

World Archery Rule Book versions 2022-07-18, 2022-09-01 & 2023-03-01 Change Document

This document was produced by the Archery Canada Rules Committee. This document lists all of the rule changes to the World Archery Rule Book versions 2022-07-18, 2022-09-01 and 2023-03-01 as summarized and published by World Archery.

The World Archery 2022-08-17 and 2022-09-01 rule book difference files:

- EN-Book1-dif.pdf (2022-07-18)
- EN-Book1-dif.pdf (2023-03-01)
- EN-Book2-dif.pdf (2022-07-18)
- EN-Book3-dif.pdf (2022-07-18)
- EN-Book3-dif.pdf (2022-09-01)
- EN-Book3-dif.pdf (2023-03-01)
- EN-Book4-dif.pdf (2022-09-01)
- EN-Book4-dif.pdf (2023-03-01)

were combined into this document and modified to highlight the changes made to the rules/articles. For each rule/article that was changed, the old version is listed first in a grey text followed by the new version in black text. Deleted or modified text is shown in the old version with a line through the text (i.e., ~~cadet, junior~~). Text added or modified in the new version has been highlighted (i.e., **30 seconds**).

Note: There may be rule changes in the World Archery rule book that are not in the World Archery difference documents used to create this document. A few minor differences were found during the creation of this document and were corrected or noted.

Book 1

Constitution and Procedures

This edition contains all current laws and bylaws approved and in effect on the date shown below. There may be interpretations which may affect this edition. Please check the World Archery website (<https://worldarchery.org>) for a listing of all interpretations which may be in force.

This version supersedes all previous versions.

Chapter 2

Eligibility Code for Athletes and Team Officials

2.1 Admission

2.1.1 Athletes, coaches and officials who wish to participate in Championships, Games, International and National Tournaments, which are recognised or controlled by World Archery or a Member Association, in one or more of the various disciplines recognised by World Archery, shall be affiliated with a Member Association and have a valid international license (until such time that the Executive Board adopts bylaws as to international license requirements, an athlete's, coaches' and official's membership in his Member Association shall constitute a valid international license.)

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2.1.1.1 Athletes, coaches and officials who wish to participate as part of a national team in Championships, World Cups or other events for which the registration is through the online entry system controlled by World Archery, in one or more of the various disciplines recognised by World Archery, shall be affiliated with a Member Association and have a valid international license.

Appendix 4

Organisation and Procedure for the Judges Committee

First Accreditation for World Archery International Judges Candidates (World Archery-IJCs)

8.5 Applicants passing the seminar test shall remain World Archery-IJCs for at least two years and until they have successfully served at International Events at which their performance has been successfully assessed by a World Archery-IJs acting as chair of judges at the event.

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8.5.1 The candidates are subject to the World Archery Judge Reaccreditation procedure.

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*8.5.1 The candidates are subject to the World Archery Judge Reaccreditation procedure, **except for IJC who are first accredited in the year in which a reaccreditation process is conducted.***

Appendix 4

Organisation and Procedure for the Judges Committee

World Archery International Judges (World Archery-IJs)

5.1 World Archery International Judges (World Archery-IJs) are active Judges, who were upgraded according to Appendix 4, Article 13.1. and fulfilled the requirements listed in Appendix 4, Article 13.2

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5.1.2 No Member Association may have more than four World Archery-IJs, except for the cases provided by **The correct reference will be inserted as soon as possible..**

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Upgrade to World Archery International Judge

13.1 Upgrade to World Archery-IJ.

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13.1.3 The maximum number of Judges (Appendix 4, Article 5.1.2) may be increased up to six:

- ~~In case of the World Archery IJ to be appointed is a woman;~~
- For Member Associations identified by the Executive Board as hosting a large number of International Events and having a large number of active archers.

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13.1.3 The maximum number of Judges (Book 1, Appendix 4, [Appendix 1-Congress Procedures, Article 5.1.2..](#)) may be increased up to six:

- **If, the judge in consideration for upgrade to WA IJ status, will bring gender balance in the number of IJs for the specific member association**
- For Member Associations identified by the Executive Board as hosting a large number of International Events and having a large number of active archers.

