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Implementation of Para-Archery rules

PARA-ARCHERY RULES

- 1 *This section explains the additional rules which apply to classified para- athletes at all FITA events.*
 - 2 *Physically disabled para-athletes are assessed by a panel of three international classifiers. The classifiers will allocate a class to each athlete and issue a classification card showing the class and the assistive devices the athlete is allowed to use.*
 3. *Visually impaired athletes must have an international sight classification card. This is produced by an international sight classifier.*
 4. *FITA recognises the following classes for para-athletes in the bow divisions:*
- 4.1. ***For Recurve division***

Women:

- *ARW1 (with sub-class ARW1-C);*
- *ARW2;*
- *ARST (with sub-class ARST-C);*

Men:

- *ARW1 (with sub-class ARW1-C);*
- *ARW2;*
- *ARST (with sub-class ARST-C).*

Sub-classes are used only for national tournaments not international tournaments .

Equipment rules are the same as FITA rules except for the possible use of a release aid as set out in 6.8 below.

4.2 For Compound division

- *Women OPEN*
- *Women ARW1*
- *Men OPEN*
- *Men ARW1*

Equipment rules are the same as FITA rules, with the following exceptions:

- *W1 Compound class, the peak weight of the bow is 45 lbs for men and 35 lbs for women; and*
- *no peep sights or scope sights are allowed in this class.*

4.3 Visually Impaired Division

- *Women Individual – VI*
- *Men Individual – VI*

For the equipment rules of this division see section 12.9 on VI rules

5 CLASSIFICATION CARDS

- 5.1** *All athletes are required to have a current international classification card which must be shown to the judges at equipment inspection. This enables judges to check any assistive devices when checking the athlete's other equipment.*
- 5.2** *This international classification card may be the plastic type (established athletes) or the paper sheet (newly classified athletes). Newer athletes will not yet have an international classification card of any type. While they will still be allowed to compete, the scores of athletes without an international classification card cannot count for World Ranking or World Records.*

6 ASSISTIVE DEVICES

- 6.1** *Assistive devices are only allowed if they have been permitted by an international classifier and included on the athlete's classification card. Assistive devices include the following:*

6.1.2 Wheelchair

- *A wheelchair of any type may be used provided it subscribes to the accepted principle and meaning of the word “wheelchair”.*
- *No part of the wheelchair may support the bow arm while shooting.*
- *For ARW2 athletes, no part of the chair back or its vertical support may protrude forward beyond half the width of the side of the athlete's trunk.*
- *All parts of the chair must be at least 110 mm. below the athlete's armpit while shooting at any distance.*
- *The wheelchair must not exceed 1.25 meters in length*

6.1.2 Chair or stool

- *A chair of any type may be used provided it subscribes to the accepted principal and meaning of the word chair.*
- *No part of the chair may support the bow arm while shooting.*
- *No part of the chair may be in contact with the trunk of the athlete. (This means the athlete cannot lean against the back of the chair)*
- *The area of contact with the ground, framed by the legs of the chair and the feet of the athlete must not exceed the width of 60 cm x 80 cm along the shooting line.*

6.1.3 Block

Athletes with legs of different lengths may use a block of wood or similar substance under one foot in order to make them more even in standing.

6.1.4 Permitted Body support.

- *The body support protruding from the main vertical frame of the chair back may be not longer than 100 mm and be at least 110 mm. below the athlete's armpit.*
- *Only ARW1 athletes are allowed to use both a protrusion and strapping at the same time. They may use any amount of body support/strapping to maintain body stability as long as no support is given to the bow arm while shooting.*

6.1.5 Prosthesis

A prosthetic arm including a “hand” may be used and may be attached to the bow provided that the attachment is not totally rigid nor permanently fixed.

6.1.6 Strapping

- *ARW2 athletes, when their international classification card allows strapping, may have only a single strap around the chest.*
- *For some athletes, leg strapping may be authorised*

6.1.7 Release aid

Athletes with disabilities in the fingers of the string hand are allowed to use a mechanical release aid. This release aid may be attached to the wrist or the shoulder or held in the mouth.

6.1.8 Bow bandage

Athletes with a bow arm disability may use the bow tied or bandaged to the hand

6.1.9 Bow arm splint

Athletes with a bow arm disability may use an elbow or wrist splint

6.1.10 String arm wrist splint

Athletes with a string arm disability may use a wrist splint

6.1.11 Assistant

ARW1 and ARST-C athletes unable to nock their arrows may have a person to load the arrows onto the bow. These persons may give the athletes any verbal or other assistance, especially regarding the spotting of arrows, and adjusting the bow sight. These persons must not be a disturbance to other athletes.

