

# **INTERPRETATIONS**

## **WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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### **Book 3, Chapter 11.1.1, 11.2.4 and 11.4.1** **Book 4, Chapter 22.1.1, 22.2.4 and 22.3.1**

*A question was raised by Archery Australia for drawing and releasing the string using thumb vs fingers.*

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

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

#### **Response from the Technical Committee:**

It is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that the thumb is generally considered as one of the fingers of the hand.

For the Compound, Recurve and Barebow divisions it is legal to use the thumb and/or finger(s) to draw and release the string.

Tape may be used on the thumb for protection providing it is soft and flexible, does not cause the thumb to become rigid or incorporate anything that would provide any assistance in holding, drawing or releasing the string.

Book 3 articles 11.1.1, 11.2.4 and 11.4.1, Book 4 articles 22.1.1, 22.2.4 and 22.3.1 refer to drawing and releasing the string using fingers.

For the Traditional and Longbow division it is not legal to use the thumb to draw and release the string as this would not conform to the requirements specified in Book 4 articles 22.4.7.1 and 22.5.7.1.

The current interpretation should be read in conjunction with  
<https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/Rules/Interpretations/English/2021-2023/2021 - 15 Nov - Thumb ring.pdf.pdf>

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