

## Recurve Rules Interpretations

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### **Book 3, Chapter 11 Art. 11.1.4 and Book 4 Chapter 22 Art.22.1.4**

*The Member Association of Brazil has requested an interpretation with respect to the following wording: “One draw check indicator, audible, tactile and/or visual may be used provided it is not electric or electronic. In particular if the visual one draw check indicator (clicker) as shown in the photos below is authorized in recurve division? to help deaf archers and hearing impaired archers who don’t ear audible one. It’s not electric or electronic.*

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

#### **The following is the majority decision of the Technical Committee:**

The visual draw check indicator as presented is legal in the recurve division.

The presented videos of the draw check indicator in use show a visual flag that appears in the athlete’s line of sight simultaneously as the ‘clicker blade’ is released by drawing the arrow through the blade. The primary signal is a visual flag and it is likely that there will also be some audible sound emitted by the draw check indicator. This is allowed under articles 11.1.4 and 22.1.4 – ‘audible and visual may be used’ since the signals occur simultaneously and are considered to be one draw check.

For the avoidance of doubt, more than one draw check indicator would be if there were multiple signals, either audible, tactile and/or visual, that are not received simultaneously.

Attached photos of the visual draw check indicator below.



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### **Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.10, 11.3 and 11.4.10**

*The World Archery Secretary General has requested an interpretation as to whether the device shown below may be worn in competition in recurve, compound or barebow divisions. The device is to be placed inside the drawing elbow, to focus on expansion during shooting.*

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:**

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the FIVICS “draw elbow joint device(s)”, and other companies’ similar products are not legal in any division of World Archery competition except for the Compound Division.

**World Archery Technical Committee, 18 August 2021**

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### **Book 3, Chapter 11, Articles 11.1.8 and 11.4.8,** **Book 4, Chapter 22, Articles 22.1.8, 22.3.8, 22.4.7, 22.57**

*World Archery Judges Committee has asked whether the use of “thumb-rings” is allowed for any bow category covered under Book 3 or Book 4?*

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:**

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that “thumb rings” are not legal in any division of World Archery except for the compound division. Thumb rings can easily be turned into release aids which are only legal in the compound division. Additionally, we do not believe that adding another division in World Archery is in the best interest of the sport as thumb rings should not be allowed in any finger release divisions.

**World Archery Technical Committee, 7 July 2021**  
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### **Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.1**

*The German Shooting Sport and Archery Federation (DSB) has requested an interpretation as to whether the bow grip shown below is permitted in the Compound, Recurve and Barebow divisions of World Archery.*

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:**

The bow grip shown in the photos below is legal in the Compound, Recurve and Barebow divisions of World Archery. The Technical Committee can see no advantage in using a grip of this particular design. Additionally, grips of this type are not new to the world of archery. Several bow manufacturers offered thumb-hole grips back in the late 1950’s and 1960’s.

**World Archery Technical Committee, 8 August 2019**

**Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 15 August 2019**



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### **Book 4, Chapter 23, Article 23.1**

*The Field and 3D Archery Committee has requested an interpretation as to what constitutes kneeling as permitted under Article 23.1.*

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

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

#### **Response from C&R:**

C&R has concluded that kneeling is an act where one or both knees are on the ground but the athlete’s weight is not being supported by sitting or resting on his or her feet, heels, or legs. Kneeling is not intended to allow the athlete to have additional stability by supporting his or her weight on legs, feet or heels.

Applying this analysis to the pictures below:

Image 1 – legal

Image 2 – not legal since weight is on legs and heels

Image 3 – not legal since weight is on legs and feet

Image 4 – legal

Image 5 - legal if athlete is not resting on the back of left leg, heel or foot.

**Constitution and Rules Committee, 19 March 2019**

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Image 1





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Image 2



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Image 4



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### **Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.1.2.1; Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.1.2.1**

*ARCHERY GB has requested an interpretation as to whether the nocking point and nock locator as shown in the photograph below are permitted in the Recurve division?*

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:**

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the disk-shaped nocking point shown below is legal for use in all divisions of World Archery. There are no restrictions as to the diameter of a nocking point or that it can be made of multiple components or layers.

**World Archery Technical Committee, November 11, 2018**  
**Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, December 08, 2018**

