

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Chapter 20, Article 20.1.1 and Book 4, Chapter 31, Article 31.1

Archery Guyana has requested an interpretation whether a garment commonly known as “leggings” are permitted to be worn under the dress regulations set forth in Constitution and Rules.

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Target Archery Committee and the Field and 3D Archery Committee after consultation with the Athletes Committee.

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

Relevant Rules:

Book 3, Chapter 20, Article 20.1.1 (2nd and 3rd bullets) provide:

- Athletes shall wear trousers, shorts, dresses, skirts or divided skirts of their choice, however, this legwear may not be shorter than the athlete’s fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete’s side. They shall wear long or short sleeved shirts, blouses or tops, however, the upper body clothing must be fixed over each shoulder covering the front and back of the body while still covering the midriff when the athlete is at full draw;
- No denim or jeans, regardless the colour, or camouflage clothes and equipment may be worn nor any oversize or baggy type pants or shorts;

Book 4, Chapter 31, Article 31.1 provides:

Athletes shall wear shirts with name and country at all times.

Sport shoes or walking boots shall be worn by all athletes and officials, these may be different styles but shall cover the entire foot.

Athletes may wear trousers of their choice for the Qualification round.

Athletes shall wear full Team uniform, which shall not include denim, for Team Rounds and Medal Matches. Clothing and equipment shall not be camouflage. No oversize or baggy type trousers are allowed.

Interpretation:

Sport leggings (i.e., leggings commonly used in athletic activities) are allowed under Articles 20.1 and 31.1 provided that they do not have openings or transparent panels above “finger-tip” height. Sport leggings may be worn as an outer garment or may be worn under another garment.

Sport leggings are considered to be “trousers” under the Articles listed about since “trousers” are defined in a dictionary as “a piece of clothing that cover the body from the waist downward, and that cover each leg separately. Collins’ on-line dictionary accessed 19 June 2023.

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