

**Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.3.6**

*The Italian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation on whether the riser shown below is allowed in the Barebow Division in Field and 3D archery.*

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee after consultation with the Field and 3D Archery 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 majority decision of the Technical Committee that the bow riser illustrated below is not legal under current rules for the Barebow Division. This system allows for shock absorption/weight to be installed above the grip contravening Article 22.3.6.2. By definition, the insert is weight. Weight can be either solid or liquid and this system provides accessibility to that material. The riser design also contravenes Article 22.3.1 (“free from protrusions, sights or sight marks, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces (within the bow window area) which could be of use in aiming”). Please note the laminated carbon insert and screw attachment system within the sight window. Additionally, under Article 22.3.6.1, this system is not a “torque flight compensator”. A torque flight compensator is a specifically designed mechanism to be used in conjunction with a stabilizer, not a purposely or solely designed shock absorption system for that purpose alone.

**World Archery Technical Committee, 9 January 2015**

**Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 10 January 2015**