Book 2

Events

Chapter 3

Championships

3.11 Tournament Judge Commission

3.11.3 The Judges Committee shall appoint one additional Judge as chairperson.

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3.11.3.3 The chairperson shall be allowed to overrule decisions made by the judges which can be identified as mistakes. Overruling shall not be allowed regarding non-appealable issues as the ones described in articles 19.2 and 19.3 (WA Rules Book 3).

Chapter 4

Competitions

4.5 Rounds

4.5.1 Outdoor Archery Rounds

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4.5.1.2 The Elimination and Final Rounds consist of:

- The Elimination Round, in which the top 104 athletes (mandatory for World Archery Championships) are seeded according to their positions in the Qualifying Round (see [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts](#)). They shoot a series of matches in groups, each match consisting of the best of five sets of three arrows for recurve and barebow, and five ends of three arrows for compound;
- The Finals Round, in which the eight athletes remaining from the Elimination round shoot individual matches, each match consisting of the best of five sets of three arrows for recurve and barebow, and five ends of three arrows for compound, culminating in the gold Medal match. At World Archery Championships the matches shall be shot one after the other. The athletes shall shoot alternately one arrow at a time.
- The Team Elimination Round, in which the top 24 teams (16 in the Olympic Games) of three athletes seeded according to their positions as determined by their total score in the Qualification Round (see [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts, 8. Match Play Chart 5 \(24 teams, byes are permitted\)](#)) shoot simultaneously a series of matches, each match for recurve and barebow consisting of the best of four sets of six arrows (two per athlete) and for compound and W1 consisting of four ends of six arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score;
- The Team Finals Round, in which the four teams qualifying from the Elimination Round shoot a series of matches, each match for recurve and barebow consisting of the best of four sets of six arrows (two per athlete) and for compound consisting of four ends of six arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score culminating in the Team Gold Medal match. In the Olympic Games, the Medal matches of the World Archery Championships and Archery World Cup Events, the teams shoot alternately in three arrow segments. For other events alternating shooting is optional. The timing is started and stopped when the athlete crosses the 1m line;
- The Mixed Team Round in which the top 24 teams (16 in the Olympic Games) composed of the top ranked man and the top ranked woman from the same Member Association are seeded according to their positions as determined by their total score in the Qualification Round (see [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts, 8. Match Play Chart 5 \(24 teams, byes are permitted\)](#)), shoot simultaneously a series of matches, each match for recurve and barebow consisting of the best of four sets of four arrows (two per athlete) and for compound consisting of four ends of four arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score;
- The format may be amended to fit special stadiums and locations that are very attractive for archery. It is necessary to notify Member Associations at least one year in advance of the event;
- For Recurve the round will be called the Olympic Round and shall be shot at 70m (60m for Under 18 and 50+) on 122cm target faces, whereas for compound it will be called the Compound Match Round and shall be shot at 50m on an 80cm six ring target face. For Barebow it will be called the Barebow Match Round and shall be shot at 50m on an 122cm target face;
- A team shall consist of the highest ranked three (or two if a Mixed Team) athletes from the Qualification Round unless the Team Manager notifies the official approved result verifier or the Chairman of Judges in writing at least fifteen minutes before the start of official practice of that round of competition of a substitution of another athlete who competed in the Qualification Round. A violation of the foregoing will result in disqualification of the team. In case of substitution medals shall only be awarded to the athletes that shot the Team round, not the qualification round.

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- A team shall consist of the highest ranked three (or two if a Mixed Team) athletes from the Qualification Round unless the Team Manager notifies the official approved result verifier or the Chairman of Judges in writing at least fifteen minutes before the start of official practice of that round of competition of a substitution of another athlete who competed in the Qualification Round. A violation of the foregoing will result in disqualification of the team. In case of substitution medals shall only be awarded to the athletes that shot the Team round, not the qualification round.

Chapter 8

Field of Play setup - Field Archery

8.1 Course Layout

8.1.1 The field course shall be arranged so that the shooting positions and the targets can be reached without undue difficulty, hazard or waste of time. Field courses should be as condensed as possible.

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~~8.1.1.8 The butts shall provide a margin to allow all scoring arrows to be in the butt. At no point may any target face be less than 15cm from the ground. In all instances, regardless of the terrain, the buttress should be placed perpendicular to the athlete's line of sight from the shooting peg in order to present the target face's full picture.~~

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8.1.1.8 **With respect to target butts and target faces:**

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8.1.1.8.1 The butts shall provide a margin to allow all scoring arrows to be in the butt.

