## Book 3, Chapter 12, Article 12.8 and Book 4, Chapter 28, Article 28.4

Archery Austria has requested an interpretation on whether electronic cigarettes are prohibited.

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of its committee after consultation with the Medical and Sports Sciences Committee.

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

## **Response from the Constitution and Rules Committee:**

It is the unanimous opinion of the Constitution and Rules Committee that electronic cigarettes are prohibited in all locations where smoking is otherwise prohibited under the Rules (see Book 3, Article 12.8: "No smoking is allowed in or in front of the athletes" area" and see Book 4, Article 28.4: "No smoking is allowed on the courses, in the practice or warm-up areas").

After consultation with the Medical and Sport Sciences Committee, the reasons for the above interpretation are that (i) the health consequences of electronic cigarettes are not yet known, (ii) World Archery does not want to encourage smoking of any kind, and (iii) if permitted, the use of electronic cigarettes could cause confusion if smoking tobacco cigarettes is permitted or not.

## Approved by World Archery C&R Committee, 10 August 2014