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Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.7.1

The Judges Committee has requested clarification as to permitted use of arrow wraps under Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.7.1: (1) what is the real change in meaning between these two wordings set forth below and (2) does the current wording mean that the length of the wraps cannot exceed 22cm regardless of the actual size of the arrow shaft?

In the 2016 version of the rules book, the reference to arrow wraps was that... *(arrow wraps shall not be considered as part of this limitation as long they do not extend further than 22cm toward the point of the arrow when measured from the throat - nock hole where the string sits - of the nock to the end of the wrap.* In the April 2018 version, the wording has been changed to: *"(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 string sits to the end of the wrap)"*

The Constitution and Rules Committee ("C&R") finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

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

Response from the Technical Committee:

Basically, the two versions of the rule say the same thing. That is, an arrow wrap may not be longer than 22 cm, measured from the bottom of the arrow nock groove where the nock contacts the bowstring toward the arrow point, regardless of the diameter of the arrow. The arrows diameter has nothing to do with the 22 cm length restriction on the length of the wrap.

Concerning the wrap in regard to the allowable 9.3 mm maximum arrow diameter, an athlete may not add the thickness of an arrow wrap to an arrow shaft already measuring 9.3 mm in diameter. Example: an athlete has arrow wraps on his or her arrows which comply with the 22 cm rule. In a competition, the athlete shoots an arrow close to the Ten ring line that may or not may not be touching the line. However, the arrow has penetrated the target up onto the wrap. Since the arrow diameter is larger where it contacts the targets Ten ring line than the maximum allowable diameter of 9.3 mm (due to the additional thickness of the wrap), it becomes a challenging call. The athlete cannot include the thickness of the wrap when scoring the arrow if the arrow diameter and the combined thickness of the wrap exceeds 9.3 mm.

Concerning the wrap in regard to an arrow diameter less than 9.3 mm, the wrap may be considered *as* part the arrows diameter because the diameter is under the 9.3 mm limitation. Example, an athlete has arrow wraps on their arrows which comply with the

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22 cm rule. In a competition, the athlete shoots an arrow close to the Ten ring line that may or not may not be touching the line and the arrow has penetrated the target face to the wrap. As long as the arrow diameter does not exceed the maximum allowable diameter of 9.3 mm, the wrap may be considered as part of the arrows diameter for scoring.

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