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8.1.1.8.2 At no point may any target face be less than 15cm from the ground.

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8.1.1.8.3 In all instances, regardless of the terrain, the buttress should be placed perpendicular to the athlete's line of sight from the shooting peg in order to present the target face's full picture.

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8.1.1.8.4 At all times the full scoring zone shall be visible from a height of 150cm.

Book 3

Target Archery

Chapter 12

Shooting and Conduct

12.2 There is a time limit for an athlete to shoot an end.

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~~12.2.3 No extra time shall be allowed for equipment failure or the treatment of medical problems, but the athlete concerned may leave the shooting line to resolve the issue and return to shoot any remaining arrow(s) if the time limit permits. In the Team Event other member(s) of the team may shoot in the meantime.~~

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12.2.3 *In the event (during the qualification round) of an equipment failure, verified by a Judge, or a medical issue, verified by medical personnel, extra time may be given to make the necessary repairs, change the damaged equipment or for medical personnel to determine the problem and decide whether or not the athlete is fit to continue competing unassisted. However the maximum time or number of ends for make-up arrows to be shot is 15 minutes (following regular order of shooting and timing), or two ends of six arrows outdoors and three ends of three arrows indoors, whichever happens first. The athlete shall make up the appropriate number of arrows at the earliest opportunity under the supervision of a Judge.*

At world ranking events or international multi sport events no extra time shall be allowed for equipment failure or the treatment of medical problems, but the athlete concerned may leave the shooting line to resolve the issue and return to shoot any remaining arrow(s) if the time limit permits. In the Team Event other member(s) of the team may shoot in the meantime.

Chapter 12

Shooting and Conduct

12.1 Each athlete shall shoot his arrows in ends of three or six arrows unless specified differently.

Outdoors:

- Long distances and Olympic and Compound Qualification Rounds with six arrows;
- Short distances with three or six (mandatory at World Championships) arrows;
- Individual Matches with three arrows.

Indoors:

- All distances with three arrows;
- Individual Matches with three arrows.

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12.1.3 The Olympic Round shall be shot as set out in ~~The correct reference will be inserted as soon as possible.~~

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12.1.3 The Olympic Round shall be shot as set out in [Article 4.5.1.2. in Book 2.](#)

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12.1.4 The Compound Match Round shall be shot as set out in ~~The correct reference will be inserted as soon as possible.~~

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12.1.4 The Compound Match Round shall be shot as set out in [Article 4.5.1.2. in Book 2](#)

Chapter 13

Order of Shooting and Timing Control

13.4 Shooting Time and Time Limits:

13.4.1 The total time allowed to shoot an end shall be determined by the total number of arrows to shoot in an end, where:

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13.4.1.2 ~~Transitional rule for all other events until 1 March 2023:~~

- 20 seconds per arrow is the time allowed for individual alternate shooting (30 seconds for para-archery), and for all team and mixed team rounds including shoot-offs;
- 40 seconds per arrow is the time allowed for individual shooting during qualifications, Olympic round and Compound rounds where alternate shooting does not apply, including shoot-offs.

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13.4.1.2 For all other events:

- 20 seconds per arrow is the time allowed for individual alternate shooting (30 seconds for para-archery), and for all team and mixed team rounds including shoot-offs;
- 40 seconds per arrow is the time allowed for individual shooting during qualifications, Olympic round and Compound rounds where alternate shooting does not apply, including shoot-offs. **Organizers have the right to reduce this time to 30 seconds per arrow, by indicating so in the invitation.**

Chapter 13

Order of Shooting and Timing Control

13.5 Visual and acoustic time control.

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13.5.3 Whenever the shooting line is clear, ~~with all athletes having finished shooting their arrows~~, the appropriate signal for change or scoring shall be given immediately.

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*13.5.3 Whenever the shooting line is clear, the appropriate signal for change or scoring shall be given, **unless the judges have been informed that there are archers who have not shot all their arrows.***

Chapter 18

Team Officials

18.1 At World Championships, each team taking part shall be represented by a Team Manager who may or may not be participating in the event.

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18.1.3 The team official, unless competing, can only be in the designated areas of the field of play as follows:

- If an official's area has been designated on the Finals field of play, only one team official per athlete/team can be on the field of play and during shooting he can only be in the official's area.
- In all other cases the team officials can only be behind the waiting line unless representing the athlete at the target.

