece of equipment to verify whether there are any items being used which are prohibited under the Rules. As an example, may a Judge require the athlete to disassemble weight system shown below in order to verify whether there are any items being used which would be prohibited under Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.3.6.2?

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Judges Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Judges Committee:

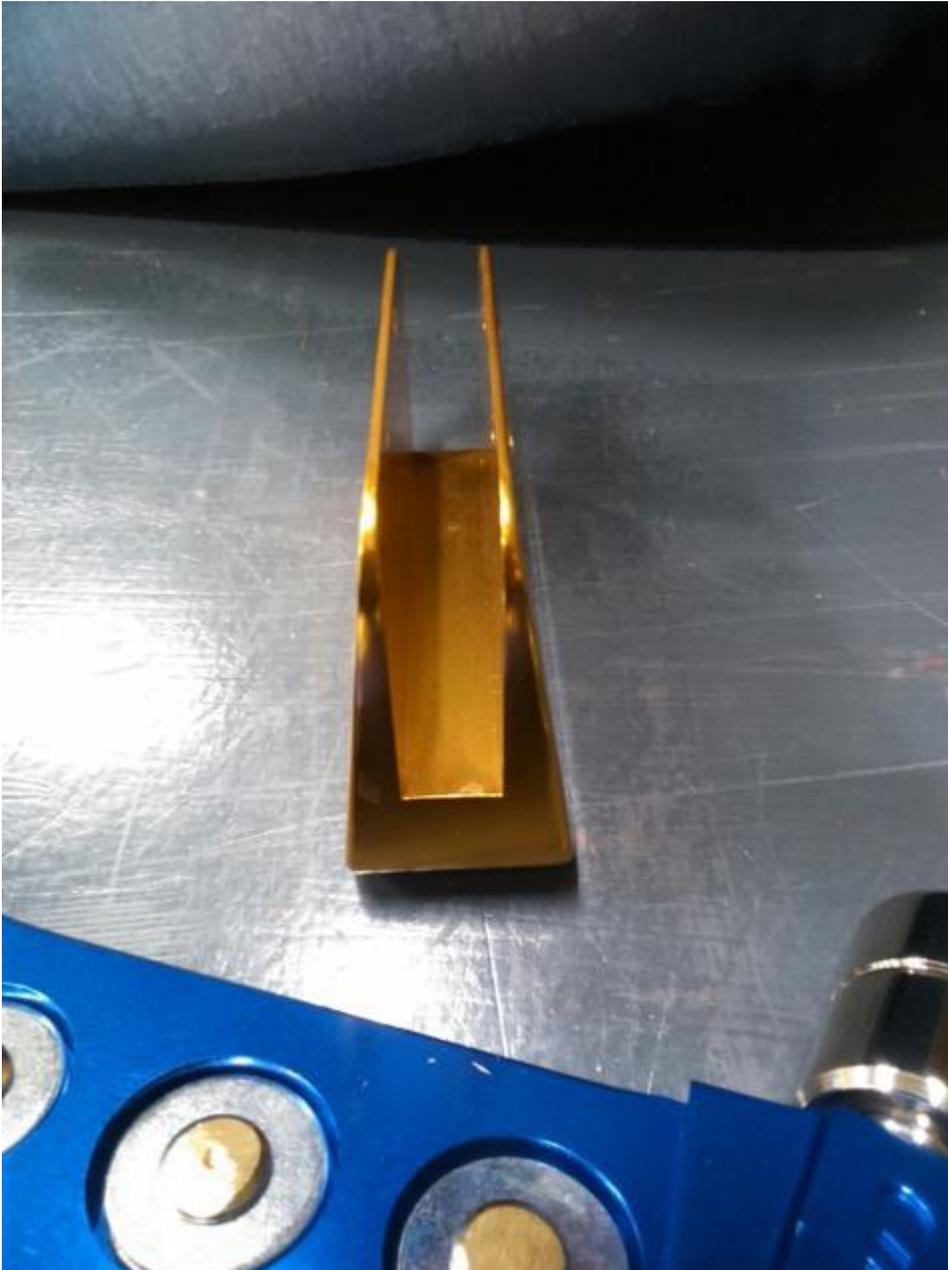
A Judge has the right to ask an athlete to disassemble a part of his or her equipment in order to check the legality of anything that might be hidden. The Judge needs to be convinced that no equipment may be used that is contrary to the Rules and thus might give an unfair advantage to some athletes over the others.

If an athlete refuses to act according to the requirement of the Judge, his or her device will be considered not legal.

World Archery Judges Committee, May 10, 2018
Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, May 20, 2018



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Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.2.1; Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.1.2.1

ARCHERY GB has requested an interpretation as to whether the nocking point and nock locator as shown in the photograph below are permitted in the Recurve division?

