

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Article 11.1.9.3, Book 4. Article 22.3.9.2

The French Archery Federation has requested an interpretation on whether the use of sunglasses which contain polarized lenses is permitted for all types of archery.

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

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

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the unanimous decision of the Technical Committee that the use of sunglasses which have polarized lenses is legal for all types of archery.

The rules prohibit a system of rear aiming references (e.g., something that would enhance a rear sight such as a micro hole/s in lenses, vertical lines or marks to aid in head and bowstring alignment, etc.). Athletes who have poor eyesight may choose to use corrective lenses while others have sensitive eyes and need sun protection. There are polarized lens, anti-glare treatments, transition lenses and more. All of these applications are designed to correct or aid vision, but do not produce reference points that would act as a rear sight for the bow, accordingly, they are permitted under the rules.

World Archery Technical Committee, 19 November 2014
Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 20 November 2014