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- If an official's area has been designated on the Finals field of play, only one team official per athlete/team can be on the field of play and during shooting he can only be in the official's area.
- In all other cases the team officials can only be behind the waiting line unless representing the athlete at the target **or assisting a para-athlete with an equipment failure or a medical reason on the shooting line.**

Chapter 20

Dress Regulations

20.1 World Championships are majestic occasions, honoured by the attendance of many dignitaries. All athletes, Team Managers and Officials participating in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies should be dressed in the uniform of their respective Member Association.

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20.1.1 During the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cup Events, athletes and team officials shall dress in sports clothing on the field of play.

- All members of one team by category shall be dressed in the same team uniform. The teams of one country may wear different design and colour uniforms. Team officials may wear a different style but should wear the same colours and should be easily identified as the official of their team;
- ~~Women shall wear dresses, skirts, divided skirts, shorts (these may not be shorter than the athlete's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete's side) or trousers, and blouses or tops (covering the front and back of the body, be fixed over each shoulder while still covering the midriff when she is at full draw);~~
- ~~Men shall wear trousers or shorts (these may not be shorter than the athlete's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete's side) and long or short sleeved shirts (covering the midriff when at full draw);~~
- No denim or jeans, regardless the colour, or camouflage clothes and equipment may be worn nor any oversize or baggy type pants or shorts;
- During the Team and Mixed Team match play competition the same colour and style shirt/blouse/top and the same colour pants/shorts/skirts shall be worn;
- Due to weather conditions, protective clothing such as sweaters, track suits, raingear, etc. may be worn following approval by the Technical Delegate of the event, or, in his absence, the Chairperson of the Tournament Judge Commission;
- Headwear is optional;
- During finals with TV coverage, undershirts, compression shirts or sleeves may be used on condition that they match the predominant colour of the team shirt or are white (might include design, names or markings but the predominant colour should be white).

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20.1.1 During the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Ranking Events and World Cup Events, athletes and team officials shall dress in sports clothing on the field of play.

- All members of one team by category shall be dressed in the same team uniform. The teams of one country may wear different design and colour uniforms. Team officials may wear a different style but should wear the same colours and should be easily identified as the official of their team;
- **Athletes shall wear trousers, shorts, dresses, skirts or divided skirts of their choice, however, this legwear may not be shorter than the athlete's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the athlete's side. They shall wear long or short sleeved shirts, blouses or tops, however, the upper body clothing must be fixed over each shoulder covering the front and back of the body while still covering the midriff when the athlete is at full draw.**
- No denim or jeans, regardless the colour, or camouflage clothes and equipment may be worn nor any oversize or baggy type pants or shorts;
- During the Team and Mixed Team match play competition the same colour and style shirt/blouse/top and the same colour pants/shorts/skirts shall be worn;
- Due to weather conditions, protective clothing such as sweaters, track suits, raingear, etc. may be worn following approval by the Technical Delegate of the event, or, in his absence, the Chairperson of the Tournament Judge Commission;
- Headwear is optional;
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Chapter 21

Para-Archery

21.1 Introduction

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21.1.3 In World Ranking Events, World Championships and Continental Championships, each athlete must compete in the category determined by the classification, for individuals rounds, doubles, and mixed teams, except the VI athletes under the conditions provided for in [Article 21.12.1.](#)

21.2 Classification

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21.2.1 Athletes with a physical disability are assessed by a panel of two international classifiers. The classifiers shall allocate a class to each athlete and issue a classification card showing the class and the ~~assistive devices~~ the athlete is allowed to use.

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21.2.1 Athletes with a physical disability are assessed by a panel of two international classifiers. The classifiers shall allocate a class to each athlete and issue a classification card showing the class and the **adaptive equipment** the athlete is allowed to use.

21.5 Classification cards

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21.5.1 All athletes are required to have a current international classification card which shall be shown to the Judges at equipment inspection. This enables Judges to check any ~~assistive devices~~ when checking the athlete's other equipment. Athletes without a classification, because they do not meet the criteria, are not permitted to compete in a category for athletes with a disability.