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

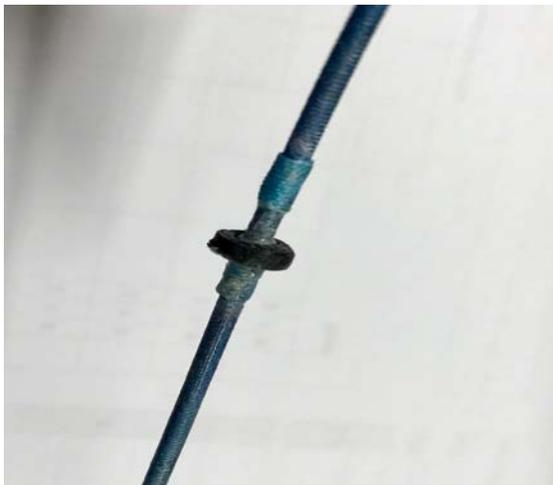
C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the disk-shaped nocking point shown below is legal for use in all divisions of World Archery. There are no restrictions as to the diameter of a nocking point or that it can be made of multiple components or layers.

World Archery Technical Committee, November 11, 2018

Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, December 08, 2018



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Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.9.3

German Shooting Sport and Archery Federation (DSB) has requested an interpretation as to whether the shooting spectacles shown on the two pictures are legal in the Recurve and Compound division (in each case: the right eye is the sighting eye).

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the shooting glasses/spectacles as shown in the photos below and submitted by the German Shooting Sport and Archery Federation (DSB), are not legal in any shooting division of World Archery except the Compound Division. The Compound division being virtually an unlimited division would have little to no advantage by the use of such devices.

Historically, the Technical Committee has been presented nearly identical requests for interpretation in the past concerning these types of specialized shooting glasses/spectacles. In each of those cases, the spectacles have not been allowed, other than a single lens on a custom frame where the lens can be adjusted right or left, tilted and adjusted fore and aft. The two examples provided in the photos below shows one set of spectacles that have two lenses for the same eye and the other spectacles with a frame within a lens, providing a clear reference line. The committee has not allowed this type of dual lens system, lens and frame within lens and frame or other possible bowstring alignment or head position reference points. By offering consistent head position and or bowstring alignment, these devices provide an advantage/aid in aiming.

World Archery Technical Committee, December 19, 2018

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Book 3, Chapter 13, Article 13.9, Chapter 15, Article 15.4.3, Chapter 21, Articles 21.5.3, 21.11.3, 21.11.4.

Three questions were raised by the Dutch Archery Association:

- 1. Given Article 21.5.3, is it acceptable to deny entrance to a para-athlete without valid classification if the organizer (e.g., of a national championship) can fill all seats available with able-bodied athletes and para-athletes with valid classifications?*
- 2. Given Article 21.11.3, can para-athletes claim a minimum space of 1.25m on the shooting line at non Para-Archery event?*
- 3. Articles 13.9 and 15.4.3 state that athletes with a classified disability may be on the shooting line. Should this be interpreted as a favour, or as something they are entitled to (all the time)?*

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Para-Archery Committee. The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following Interpretation of the Para-Archery Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Para-Archery Committee:

Response 1 - The event appears to be one in which there are opportunities to compete for Para and non-Para athletes. The issue is not one about “denying” entrance, but rather in which division the athlete may compete. Indeed, if an athlete has a valid classification card (either international or domestic depending on the level of tournament) then the person has the right to compete in the Para-Archery section of the event. If there is no valid classification card, then the athlete is entitled to take part in the able bodied divisions. Additionally, under Article 1.4.2.3, the organizers may not discriminate against any athlete or class of athletes in determining who may participate, whether able bodied or otherwise. The determination of who is entitled to participate must apply to all athletes in a non-discriminatory manner such as based on time of application, rankings, score level or otherwise.

Response 2 – Article 21.11 refers to Para-Archery events only, otherwise the standard amount of space is the rule which applies. However, most local organizing committees, when having wheelchair athletes, are prepared (but this remains discretionary) to have only two athletes, one wheelchair and one other athlete on a target.

Response 3 - This is not a “favour” and the term “may” is to be interpreted as an entitlement for the athlete i.e., it gives the athlete the option of staying on the line or not, according to their personal preference. Some Para-Archery athletes do leave the line, especially if the weather is particularly hot or cold/wet. However, most elect to remain on the line for the entire shoot/round, as is their right. Please note that Book 3, Article 13.2.2, states that wheelchair athletes can stay on the line for the entire match and Book 3, Article 21.11.3, provides that wheelchair or other seated athletes may stay on the shooting line at all times.

World Archery Para-Archery Committee, January 15, 2018

Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, January 15, 2018

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Book 4, Chapter 11, Article 22.3.6.2

FITARCO (Italian Archery Federation) has requested an interpretation as to whether the weights shown below are permitted under Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.3.6.2.

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee after consultation with the Field and 3D Archery Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the weights below are legal for use in the Barebow division of World Archery. The weights conform to established rules pertaining to what is allowable in the Barebow division for attaching weight to the riser, Article 22.3.6.2.

World Archery Technical Committee, May 8, 2018

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Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.5.6

ARCHERY GB has requested an interpretation as to whether the outsert pin nock system, as shown in the photographs are allowed in the Longbow Discipline for 3D Archery?

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee after consultation with the Field and 3D Archery Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the outsert pin nock system for wood arrows is legal for use in the Longbow division of World Archery. As clarification for use, the outsert nock system must attach directly to the wood shaft and may not in any way contact the fletching of the shaft.

World Archery Technical Committee, June 2, 2018
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