

# **INTERPRETATIONS**

## **WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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### **Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.2.4**

#### **Clarification to Interpretation dated 13 February 2016**

On February 13, 2016, the interpretation set forth below was approved by the Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”). Subsequent to issuing this interpretation, a question arose as to whether or not the interpretation prohibits the release to be attached to the string before that arrow is placed on the string when the athlete is on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given. The Target Archery Committee has issued the clarification below.

C&R has determined that the following clarification is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

#### ***13 February 2016 Response from the Target Archery Committee:***

*It is the decision of the Target Archery Committee that a release may not be left attached to the string before loading the arrow. The Target Archery Committee does not believe that there is a need for releases to be attached to the string of the bow until the arrow is ready to be shot. Athletes are not allowed to nock their arrows, so they do not need to ‘nock’ the release. Additionally, since only certain releases can be attached to the string in the manner described above, allowing this activity would provide an unnecessary advantage to those athletes using releases which can be attached.*

*The foregoing does not apply to Para-Archery where there is an existing interpretation to permit the use of a mouth release for athletes who have a classification which permits a mouth release. This requires the release aid to be permanently attached to the string.*

#### **Clarification:**

After the athlete is on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given, the release may be attached before the arrow is attached to the string. The 13 February 2016 interpretation was in response to the situation where athletes were attaching the release during the team rounds and alternating final matches before being on the shooting line or before the signal to shoot has been given. For the avoidance of doubt, this interpretation focuses only on when a release may be attached to the string and not when an arrow can be attached to the string. To the extent that the 13 February 2016 interpretation is in conflict with this clarification, this clarification controls.

**World Archery Constitution and Rules Committee, 13 August 2016**