

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 3, Chapter 11, Articles 11.3.1 and 11.3.2

Archery GB has requested an interpretation as to whether athletes, and para-archery athlete, in particular, may use a tablet or a smart phone mounted to the spotting scope to enable better viewing of arrows in the target face?

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

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

Response from the Technical and Para Archery Committee:

It is the majority decision of the Technical Committee that the use of Tablets, Smart phones or any other electronic media devices for the purpose of enhancing spotting scope images are not legal. Such a device would directly contravene Article 11.3.1. Article 11.3.2 has no provision for allowing such devices to enhance spotting scope images. Para rules have no provision in the rules to allow this type of assistive device. Therefore, such devices are not allowed in any division of World Archery or Para Archery.

The Para Archery Committee takes note that that Article 11.3.1 prohibits any electronic or electrical device that are attached to the athlete's equipment and Article 11.3.2 provides, in part, that mobile devices such as mobile phones are permitted in front of the waiting line for running software that simply allows the athlete to plot arrow impacts on the target as one would on printed paper used for the same purpose is permitted. No software that aids in bow sight adjustments may be used anywhere on the archery field (which includes any space either in front of or behind the shooting line up to the spectator area). Chapter 21 for Para archery contains no exceptions to the above. The Committee has determined that while some para archers may prefer to use electronic equipment in connection viewing their scopes, there are alternatives (binoculars, alternative scope mount etc.,).

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