

# **INTERPRETATIONS**

## **WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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### **Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.3.3**

*The South African Member Association has requested an interpretation with respect to the following wording:*

*“Athlete equipment shall not include camouflage colours of any kind”*

*What does the definition of “camouflage” covers?*

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within their terms and has referenced it also to the Judge and Technical Committee.

The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

#### **The following is the decision of the Constitution & Rules Committee:**

World Archery’s definition of camouflage is:

" Camouflage is a method of concealment / dissimulation based on interweaving patterns and colors. It enables a visible organism or object to pass unnoticed, by blending into its surroundings and/or natural environment."

‘Camouflage’ is covered by art. 20.1.1, art. 31.1 and art. 11.3.3

11.3.3: Athlete equipment shall not include camouflage colors of any kind.

Camouflage colors is defined mostly by military/hunting purposes, like

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_military\\_clothing\\_camouflage\\_patterns](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_military_clothing_camouflage_patterns) +

<https://www.academy.com/expert-advice/hunting/types-of-camo>

Other colors or patterns (like the fishing pattern brought up by US Archery) might not be of the best taste, but will not be illegal by these definitions. Any item that is sold as being described by the manufacturer as being camo or camouflage colour or deemed to be camouflage is not allowed. A carbon pattern is not considered to be camouflage and is therefore allowed.

Regarding the specific interpretation request from RSA:

based on the perspective of the picture presented, it seems to be only a carbon pattern without the intention of camouflage".



To clarify further the following are clearly camouflage and therefore not allowed



What would be allowed is



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