

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Chapter 11, Articles 11.4.4, 11.4.8, and 11.4.8.1, **Book 4, Chapter 22, Articles 22.3.4, 22.3.8 and 22.3.8.1**

USA Archery has requested an interpretation regarding modifications to tab plates, allowing the tab plate to be used as a draw check device or a subconscious triggering device. USA Archery has indicated that Barebow athletes are modifying the plate of the tabs. They place their drawing hand thumb nail on the modified part of the tab and slowly decrease the pressure on their middle and ring finger which allows the tab to rotate slightly allowing the thumb nail to move up and off the tab, triggering the release of the string. They are using the modified plate of the tab as a subconscious triggering device and as a draw check device. It has been referred to as a sear tab or a break away tab.

See pictures below.

Tab 1 looks as if the thumb nail, on the athlete's drawing hand, could be placed in the notch.

Tab 2 has a button, at full draw the thumb is placed on the button and when draw pressure is increased, the button is depressed and the tab has an audible click.

Tab 3 is the tab that has a ledge that was machined on the outside edge so the thumbnail could ride up till it clicks off the ledge.

Tab 4 is an unmodified tab.

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 array of tabs shown in the following photos demonstrate the types of tabs that are legal and illegal in the Barebow Division of World Archery.

#1 tab is legal as long as it does not have moveable parts that create a tactile or audible response. This one appears to have a notch at the back of the plate that is possibly used as a "sear".

#2 tab is likely not legal. There is a button at the back of the tab. If that button is moveable in any way and creates a tactile or audible response, it is not legal.

#3 tab is legal. The ground ridge/notch is not moveable and is possibly just a thumb rest and is therefore legal.

#4 tab is a stock tab without modification and is legal.

For ease of interpretation, if a part of the tab is modified to create a springy or flexible piece that produces an audible or tactile response, or something moves on the tab in order to produce a tactile or audible response, it is not legal. If the tab sear is ridged, regardless if it is the tab plate or a solid piece screwed or bolted on to the tab and does not move, it is legal. Having a solid tab plate that has a notch, scratch, lip, screwed on ridged piece such as a thumb rest, should be allowed, as long as it is not moveable. Any device made for the specific purpose of creating an audible or tactile response that is produced by that mechanism is not legal in the Barebow division or any division other than the Recurve or Compound divisions.

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