

Answers to Case Studies #1&2-07

Both of these case studies have a rule in the Fita rule book to support a decision, but you have to ask yourself what is the intent of the rule and why is it there. Many of you took the easy way out and merely responded to the rule. Some of you are extremely hard in your decisions not trying to support the archers or really understand the rule.

I am quoting responses I got back from one of the rather new Judges. I think his answers are correct and right on track with what we want in a Judge.

#1-07

I would have warned the Team that only one archer at a time is allowed in front of the 1-meter line in accordance with 7.5.2.3. No yellow card is warranted. The penalty and procedure detailed at 7.8.3.1 on crossing the line too soon is a timing penalty applied when an archer crosses the line to take the shooting line or upon the exchange of archers retiring from and moving to the shooting line. It's intent is to ensure that no Team has an unfair advantage when exchanging shooters and in this instance does not apply.

If you were on the Jury.

Denied the protest and upheld the match Judge's action.

#2-07

This is not an "unexpected medical problem" which refers to a competitor's physical and medical fitness to participate; therefore 7.4.2.7 does not apply.

This is clearly an emergency and should be treated as such (suppose Archer B had been rendered unconscious or otherwise incapacitated). Archery is not a contact sport nor are winners decided by the ability to survive an opponent's intended or unintended physical abuse; particularly when a rational and reasonable alternative exists in the rules.

I would have allowed Archer B to get medical attention upon his/her request. If the archers were shooting alternately, which may be assumed as it is a finals match, and the arrow in the bow when the breakage occurred had not crossed the 3-meter line; I would have continued timing for Archer A, allowing for the archer to get their backup bow and shoot the arrow; then suspended shooting until Archer B had received medical attention. The match would resume in accordance with rule 7.5.7.

TG- Keep in mind why the rule to keep shooting is there. It is there for the TV media so that the matches stay on time to fit their time slot.