

INTERPRETATIONS

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The Norway Archery Association has requested an interpretation as to the following with respect to venues and outdoor competitions:

- a) Is it possible to stand indoor and shoot out of the windows?*
- b) Is it possible to cover the shooting line with a roof (rain/sun protection). If not – what kind of distance is required vis-à-vis the shooting line (horizontally speaking).*
- c) Is it possible to protect the archers from wind (by sails, walls or other means). If not – what kind of distance would constitute a limit?*
- d) If a stadium is used, may the roof be closed (possible at new constructions)*

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Target Archery Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Target Archery Committee:

It is the opinion of the Target Archery Committee that in order to be considered “outdoor” competition, the athlete needs to be subject to any two of the following three factors: (i) rain, (ii) wind and (iii) sun.

This allows for a definition of “outdoor”, which could be used when analyzing a stadium or other structure for an outdoor event:

- Shooting out of a window would not be an outdoor event since there would be no rain, sun or wind (0 elements present)
- Shooting under a roof would not be an outdoor event as only wind applies (no rain or sun) (1 element present)
- Shooting in a stadium with roof closed would not be an outdoor event since no wind, rain or sun (0 elements present)
- Shooting in a walled stadium with roof open would be an outdoor event (no wind) rain and sun (2 elements present) unless the athletes are shooting under an overhang (0 elements present)
- Shooting with athletes protected from wind (sails, walls) is an outdoor event (no wind but rain, sun) (2 elements present)
- Shooting in a stadium would be an outdoor event if the athlete could be subjected to both rain and sun (and possibly wind) (2 elements present)

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- Shooting in an open stadium however the athletes (or some of them) are under the 'overhang', then the event is not an outdoor event (no, rain, no wind, no sun).

In every case, the facts and circumstances will have to be considered to see if the athlete is subject to at least 2 of the 3 (as above).

The above is not to suggest that walls or sails to block winds are allowed on the field of play.

World Archery Target Archery Committee, November 29, 2014

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