



# Rule Updates

Archery GB Judge Conference

# *WA Rule Changes – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023*

- World Archery Rule Changes (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023)
  - Amendment regarding timing. It confirms that non World Ranking Events can continue to be run at 40 seconds per arrow, however Organisers can use 30 seconds per arrow as long as they indicate it on the Invitation/Prospectus/Entry Form. This does not apply to alternate shooting
  - WA updated their dress regulations, please note that the AGB dress regulations apply to events here
  - Longbows – they cannot be less than 150cm in length. This is measured on a strung bow between the string nocks along the outside (back) of the limbs (please note the WA Longbow is very different to the AGB Longbow)
  - Changes to the Run Archery Rules – but these have changed again!

# *WA Rule Changes – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023*

- World Archery Rule Changes (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023) – Para Specific
  - Para Archery – the term “assistive devices” has been replaced everywhere by the term “adaptive equipment”
  - Clarification that the 1.25m for wheelchairs include all equipment and the archer – this only applies at Para specific events
  - When the ground is uneven wheelchair archers can use up to 2 anti-rolling devices (like blocks or chocks) behind or in front of the rear wheel. The Judge is the one to decide if the ground is sufficiently sloping to allow this. These devices are not allowed when the ground is flat. They are different to chair mounted wheel brakes which do not touch the shooting position surface, they are allowed

# WA Rule Changes – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

- World Archery Rule Changes (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023) – Para Specific
  - Any release aid system used (as mentioned on the Classification card) must not sit below the bottom of the rib cage and the rigid part cannot wrap around more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the trunk. Lacing and strapping to secure it round the rest of the trunk is allowed. It cannot offer any form of lateral support or added support to the trunk
  - Assistants (as mentioned on the Classification Card) must stay silent and cannot coach the archer at all. They cannot use binoculars or scopes and are forbidden from spotting the arrows. The archer can give the assistant directions only for loading the arrows, adjusting the sight or adjusting other pieces of equipment
  - VI spotters have to be seated behind the archer, 1m behind the shooting line

# *WA Interpretations - 2023*

- World Archery Interpretations
  - Book 2 Article 3.20.1.2 – Interpretation on whether someone in alternating finals is allowed a telescope on the venue even if they don't have a Coach – allowed if there is not a big screen showing the targets, the archer can also have binoculars on them
  - Book 3 Article 11.1.4 and Book 4 Article 22.1.4 – Interpretation on visual draw check indicators (visual clickers) – okay as long as the visual indicator and sound happen at the same time
  - Book 3 Article 11.2.1.3 and Book 4 Article 22.2.1.3 – Clarification on a part of the bow consistently touching the archer – including the process on how to deal with it
  - Book 3 Article 11.3.1 and 11.3.2 – a clarification that archers cannot have phones or tablets attached to their spotting scopes – Not Allowed
  - Book 3 Article 11.3.3. – definition of camouflage – useful links to websites defining camo (great in the UK for our clothing rules)

# *WA Interpretations - 2023*

- World Archery Interpretations
  - Book 3 Article 12.1, 15.1.7 and 15.1.7.1 – a clarification on what to do if archers mutually agree not to shoot the required number of arrows – up to them but is not encouraged
  - Book 3 Article 13.8 and Book 4 Article 24.1 – Interpretation on forfeit matches – archers need to be physically present at or near the shooting area
  - Book 3 Appendix 2 Article 1.1.3 – Clarification on the height of back support for Para Athletes – as part of the 110mm rule the archer cannot “hook” their shoulder blades over the back
  - interpretation on the use of Kinesio tape and compression tops which applies to all divisions of World Archery – allowed but should not be rigid, so there must still be movement

# Other Changes in 2023

- Archery GB Interpretations

The below barebow weight configuration has been clarified as being not allowed. There are 3 weights attached to a flat bar, the flat bar is attached directly to the riser but the 3 weights are only attached to the flat bar and not directly to the riser. It is not allowed because the weights are not in the same plane as the mount, they are at an angle. This makes the flat bar an “angled bracket”. If it was just the bar without the weights it would be allowed. Likewise if it was all one piece (so completely solid) it would be allowed.



# *WA Rule Changes – 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024*

- World Archery Rule Changes (Effective 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024)
  - Rewording of the rules to remove any gender specific language (except where necessary)
  - Addition of the Under 15 class in World Archery – Recurve and Compound shoot at 40m and Barebow at 30m
  - Clarification on the set up of faces for a shoot off after Qualification before a Head to Head
  - Multiple changes to Run-Archery Rules. WAE have also created a Run Archery Guide book here - <https://www.archeryeurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/RUN-ARCHERY-GUIDEBOOK-1.1-ENG.pdf>



# *WA Rule Changes – 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024*

- World Archery Rule Changes (Effective 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 24) – Para Specific
  - Some tidying up on the rules for the Para Double Team rounds
  - Clarification that any Para Archer can stay on the line if they wish, not just those in wheelchairs
  - Addition of the Under 21 class in Para and VI archery
  - Addition of the 18m round for Para
  - Change in the size of lane lines for Para specific events
  - Important change to where the tactile sight can touch a VI archer - “The size of the tactile sight may not exceed 2 cms in any direction and shall only be in contact with the back of the athlete's hand, between the wrist and the base of the fingers. It can sit between the knuckles but not between the fingers.”
  - Clarification on VI Elimination and Finals work

# *WA Interpretations – 2024*

- World Archery Interpretations 2024 – so far!
  - Book 3 Appendix 2, Article 3.3 – a clarification on whether a stool can have a plate across the front – yes it can as long as it does not give the archer an advantage



Any Questions?