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21.6 ~~Assistive devices~~

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21.6 **Adaptive equipment**

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21.6.1 ~~Assistive devices~~ are only allowed if they have been permitted by an international classifier and included on the athlete's classification card. Assistive devices are described on Rule Book 3, Appendix 2 - [Appendix 2-Adaptive Equipment](#)

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21.6.1 **Adaptive equipment** is only allowed if permitted by Classifier and included on the athlete's classification card. Adaptive equipment is

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21.6.2 An athlete who no longer meets the criteria to be classified as a Para-athlete, may nevertheless require an ~~assistive device~~ to enable them to shoot a bow and arrow in general competition, but not to provide help to shoot well. ~~Such current athletes will have an international classification card dated November 2013 or later, specifying any assistive device that may be used. As of a date to be specified early in 2019 by the Executive Board, athletes who do not meet the minimum criteria to be classified as a Para-athlete or who have non-eligible conditions to be classified, may apply to a World Archery committee to use an assistive device.~~ By-laws specifying the details of this system will be approved by the Executive Board and circulated in due course.

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21.6.2 An athlete who does not meet the criteria to be classified as a Para-athlete, may nevertheless require **adaptive equipment** to enable them to shoot a bow and arrow in general competition, but not to provide help to shoot well. **As soon as possible, athletes who do not meet the minimum criteria to be classified as a Para-athlete or who have non-eligible conditions to be classified, may apply to a World Archery committee to use an adaptive equipment.** By-laws specifying the details of this system will be approved by the Executive Board and circulated in due course.

21.9 World records and awards

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21.9.1 Records can be set for all classes for the same Rounds shot by able-bodied athletes and with the addition of records for the VI Rounds and W1 rounds.

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21.9.1 Records can be set for all classes for the same Rounds shot by able-bodied athletes and with the addition of records for the VI Rounds and W1 rounds. **When a VI 2/3 athlete is shooting in VI 1 under the conditions provided for in [Article 21.12.1.](#), the record will only be considered in VI 2/3 category.**

21.12 Visually Impaired Athletes

21.12.9 Spotters

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21.12.9.1 A VI athlete is permitted to have a person acting as a spotter who may sit ~~or stand~~ behind the athlete 1m behind the shooting line.

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21.12.9.1 A VI athlete is permitted to have a person acting as a spotter who must sit behind the athlete 1m behind the shooting line.

Appendix 2

~~Assistive Devices~~

Appendix 2

Adaptive Equipment

To accompany adaptive equipment rules, an [Adaptive Equipment Resource Guide](#) has been developed. It provides insight on how and for whom the adaptive equipment should be authorised, and how the equipment is measured during equipment inspection.

1. Wheelchair

1.1 A wheelchair of any type may be used, provided it subscribes to the accepted principle and meaning of the word “wheelchair” and it does not have more than four wheels touching the ground.

1.1.4 The wheelchair shall not exceed 1.25m in length.

1.1.4 The wheelchair **including all equipment and the athlete** shall not exceed 1.25m in length.

1.1.5 ~~The use of anti-roll devices is allowed.~~

1.1.5 **If the ground is uneven, a block to level the chair is allowed.**

1.1.6 **A maximum of two anti-rolling devices (wedges) behind or in front of the rear wheel, may be used only if there is significant slope at the shooting line shooting position surface. At flat shooting positions (artificial or ground) surfaces, anti-rolling devices (wedges) in contact with wheel(s) and the shooting position surface are not allowed. Chair mounted wheel brake devices that do not contact the shooting position surface are permitted.**

4. Release Aid System

4.2 The release aid system cannot function as a form of lateral support or ~~as a rigid corset.~~

4.2 The release aid system cannot function as a form of lateral support or **provide added trunk support.**

a. **A release aid system must not sit below the bottom of the rib cage.**

b. **The rigid material of a release aid system may not wrap more than 1/2 of their trunk. Lacing or a strap may be used to secure the system around the rest of the trunk.**

Examples and pictures are available in the

10. Assistant

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10.3 The athlete can give directions to the assistant only for loading arrows or adjusting sight or other pieces of the athlete's equipment. The assistant must remain silent during the end of shooting and not provide coaching to the athlete in any way. In particular, the assistant is forbidden to spot, or to use a scope or binoculars.

Book 4

Field and 3D Archery

Chapter 22

Athlete Equipment

This article lays down the type of equipment athletes are permitted to use when shooting in World Archery competitions. It is the athlete's responsibility to use equipment which complies with the rule. Any athlete found to be using equipment contravening World Archery Rules may have his scores disqualified. Described below are the specific regulations that apply to each division followed by the regulation that apply to all divisions. The dress regulations found in Book 3, Article 20.1 shall apply.

