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Book 1, Article 4.5.1.4

A question was raised by a Member Association on whether an athlete who participates in some but not all of the Qualification Round may compete in the Elimination Round where the athlete's score would rank the athlete among those entitled to compete in the Elimination Round.

Response from the Constitution & Rules Committee:

The Constitution and Rules Committee unanimously is of the opinion that if an athlete shoots one or more arrows in the Qualification Round, he or she is entitled to compete in the Elimination Round if his or her score entitles the athlete to be seeded within those who are eligible to participate in the Elimination Round. The Constitution and Rules Committee believes that the reason for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is not relevant. The Constitution and Rules Committee noted that some members of the other Committees consulted believe that an athlete should only be permitted to advance to the Elimination Round when the cause for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is due to bona fide medical reasons. The Constitution and Rules Committee, however, believes that it is not advisable to require the Chairperson of Judges to make an evaluation of whether or not an absence was due to bona fide medical reason. To do so would encourage protests by other athletes and would require the Chairperson to make determinations as to medical conditions which he or she may not be qualified to make.

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Book 1, Article 4.5.2.5

A question was raised by a Member Association on whether an athlete who participates in some but not all of the Qualification Round may compete in the Elimination Round where the athlete's score would rank the athlete among those entitled to compete in the Elimination Round.

Response from the Constitution & Rules Committee:

The Constitution and Rules Committee unanimously is of the opinion that if an athlete shoots one or more arrows in the Qualification Round, he or she is entitled to compete in the Elimination Round if his or her score entitles the athlete to be seeded within those who are eligible to participate in the Elimination Round. The Constitution and Rules Committee believes that the reason for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is not relevant. The Constitution and Rules Committee noted that some members of the other Committees consulted believe that an athlete should only be permitted to advance to the Elimination Round when the cause for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is due to bona fide medical reasons. The Constitution and Rules Committee, however, believes that it is not advisable to require the Chairperson of Judges to make an evaluation of whether or not an absence was due to bona fide medical reason. To do so would encourage protests by other athletes and would require the Chairperson to make determinations as to medical conditions which he or she may not be qualified to make.

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Book 1, Article 4.5.3.6

A question was raised by a Member Association on whether an athlete who participates in some but not all of the Qualification Round may compete in the Elimination Round where the athlete's score would rank the athlete among those entitled to compete in the Elimination Round.

Response from the Constitution & Rules Committee:

The Constitution and Rules Committee unanimously is of the opinion that if an athlete shoots one or more arrows in the Qualification Round, he or she is entitled to compete in the Elimination Round if his or her score entitles the athlete to be seeded within those who are eligible to participate in the Elimination Round. The Constitution and Rules Committee believes that the reason for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is not relevant. The Constitution and Rules Committee noted that some members of the other Committees consulted believe that an athlete should only be permitted to advance to the Elimination Round when the cause for the athlete's failure to shoot a complete round is due to bona fide medical reasons. The Constitution and Rules Committee, however, believes that it is not advisable to require the Chairperson of Judges to make an evaluation of whether or not an absence was due to bona fide medical reason. To do so would encourage protests by other athletes and would require the Chairperson to make determinations as to medical conditions which he or she may not be qualified to make.

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