

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Article 15.2.8

World Archery Americas (“WAA”) has requested an interpretation as whether a procedure is permitted if a team member shoots more arrows than permitted during the first half of an end in alternate shooting.

Book 3, Article 15.2.8 states: “If a member of the team shoots more than the required number of arrows in alternating shooting before returning behind the 1m line, the team shall lose the highest scoring arrow of that end.”

WAA cites the following situation published in the Judges Guidebook (Nov. 2012): If the situation occurs that during alternate shooting an archer of the team shoots more than one arrow in the first end, the team will be given a red card and lose the highest score of that end. Furthermore the match will be stopped after the first end of this end and the situation dealt with before the shooting resumes.. If one archer shoots more than one arrow in the second end, the situation will be taken care of by scoring. Still a red card will be given and the team will lose the highest score of the end. In this situation you will in addition have to deal with a “seven arrows issue”.

WAA states that the rule does not require that the team shoot three arrows in the second end. WAA believes that a more equitable resolution is for the team to shoot only two arrows in the second half (the archer who shot two in the first half will not shoot in the second half). According to WAA, the team will have 6 arrows shot with one shot out of sequence, and will lose the highest score. WAA notes that if the procedure set forward in the Judges Guidebook is followed, the team will have two mistakes: 7 arrows and one of the out of sequence.

WAA requests an interpretation as to whether its suggested approach is appropriate.

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 the proposed solution of WAA is permitted. In this case, the athlete who shot two arrows in the first round may elect not to shoot an arrow in the second half of the end. In this case, the team will lose the highest scoring arrow of the end due to a shot being out of sequence (i.e., highest scoring arrow of the six shot arrows will be deducted). If the athlete who shot an extra arrow in the first half of the end does not shoot in the second half of the end, only six arrows will have been shot and there will not be a deduction for shooting seven arrows.

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