

To; All USA Archery Judges

From; Tom Green, Chair Officials & Rules Committee

It is that time of the year again to submit your requests for tournaments next year and to send in the personal update form. It is very important that you return these forms so we can know if you are working as a Judge and also if you have moved or changed any contact information. All of the forms and the recent case study are now on the USAA website under the heading Judges.

I want to thank all of you that worked so hard and volunteered your time to judge this past year at USA Archery events but also those that worked at your State and local events.

There have been many changes made to the shooting format this year by FITA. Make sure you stay current. By going to <http://usarchery.org/blog/post/1437> you get a very good description of these changes as well as on the FITA website for the exact rules. There will be a FITA new rulebook which will go into effect April 1, 2010 so make sure you get it online from FITA. If you have any questions, please contact me or your regional representative.

There will be a Judges' seminar early March in Yankton, SD for all Judges. It will also be a Continental Judge seminar. More information to come soon.

Case Study

CS #2, 08

At a tournament an archer only brings six arrows in his quiver to the shooting line when shooting 90 meters. When there is only 25 seconds left, the archer still has one arrow to shoot and he finds out that the nock is broken. He raises his bow claiming an equipment failure, a Judge comes and the archer says his arrow has a broken nock. The Judge says that a broken nock is not reason for an equipment failure and the archer can not get extra time. The archer then runs to get another arrow.

When he comes back the time has run out to shoot. The archer files an appeal to the Jury and the Jury overruled the Judge allowing the archer an additional 40 seconds to shoot his arrow.

Which decision was correct? The Judge or the Jury members

The Jury was correct. A nock is part of the archer's equipment and if it breaks, an equipment failure should be granted giving an additional 40 sec.

CS#3, 08

While doing equipment inspection you find the following situations. Write legal or illegal for each item. If you find any of the items illegal, please explain what you would say to the archer.

1. legal -- Archer 1 shows you two sets of arrows. Each set have different nock and fletching colors.
2. illegal -- Archer 2 (recurve) shows a sight with a fiber optic pin that is 2.5cm long towards the target.
3. legal -- Archer 3 has a string with made with two different colors.
4. legal -- Archer 4 (recurve) uses a kissers button that is 1.3cm in diameter.
5. illegal -- Archer 5 (compound) has a bow that is 63 lbs on your scale.
6. illegal -- Archer 6 (recurve) shows an overdraw 5cm behind the pivot point.
7. illegal -- Archer 7 (barebow) shows a bow with a weight on the top and middle of the riser.

New Case Studies

CS #1-09

These are not case studies as usual. There are several important changes and we need to make sure you understand them.

Please describe in detail the new set system and the new mixed team round.