

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Chapter 11, 11.2.1.4 and Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.2.1.4

German Shooting Sport and Archery Federation (DSB) has asked whether the following is legal in the Compound division for Field and 3D: a peep sight in the string which has an adjustable peephole, an iris diaphragm. The aperture is adjustable without exchanging any inserts. See photo below.



The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical 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 adjustable aperture peep-sight (small iris diaphragm) submitted by the German Shooting Sport and Archery Federation is fully legal in the Compound Division of World Archery.

There was some concern that the adjustable peep-sight aperture could possibly be used for ranging on unmarked courses. However, after further research and discussions with experienced compound archers as well as our own empirical testing, it was concluded that the adjustable aperture is a poor tool for that purpose and should not be restricted for use on unmarked field courses.

By following the guiding principle governing the Compound Division, Articles 11.2/ 22.2, along with the original intent or spirit of the rule when written, it was clear that the Compound Division was to be basically an unrestricted division with few exceptions. The decision of the Technical Committee is further reinforced by Articles 11.2.1.4/22.2.1.4 specifically governing bowstring attachments. See both rules below:

Articles 11.2. and 22.2 Compound Division

For the Compound Division, the following equipment is described. All types of additional devices are permitted, unless they are electric, electronic, compromise safety or create unfair disturbance to other athletes.

Articles 11.2.1.4. and 22.2.1.4

A bowstring of any type which may include multiple serving/s to accommodate nocking points and include other attachments such as a lip mark (e.g. kisser button), a nose mark, a peep-hole, a peep-hole 'hold-in-line' device, D loop bowstring, string silencers, bowstring weights, and any other attachments are permitted, provided none of the attachments are electric or electronic.

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