



Rule Interpretations

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1 - Sighters at clout events

Clarification has been asked for around sighters at clout events. The following interpretation has been issued, and has been determined not to conflict with the Archery GB rules.

Sighters at Single clouts – One end of sighters (six arrows) is permitted, where a two way clout is shot, an end of sighters each way is permitted

Sighters at Double clouts – One end of sighters is permitted at the start of each clout round (36 arrows). Where a two way clout is shot, then sighters in each direction at the start of each clout round is permitted

Example: for a Double clout, sighters would be shot at the beginning of the day, then when the 2nd clout round starts (so after the first 36 arrows) a second end of sighters shall be shot.



2 - Use of Modkin points by the Archery GB Longbow division

Clarification has been asked for about the use of Modkin arrow points. The following interpretation has been issued and has been determined not to conflict with the Archery GB rules. (This has **not** been clarified for WA Longbow)

Modkin and Tophat points have been determined to be legal for the longbow division, provided that they are in-keeping with rule 206(d) (reproduced below, and relevant part underlined)

206 (d): Arrows Arrows shall have wooden steles (shafts), shall be fitted with feather fletchings, and may have either horn-reinforced, self or applied nocks. There is no limit to the maximum shaft diameter. The pile shall not exceed the diameter of the shaft at the point of fitment. Shouldered piles, whilst not disallowed, should be avoided because of excess damage to targets. Arrows shall be properly marked, so that there shall be no difficulty in claiming them.



3 - Suspected bouncer at Archery GB events

Clarification has been asked for about bouncers, and their determination. The following interpretation has been issued and has been determined not to conflict with the Archery GB rules.

Situation: A Bouncer occurs, but only when approaching the target does the archer notice and draw the attention of a judge

Archery GB rules provide for the fact that the Judge has to satisfy themselves that a bouncer has occurred. The arrow should not be touched by anyone until the judge has inspected the situation. Should the judge, upon looking at the evidence (the position of the arrow, any evident damage to arrows in the boss etc) deem a bouncer has occurred then a replacement arrow should be shot at the earliest opportunity (usually as part of the next scoring end) unless there is a distance change, in which case the arrow should be shot as soon as the archers are all back from scoring, and the boss moved after this make up arrow has been shot.

Makeup arrows and scoring procedures are to follow 306(h) parts ii to iv inclusive.



4 - Use of noise reduction devices at Archery GB events

Clarification has been asked for about the use of noise reduction devices (such as ear defenders / ear plugs etc at competitions organised under Archery GB rules. The following interpretation has been issued and has been determined not to conflict with the Archery GB rules.

The use of non-electronic noise reduction devices is not permitted for all archers. Should an individual have a medical requirement for them, this must be presented to the Chair of Judges prior to the shoot commencing, at which point they may be allowed.

Reasoning:

The rules (both World Archery and Archery GB) recognise that no noise reduction devices are permitted (rule 201 (f)). This is for safety reasons, any noise reduction device, by its very nature, either stops or dulls sounds. This means it will have an effect on any safety announcements, or the shooting signals being used.

(As per the world Archery interpretation from Oct 22, 2007)

Should the individual have need of hearing protection / noise reduction devices (non-electronic ONLY) for medical reasons then they would need to provide evidence to the chair of judges before shooting commences. Should the Chair of Judges, during the course of shooting, have any concerns that the individual cannot hear, or react to safety signals and announcements, then they may ask the individual to remove the noise reduction device(s).