

INTERPRETATIONS

FITA CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 4, Chapter 9, Article 9.3.1.2

The Austrian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation of whether or not the bow-windows, as shown on the pictures below, in the Barebow division are legal in Field Archery.



The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee but that the input of the Judges Committee and the Field Committee should be obtained..

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 and is supported by the comments of the Field Committee and Judges Committee.

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Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority opinion of the FITA Technical Committee that the questions posed by Austria regarding the various bows with snake skin or other interesting paint jobs, are legal under the following guidelines.

In reviewing the rules that pertain to Multi-Colored risers we must first look at the subset rule 9.3.1.1.1 that Multi-Colored risers are legal. In our opinion, this simply means that the bow is not required to be one solid color. We also feel that 9.3.1.1.1 is not actually contradictory to the main rule in 9.3.1.2 as some have suggested. It is our interpretation that 9.3.1.2 is a standalone rule concerning aids in aiming in the bare bow division and is very clear in its intent. That is, there may be no marks, laminations or blemishes, etc. in the sight window area. We understand the intent of the rule is to eliminate possible sighting marks within the archer's vision.

To summarize: Having specially painted or anodized risers is legal but the archer may not have marks of any type in the sight window area. If so, that area simply needs to be covered over for competition purposes.

Therefore, the bows we have reviewed are all legal, except that the sight window area must be taped over in the bare bow division where the paint design, marks, screws, rivets, marks, attachments, lines, or blemishes could offer any additional aid in aiming.

FITA Technical Committee, 20 November 2009
Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 3 December 2009