

Book 4, Art. 9.3

A question has been raised concerning supports and taping of various joints, especially referring to wrist, elbow and shoulder areas.

Response from the C&R Committee, after consultation with the Medical Committee and the Technical Committee:

The taping of human joints, i.e. fingers, wrists, elbows, shoulders, knees etc. is legal within the rules of FITA. Although no rule supports this question, in the same regard no rule disallows it. Furthermore, the taping of joints has been a long time practice for many decades and therefore falls under a widely accepted and allowable framework of acceptable equipment. Within the last 50 plus years, no judge to our knowledge has proposed that taping is not legal. Therefore, we have to assume that under these circumstances, it is legal.

However, it is to be stipulated that no such taping may contain a firm, "stiff" brace that would in any way help support the bow arm or drawing fingers in regard to any assistance in drawing and releasing the bowstring.

C&R Committee, 28 August 2005