

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.4.4, and Chapter 22, Articles 22.3.4 & 22.4.4

The Spanish Archery Federation has requested an interpretation with respect to the following question: Can an archer use his fingers or part of his hand as a draw check? Can it be considered a draw check device?

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 is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

The following is the decision of the Technical Committee:

Decision – The unanimous decision of the Technical Committee is that it is not legal to use fingers or part of the hand as a draw check indicator.

Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.4.4, Book 4, Chapter 22, Articles 22.3.4 & 22.4.4 - No draw check device may be used.

The rule states that no device may be used as a draw length check. The fingers or hand may not be considered as devices under normal consideration; however, the intention of the rule is clear in that no method of draw length check is allowed other than what the athlete can see visually by looking at the arrow at full draw. Furthermore, intentionally trying to touch the arrow with a finger at full draw is a safety concern and could result in injury to the athlete.

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