22.5 Longbow Division

For the Longbow Division, the following items are permitted:

22.5.6 Only wooden arrows are allowed with the following specifications:

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22.5.6.1 An arrow consists of a wooden shaft with a tip (point), a nock (which must be attached directly to the wooden shaft(s), or self-nock cut directly into the shaft(s), fletching and, if desired, cresting. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts shall not exceed 9.3mm (arrow wraps shall not be considered as part of this limitation but may not extend further than 22cm toward the arrow point when measured from the nock groove where the bowstring sits to the end of the wrap). The tips/points of the arrows may not exceed 9.4mm in diameter. All arrows of every athlete shall be marked with the athlete's name or initials on the shaft. All arrows used in any end shall be identical in appearance and shall carry the same pattern and colour(s) of fletching, nocks and cresting, if any.

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22.5 Longbow Division

For the Longbow Division, the following items are permitted:

- 22.5.1 The bow shall correspond to the traditional form (shape) of a longbow (or American Flat Bow) conforming to a limb design that when strung the bowstring shall not touch any other part of the bow but the string nocks. The bow may be a two piece take-down, having two sections of similar length (take-down within the grip/arrow rest area), and may be made from any material or combination of materials. The shape of the grip (grip area only) is not restricted and center-shot is allowed. The bow shall be free from protrusions, sights or sight marks, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces (within the bow window area) which could be of use in aiming.

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22.5.1.1 ~~For U21 and women, the bow shall be not less than 150cm in length; for men, the bow shall be not less than 160cm in length~~ – this length being measured on a strung bow between the string nocks all along the outside (back) of the limbs.

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*22.5.1.1 **The bow shall be not less than 150cm in length** – this length being measured on a strung bow between the string nocks all along the outside (back) of the limbs.*

Chapter 24

General Order of Shooting and Timing Control in Field and 3D Rounds

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24.10 In the Elimination and Semi-Finals Round, ~~whenever a Judge accompanies a group, he shall start and stop the shooting verbally ("go" for the start and "stop" when the time has passed).~~

- In Field and 3D rounds, the Judge shall show a yellow card as an indication when 30 seconds of the appropriate time limit remain;
- If shooting is controlled by a DoS, then the timing system will display time remaining and there is no requirement for judge to display yellow card;
- In Field Rounds, the time limit for individuals and teams is two minutes;
- In 3D Rounds, the time limit for individuals is one minute and for teams two minutes;
- No shooting shall be allowed after the time limit has expired;
- If an athlete shoots an arrow after the Judge has stopped the shooting, the athlete or team shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- In the Individual matches, the two athletes will shoot simultaneously;
- In the Team rounds, the teams will shoot one at a time with the highest ranked team choosing who shoots first, at the next and subsequent targets the team with the lowest score will shoot first and when there is a tie in score the team who shot first at target one will shoot first.

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24.10 In the Elimination and Semi-Finals Round:

- **Whenever a judge accompanies a group, he will indicate to the athlete which shooting peg he is to shoot from and which target he is shooting at;**
- **When the match is manually controlled by the judge he shall start and stop the shooting verbally ("go" for the start and "stop" when the time has passed). The Judge shall show a yellow card as an indication when 30 seconds of the appropriate time limit remain. The time will begin when the athletes are on the peg;**
- If shooting is controlled by a DoS, then the timing system will display time remaining and there is no requirement for judge to display yellow card;
- In Field Rounds, the time limit for individuals and teams is two minutes;
- In 3D Rounds, the time limit for individuals is one minute and for teams two minutes;
- **When the match is DoS controlled the judge will signal to the DoS that the athletes are ready and when the sound signal is given, the athletes have 10 seconds to walk to the peg on the red light. Shooting will commence on the green light and the sound signal, and conclude on the red light and on the start of sound signal.**
- No shooting shall be allowed after the time limit has expired;
- If an athlete shoots an arrow after the judge has stopped the shooting, the athlete or team shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- In the Individual matches, the two athletes will shoot simultaneously;
- In the Team rounds, the teams will shoot one at a time with the highest ranked team choosing who shoots first, at the next and subsequent targets the team with the lowest score will shoot first and when there is a tie in score the team who shot first at target one will shoot first.

