



Item 14.3 Constitution & Rules Committee Congress Report By Mark MILLER, Chairman

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The Constitution and Rules Committee ("C&R") of World Archery works closely with the World Archery office and other World Archery Committees in fulfilling its constitutional duties. These duties include answering and clarifying questions dealing with the World Archery Constitution and Rules, eligibility, championships, records and awards, reviewing and approving Committee interpretations, drafting motions for bylaws and laws as well as reviewing motions submitted by others, and advising and counseling World Archery's Executive Board, General Secretary and the World Archery office.

C&R and the World Archery office focuses on improving the rules, addressing ambiguities, making the Rule book more accessible, aiding other Committees, and assisting World Archery to continue to improve our sport.

C&R is involved with every interpretation request that is submitted to World Archery. In some cases, the question asked is within C&R's term of reference, and C&R issues the interpretation. More commonly, however, the interpretation is within the term of reference of another Committee with several Committees and having an interest in the request. For example, a common request for an interpretation is whether or not a new item of equipment is permitted under the rules. In this case, while the question falls within the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee, other Committees provide input and express their opinions. C&R assists the Committees in discussing the issues and, where possible, finding a mutually agreeable solution. Similarly, C&R reviews and comments on each law being submitted to Congress and each bylaw being submitted to the Executive Board.

Various audiences are interested in World Archery's Rules and C&R's work including athletes, Members Associations, judges, tournament organizers, sponsors, manufactures, coaches, sport governing associations such as the International Olympic Committee, anti-drug commissions such as World Anti-Doping Agency, and sport broadcasting and media. C&R believes that it can best serve our sport by considering the interests of all of these stakeholders and making others involved aware of other parties' points of view when considering interpretation requests, bylaws and laws.

C&R assists World Archery in protecting archery against doping and other challenges facing sports which affect the integrity of sport and fair play, including, without limitation, sport betting in our competitions and other issues which may adversely affect our sport's reputation. Problems that have tarnished our sport's reputations affect the reputation of all sports, including ours. Accordingly, it is important that World Archery and C&R strive to adopt best practices regarding good governance. In short, we have to be the best that we can be to insure that our sport continues with the excellent reputation that it enjoys.



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There are some questions which are repeatedly asked or as to which C&R or the World Archery office believes that publishing answers would be helpful. Typically, these address practical issues which do not require a formal interpretation or a change to the Rules. In order to assist those who have basic and common questions, C&R and the World Archery Office identify Frequently Asked Questions and publish the answers to these questions on the World Archery website.

C&R and the World Archery office are looking for ways to improve how we can make interpretations more accessible and better communicate with Member Associations, other Committees and other interested parties. Not all interpretations are included in the Rule Book. Whether or not the Rule Book is revised depends on whether the interpretation is a material clarification in the rule with broad application as opposed to the application of the rule in a particular situation. For example, interpretations which relate to whether or not a particular item of equipment is legal are not appropriate for the Rule Book. Another example where the Rule Book often is not revised is where the interpretation provides a set of tests or procedures to be applied to determine the outcome under the rules. An example of this is the multi-prong test as to what is "indoor" versus "outdoor" archery. In this case, C&R did not believe that the detailed tests and process should be included in the Rule Book but rather should remain as an interpretation to be referred to as appropriate.

However, C&R recognizes that there it may not be easy to locate those interpretations which are not included in the Rule Book. For example, a reader who is trying to determine whether an event is an "indoor" or "outdoor" competition, will not know that this issue has been answered unless the reader is aware of and can locate the interpretation. C&R recognizes this issue and is working with World Archery to develop a method for readers to quickly reference related interpretations.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to my colleagues, Mr. Tom Dielen, Mr. Giuseppe Cinnirella, and Mr. Derrick Lowell for their hard work on C&R matters. I am very fortunate to have these gentlemen to assist with the sometimes difficult issues with which C&R deals. Of course, I would also like to commend the World Archery office, and in particular Mr. Thomas Aubert, for their expert and professional involvement with C&R matters. Finally, on behalf of C&R, I would like to thank the President, the Executive Board, and the Permanent Committees for their confidence and professional cooperation.

As in the past, the primary aim of our work is the promotion of World Archery and our sport.

Respectfully submitted:

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