

INTERPRETATIONS

FITA CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 2, article 7.3.3.9

The Norwegian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation on whether the use of a telescope would be legal at the shooting line.

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that electronic spotting scopes are legal in the same way typical optical only spotting scopes would be used in competition. The electronics used in the spotting scope do not constitute a communication device with the intention of communicating information to anyone other than the archer utilising the device. As long as there is no device within the spotting scopes electronics that is used for communication beyond the waiting line while the archer is competing, we see no reason to determine the device unacceptable for competition.

Additionally, as long as the viewing screen is used strictly to allow the archer to determine arrow impact in the same manner as a common optical scope and used solely for that purpose, the device is legal.

The following rules refer to communication beyond the waiting line and therefore do not apply to this device. We view an electronic spotting scope in the same way an electronic stop watch would be exempt under these rules.

7.3.4 For athletes of all divisions the following equipment is not permitted:

7.3.4.1 Any electronic communication device and headsets in front of the waiting line.

7.3.5 For Olympic Games no electronic communication device is allowed on the competition

FITA Technical Committee, 8 February 2010

Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 2 March 2010