

INTERPRETATIONS

FITA CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 5, article 11.10.3.2.8

The Austrian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation on whether it would be permissible to use string silencers in the Instinctive Bow Division under the 3D Rules.

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 String Silencers (sound or vibration dampening devices that attach to the bowstring) are legal in the following divisions and with the following restrictions.

Any String Silencer attached to the bowstring of the Long Bow and Instinctive Bow divisions must be placed a minimum distance of 12 inches (30.5 cm) above or below the nocking point. For the Compound Bow there are no restrictions.

String Silencers are legal in the following divisions:

- Long Bow division;
- Instinctive Bow division;
- Compound Bow division.

String Silencers are not legal in other divisions.

Comment: Due to the concern over archers physical well being when shooting a long bow, the Technical Committee felt the change was necessary to help prevent wrist, elbow and shoulder injuries. The Compound Division is basically an unlimited division allowing for the use of string silencers.

FITA Technical Committee, 1 April 2010
Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 1 April 2010