7 ROUNDS

7.1 *Rounds shot are the same as for able-bodied athletes with the exception of the Visually Impaired Division which has its own rounds.*

7.2 *Special provisions for Team Rounds:*

7.2.1 *In the team rounds, all athletes in the team may remain on the shooting line.*

7.2.2 *When an athlete has finished shooting, he/she will raise one arm to signal that he/she has finished shooting. The next athlete may not load an arrow on the bow until after this signal has been given.*

7.2.3 *In the case of an athlete who is unable to raise an arm by reason of his/her disability, he/she will arrange an appropriate signal with the line judge.*

7.3 *In the recurve division, athletes classified in individual classes ARW2 and ARST will be grouped together for the team round.*

7.4 *In the compound division, ARW1 classified athletes may be grouped together with those shooting Open Compound when they shoot the same Ranking round, otherwise, there can be separate ARW1 and Open Compound team events.*

8 *PARA-ARCHERY COMPETITIONS*

- *Paralympic Games*
- *Para-Archery (Outdoor) World Championships*
- *Para Archery (Outdoor) Continental Championships*
- *Continental or Regional Games*
- *Invitational Tournaments (International tournaments with more than four (4) countries involved)*

9 *WORLD AND CONTINENTAL RECORDS AND AWARDS*

- 9.1 *A new world and/or regional record will be established when a score is at least one point higher than an existing record.*
- 9.2 *Records can be set for all sports specific classes for the same events shot by able-bodied athletes and with the addition of records for the VI rounds.*
- 9.3 *Records will be subject to confirmation by the Para-Archery Committee.*
- 9.4 *Scores shot at World Championships and Paralympic Games will be automatically accepted.*
- 9.5 *Scores shot at other FITA registered tournaments must be sent to the Para-Archery Committee not later than 10 days after the tournament in question by the FITA Member Association to which the athlete belongs, together with tournament results list and a declaration covering:*
- *The name and description, place and date of the tournament;*
 - *Confirmation that the tournament was shot under the FITA Para- Archery Rules*
 - *Confirmation that a competitor, in respect of whose score records are being claimed, was a member of a FITA Member Association at the time;*
 - *Name, nationality, gender and classification of the athlete;*
 - *Details of the record claimed, and supported by the results summary and original scorecard or a properly witnessed copy .*
- 9.6 *Details of new records will be listed on the FITA website.*

10 *WORLD RANKING LIST*

- 10.1 *A world ranking list will be maintained by FITA, the rules for which will be determined by the Para- Archery Committee.*

11 VENUE

- 11.1 *The competition, training and warm-up venues will have all necessary equipment and suitable access conditions for wheelchair users as defined by IPC regulations.*
- 11.2 *Wheelchair athletes must be able to go by themselves from the gate door to the waiting and the shooting lines*
- 11.3 *Two or three athletes will be placed on each target at Para-Archery Competitions. Wheelchair or other seated athletes may stay on the shooting line at all times.*
- 11.4 *For all Para-Archery events the ground will be marked as set out in the FITA rules except:*
- *each athletes will be allocated a minimum of 1.30m;*
 - *lanes for individual events will be 2.60m (or 3.90m); and*
 - *lanes for the team events will be 3.90m.*

12 RULES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED ATHLETES

- 12.1 *All athletes who have a current international classification may take part.*
- 12.2 *There will be one class for men and one for women.*
- 12.3 *All athletes will wear blindfolds and will, shoot with a tactile sight.*
- 12.4 *The blindfold can be either a sleep mask or wraparound glasses or goggles and will be checked by the judges before and during the competition.*
- 12.5 *The blindfold must be worn at all times when in front of the waiting line, including when setting up equipment and during practice.*
- 12.6 *At the commencement of scoring ends, the blindfold will be put on before crossing the waiting line for the first time at each “distance” and must not be removed until after the end of the 36 arrows of that “distance”.*
- 12.7 *Once set up, the tactile sight may be left on the field throughout the day but must be removed overnight.*
- 12.8 *In the Olympic round, target allocations will be arranged so that athletes do not have to move targets even if this means that their opponent is not on an adjacent target.*

- 12.9 *Athletes may shoot either recurve or compound bows within the same sport specific class, the latter being shot with either fingers or a release aid. Compound bows will be restricted to a peak weight of 45 pounds for both men and women.*

12.10 Rounds to be shot

- 12.10.1 *The VI (Visually Impaired) FITA Outdoor Target Archery Round consists of four times 36 arrows shot at 30m with the following target faces in this order:*
- *the first 36 arrows on a 60 cm face,*
 - *the next 36 on an 80 cm face,*
 - *the next 36 arrows on an 80 cm face and*
 - *the final 36 arrows on a 122 cm face.*
- 12.10.2 *The VI 30m Round consists of 72 arrows shot at 30m on the 80cm face*
- 12.10.3 *VI Olympic Round is shot at 30m on the 80cm face*
- 12.10.4 *VI Indoor round consists of 60 arrows on a 60cm face shot at 18m*
- 12.10.5 *VI Indoor Match Round is shot on 60cm faces and follows the other rules of the Indoor Match Round.*

12.11 Assistants

- 12.11.1 *A VI athlete is permitted to have a person acting as an assistant.*
- 12.11.2 *The role of the assistant is to tell the athlete where the arrows are landing and also to inform them of any safety issues.*
- 12.11.3 *No other information will be given during the shooting and the assistant must not be a disturbance to other athletes.*
- 12.11.4 *When the athlete has finished the scoring arrows, the assistant must retire behind the waiting line. The athlete may retire with him or remain on the shooting line.*
- 12.11.5 *After the signal for the finish of each end of arrows, the assistant may help the athlete to set up equipment, adjust the sight and guide the athlete to the target. He/she may also converse with the athlete.*
- 12.11.6 *The assistant will do the scoring for the athlete and also sign that the score is correct.*
- 12.11.7 *The athlete and assistant must be recognizable as partners wearing the same uniform and, where athlete numbers are worn, they must wear the same number.*