

BAREBOW – and what you need to know!



Why do we need to know?

- World Archery Congress has voted to introduce Barebow into target archery.
- This will mean an increase in BB archers attending target events.
- Possibility of many new archers coming to a shoot for the first time – they may not know what they are allowed to use.
- Experienced BB archers will attend target events for the first time – they WILL know the BB rules.
- You will be doing the inspection of their equipment.
- You need to know what to look for.

What does the rule book say?

- A bow of any type provided it complies with the common meaning of the word bow as used in target archery, that is, an instrument consisting of a handle/riser and grip (no shoot-through type) and two flexible limbs each ending in a tip with a string nock. The bow is braced for use by a single string attached directly between the two string nocks, and in operation is held in one hand by its grip while the fingers of the other hand draw and release the string.
- The bow as described above shall be **bare** except for the arrow rest and **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. The unbraced bow complete with permitted accessories shall be capable of passing through a hole or ring with a **12.2cm inside diameter +/-0.5mm**.
- Multi-coloured bow risers, and trademarks located on the inside of the upper and lower limb or on the riser are permitted. **However if the area within the sight window is coloured in such a way that it could be used for aiming, then it must be taped over.**



If there are marks or pattern, or manufacturers marks on the back of the bow – tape them over but make sure the the tape extends beyond on the window.



What Else?

- Serving – doesn't matter how long as they will string walk and so the end will move. However "The bowstring shall not in any way assist aiming through the use of a peephole, marking, or any other means"
- String **can** be multi-coloured.
- No Drawchecks allowed.
- No stabilisers allowed.

Limb savers/dampners

- Limb savers/limb dampeners are permitted.
- Vibration dampeners AS PART OF THE BOW are permitted.
- AGB RECURVE:
- 202 (f) Stabilizers and Torque Flight Compensators.
Stabilizers and torque flight compensators on the bow are permitted provided they do not:
 - (i) Serve as a string guide;
 - (ii) Touch anything but the bow;
- AGB rules state that BB is generally as described for Recurve (Freestyle) in Rule 202 with the following variations:

- (a) Bow.....
- (b) Bowstring.
- (c) Arrowrest.
- (d) Exclusions. Recurve barebow archers may not use:
 - (i) Sights.
 - (ii) Draw check indicator.
 - (iii) Stabilizers.
- Nowhere does it say limb savers/dampeners are in this variation – therefore they must be permitted.
- For AGB there is no mention of the 12.2 cm ring.

Weights

- Weight(s) may be added to the **lower** part of the riser. All weights, regardless of shape, shall **mount directly to the riser** without rods, extensions, angular mounting connections or shock-absorbing devices.
- A solid washer has been permitted in order to protect the riser and ensure the weight stays attached. Nylon/Metal is OK, rubber isn't.
- What is a washer – there has been debate! A washer is a washer. It's what we all understand as a washer, not a spacer, a washer.

What to check for

- How and where the weight is attached – to the limb bolt is not the riser.
- New Hoyt – has option to put weights in limb pockets – top pocket is NOT permitted.
- Homemade weight? Does it come apart? What's inside?
- You have the right to ask and to get them to take it apart so you can check – its your job!

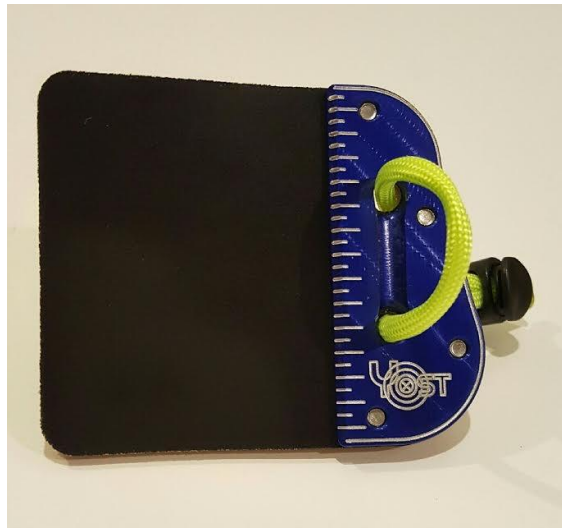


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Tabs

- A separator between the fingers to prevent pinching the arrow may be used. An anchor plate or similar device attached to the finger protection (tab) for the purpose of anchoring is permitted. The stitching shall be uniform in size and colour. **Marks or lines may be added directly to the tab or on a tape placed on the face of the tab. These marks shall be uniform in size, shape and colour.** Additional memoranda is not permitted. On the bow hand an ordinary glove, mitten or similar item may be worn but shall not be attached to the grip of the bow.



Barebow specific...

- Tape on the nose! Drawcheck? Protect the nose? Probably both.....
- Position that they load the bow – horizontal with arrow pointing up. It is NOT a high draw. Does it interfere with others on the line?
- String walking – reading the serving or the tab and moving fingers on the string is normal.



Questions?

- So what if the competition is a UKRS WA720 – does the bow have to pass through the ring?
- There is a rubber washer between the weight and the bow that the athlete does not want to remove?
- The bowsling has a piece of leather that sits between the weight and the bow to attach it to the riser?
- Athlete has used a v-bar to attach the bowsling?
 - If there is a weight attached to the v-bar
 - If there is no weight attached

Anything Else?

- You can read the proposed rule at:
- https://extranet.worldarchery.org/documents/index.php/Events/Congress/2019_s-Hertogenbosch/Minutes_WA_Congress_2019.pdf
- Photos borrowed from Google searches