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24.11 The Medal Matches:

- Medal matches may be controlled by a DoS or by a judge;
- In Field, the time limit for individuals and teams is two minutes;
- In 3D, the time limit for individuals is one minute and for teams two minutes;
- ~~The time will start for the individuals when they are standing at their appropriate peg and for the team when they are standing at the red peg, shooting one at a time with red peg athletes shooting first.~~

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- Medal matches may be controlled by a DoS or by a judge;
- In Field, the time limit for individuals and teams is two minutes;
- In 3D, the time limit for individuals is one minute and for teams two minutes;
- **When controlled by a judge the time will start for the individuals when they are standing at their appropriate peg and for the team when they are standing at the red peg, shooting one at a time with red peg athletes shooting first;**

- *When the match is DoS controlled the judge will signal to the DoS that the athletes are ready and when the sound signal is given, the athletes have 10 seconds to walk to the peg on the red light. Shooting will commence on the green light and the sound signal, and conclude on the red light and on the start of sound signal.*
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Chapter 25

Scoring

25.3 Except for those ties as set out in [Article 25.3.2.](#), tied scores in all rounds are ranked using:

25.3.3 For ties for the progress from one stage of the competition to the next other than as provided in Article 25.3.2 or for deciding the Medal placements after a Finals Round there shall be shoot-offs to break the ties:

- Shoot-offs shall be shot as soon as it is practical after all scorecards for the division, within which the tie has occurred, have been recorded. Any athlete who is not present for the shoot-off within 30 minutes after he or his Team Manager has been notified, shall forfeit the shoot-off. If the athlete and his Team Manager have left the field, in spite of the results not being officially verified, and thus cannot be notified of the shoot-off, the athlete shall forfeit the shoot-off.

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25.3.3.3 *Mixed Team shoot-offs:*

- *An end of two arrows (one by each athlete) shoot-off for score;*
- *Athletes in the team will shoot alternately;*
- *If the score is still tied, the team with the arrow closest to the centre shall win; and, if still tied, the second closest to the centre arrow shall determine the winner;*
- *The time limit shall be ~~two minutes~~ for Field rounds and 90 seconds for 3D rounds;*
- *This shoot-off will take place on the course where the match occurred.*

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- *An end of two arrows (one by each athlete) shoot-off for score;*
- *Athletes in the team will shoot alternately;*
- *If the score is still tied, the team with the arrow closest to the centre shall win; and, if still tied, the second closest to the centre arrow shall determine the winner;*
- *The time limit shall be **80 seconds** for Field rounds and 90 seconds for 3D rounds;*
- *This shoot-off will take place on the course where the match occurred.*

Chapter 26

Shooting Control and Safety

26.2 The chairperson of the Tournament Judge Commission shall satisfy himself that safety precautions have been observed in the layout of the courses and arrange with the organisers for any additional safety precautions he may find advisable before shooting commences.

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26.2.4 Should the competition have to be abandoned prior to the completion of the Qualification Round(s) the total score of the same targets shot by all athletes in a ~~division~~ shall be used to determine the ranking and in case no further competition is possible at all, the champions in that division.

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*26.2.4 Should the competition have to be abandoned prior to the completion of the Qualification Round(s), the total score of the same targets shot by all athletes in a **category** shall be used to determine the ranking and in case no further competition is possible at all, the champions in that category.*

Chapter 29

Questions and Disputes

29.1 Any athlete on the target shall refer any questions about the value of an arrow in the target face, before the arrows are drawn, to:

- During the Qualification Rounds to the competitors in the group. The majority opinion of the group shall decide on the value – if there is split decision (50/50) the arrow shall be given the higher value. That decision of the athletes is final;
- During the Elimination and Finals Rounds, if the athletes cannot agree on the value of an arrow, a Judge shall be called to decide on the value of the arrow.

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29.1.3 Should it be discovered:

- That the size of a target face has been changed during the competition in Field rounds;
- The position of a shooting peg has been moved after competing athletes have already shot the target;
- The target is or has become unshootable for certain athletes because of hanging branches, etc.

That target shall be eliminated for the purpose of score for all athletes of the ~~division~~ involved, should an appeal be upheld. If one or more target(s) is disqualified, the remaining number of targets shall be considered a full round.

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