

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Chapter 2, Article 6.1

The Archery Association of India has requested an interpretation regarding article 6.1 “An athlete who is unable to hold a bow may use an artificial aid or prosthesis to do so. This aid may be attached to the bow, if it is not totally rigid or permanently fixed while still allowing for bow movement upon arrow release”. The question from the Archery Association of India is whether the permission described in the rule above also applies to archers with quadruple amputations who will need to have a leg prosthesis to hold the bow.

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

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

The following is the unanimous decision of the Para Archery Committee:

At no point does this rule state that a bow arm aid must be attached to an upper limb and as such it can be interpreted that a leg could be used as well. Article 6.1 should be interpreted as follows: *An athlete who is unable to hold a bow in their hand may use any limb or an artificial aid or prosthesis to do so. This aid may be attached to the bow, if it is not totally rigid or permanently fixed and must allow for bow movement upon arrow release. Any leg prosthesis must meet the same criteria as an arm prosthesis and must therefore allow for a full range of movement.*

It should be noted that the prosthesis still needs to be confirmed by a classifier.

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