

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 4, Chapter 22, Articles 22.2.4.1 and 22.4.7.1

At the 2021 World Archery Congress, Congress voted to approve Motion 15 creating a Traditional Division which will take effect on January 15, 2022. Since approval of this Motion, several common questions have been raised in response to the new Rule. Therefore, the Technical Committee and the Field & 3D Archery Committee would like to issue an interpretation to clarify the new Rule regarding the Traditional Division.

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee and the Field and 3D Archery Committee.

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

Joint response from the Technical Committee and the Field and 3D Archery Committee:

[Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.4.1] – “*The riser is of laminated construction and includes wooden laminates or made of one piece of wood.*”

If the riser includes wood laminates, the riser must contain at least two wood laminates within the original construction of the riser. The wood laminates must be present through the entire length of the riser to be legal. Any wood laminates must be visible and easily verified as wood by a judge. Painting, or coating the riser so that the wood laminates are not visible may lead to disqualification of the bow. There is no restriction on the length of the riser.

Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.4.1 – “*Bows may have adjustable limbs for poundage and tiller adjustment.*”

The limb pockets at each end of the riser may allow for adjustment of poundage (draw weight), tiller and lateral alignment.

Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.4.7.1 – “*When shooting, the index finger or middle finger must be within 3 mm of the nock or touch the nock (split finger or 3 fingers under). When shooting split finger, a finger separator between the fingers to prevent pinching may be used. A single anchor or face walking is permitted. String walking is not permitted.*”

The athlete may choose to shoot with either three fingers under the nock or with one finger above the nock and the remaining finger(s) below the nock. The athlete may not change finger position on the string during the competition as this is *string walking* and is not permitted.

**World Archery Technical Committee and Field and 3D Archery Committee
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