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Book 3, Chapter 21

- 21.3 *Visually Impaired Classification*
- 21.3.1 *Visually Impaired athletes classified as VII shall wear a blindfold when shooting. Other athletes classified as VI2 or VI3 will not wear blindfolds. All VI athletes are classified by specific, trained VI classifiers.*
- 21.4.3 *Visually Impaired (VI):*
VII
VI2/3
There shall be no distinction between men, women, compound or recurve within either division. All will shoot against each other in the appropriate division.
For the equipment rules of this division see 21.12 Visually Impaired Athletes
- 21.12 *Visually Impaired Athletes*
- 21.12.1 *There will be two divisions for Visually Impaired athletes, VII and VI2 and VI3 combined. VII/VI2 athletes will be those who have the IBSA archery classification of B2 or B3 which is determined by the degree of visual acuity. The athletes in VII will wear blindfolds. The athletes in the VI2/VI3 division will not wear blindfolds. Athletes in both divisions will use a tactile sight and no other sight will be permitted.*
- 21.12.2 *A blindfold can be a sleep mask or wraparound glasses or goggles and shall be checked by the Judges during equipment inspection and may be re-checked at any time during the competition.*
- 21.12.3 *When at the competition venue the blindfold shall be worn at all times while on the field of play including when setting up equipment, during practice and until the end of the athlete's competition for that day.*

21.12.4 *The sighting device/stand must not represent an obstacle to other competitors.*

The total width of the stand/foot locators shall be not more than 80 cms (31.5 inches).

The maximum depth of the functional part of the foot locators in contact with the archer shall be not more than 6 cms (2.5 inches).

There shall be a space of not less than 90 cms (35.5 inches) between each tactile stand (measured from the nearest point of each stand).

The size of the tactile sight may not exceed 2cm in any direction and shall only be in contact with the back of the archer's hand or forearm.

21.12.5 *Once set up, the tactile sight may be left on the field until the end of the athlete's competition for that day and then removed.*

21.12.6 *In the VI Olympic Round, target allocations shall be arranged so that athletes do not have to move targets even if this means that their opponent is not on an adjacent target.*

21.12.7. *Athletes may shoot either recurve or compound bows within the same class. The compound bow may be shot with either fingers or a release aid. Compound bows are restricted to a peak draw weight of 45 pounds for both men and women.*

21.12.8. *Rounds to be shot.*

21.12.8.1. *The VI Outdoor Round consists of four times 36 arrows shot at 30m with the following target faces in this order:*

' The first 36 arrows on a 60cm face;

' The next 36 on an 80cm face;

' The next 36 arrows on an 80cm face;

' The final 36 arrows on a 122cm face.

21.12.8.2. *The VI 30m Round consists of 72 arrows shot at 30m on the 80cm face.*

21.12.8.3. *The VI Olympic Round is shot at 30m on the 80cm face.*

21.12.8.4. *The VI Indoor Round consists of 60 arrows on a 60cm face shot at 18m. The full "recurve" 10 zone will be used for scoring purposes even if a compound bow is used.*

- 21.12.8.5. *The VI Indoor Match Round is shot on 60cm faces and follows the other rules of the Indoor Match Round. The full “recurve” 10 zone will be used for scoring purposes even if a compound bow is used.*
- 21.12.8.6. *All other World Archery rules apply.*
- 21.12.9. *Assistants.*
- 21.12.9.1. *A VI athlete is permitted to have a person acting as an assistant who may sit or stand behind the athlete 1m behind the shooting line.*
- 21.12.9.2. *The role of the assistant is to tell the athlete the position of the arrows in the target face and also to inform them of any safety issues.*
- 21.12.9.3. *The assistant shall not disturb the other athletes while giving coaching assistance.*
- 21.12.9.4. *When the athlete has finished her/his scoring arrows, the assistant will go behind the waiting line. The athlete may remain on the shooting line throughout the shoot or return behind the waiting line at the athlete’s discretion.*
- 21.12.9.5. *The assistant may only adjust the sight and/or set up equipment between practice and/or_scoring ends. The assistant may guide the athlete to the target and back to the shooting line. The athlete may adjust her/his tactile sight at any time during the shooting.*
- 21.12.9.6. *The assistant shall do the scoring for the athlete. Each athlete will sign her/his own score sheet*
- 21.12.9.7. *The athlete and assistant shall be recognisable as partners wearing the same uniform.*
- 21.12.10 *For all international tournaments and/or those tournaments registered with World Archery, no “assistant” or “support” dogs will be permitted on the field of play.*