Book 1, Appendix 14.3
Book 2, Chapter 7, Article 7.6.1.4
Book 2, Chapter 7, Article 7.6.1.5
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Book 2, Chapter 7, Article 7.9.1.12
Book 2, Chapter 7, Article 7.10.1

The Judges' Committee has requested an interpretation of whether or not a Judge may correct a flagrant scoring error of two or more athletes or their agents in outdoor target archery events. Specifically, the question is the authority of a Judge to require an arrow value to be changed on the score card because the Judge believes that the athletes or their agents have incorrectly determined an arrow value even though there is no dispute among the athletes or their agents and no one has requested the Judge's involvement.

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

Response from the Constitution and Rules Committee:

The Constitution and Rules Committee ("C&R") is unanimous in concluding that while athletes or their agents normally determine the value of arrows and a judge normally determines an arrow's value only where there is a disagreement between the athletes or their agents (Appendix 14.3, 7.6.1.4 and 7.6.1.5), a Judge has the authority to require the athletes or their agents to change the value of an arrow on a score card where the Judge has observed that a flagrant error has occurred. In C&R's opinion, Judges have this authority based on (i) their duty to ensure fairness to all athletes and that tournaments are conducted in accordance with the FITA Rules and Constitution (the "FITA Rules") (7.9.1) and (ii) their authority to control the conduct of the scoring (7.9.1.6).

Since the FITA Rules assign scoring to athletes/agents generally, C&R believes that a Judge should intervene without being requested and require athletes or their agents to change an arrow value only when the Judge has observed a flagrant error, meaning that the Judge has observed a clear error using only his or her naked eye (as opposed to an arrow whose value may not be determined without close review).

Under FITA Rules, the decision of the assigned Judge as to the arrow value is final (7.6.1.5) and may not be appealed (7.10.1).

FITA C&R Committee, 18 July 2009
Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 18 July 2009