

# **INTERPRETATIONS**

## **FITA CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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### **Book 2, Chapter 7, Articles 7.3.1.10, 7.3.3.10**

### **Book 3, Chapter 8, Articles 8.3.1.10, 8.3.2.10**

### **Book 4, Chapter 9, Articles 9.3.10.1**

*Archery Australia Inc. has requested an interpretation on whether the pictured wrist support is permitted. The support is being used as the result of an injury to the wrist. The support is a temporary measure whilst the injury persists. The supports are made from thermoplastic and Velcro (no metal is used) and that the consistency of the thermoplastic is fairly stiff about same as an armguard.*

The Constitution and Rules Committee finds the question presented to be within terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

#### **Response from the Technical Committee:**

It is the majority opinion of the Technical Committee that the wrist support as shown in the photos is of a rigid nature and is therefore not legal in any division of FITA regarding official competition.



An earlier interpretation dated 28 August 2005 on Book 2, art. 7.3.1, concerning the taping of human joints, i.e. fingers, elbows, wrists, etc. clearly stipulates that a firm, “stiff” brace that would in any way aid in supporting the bow arm is not legal.

We fully uphold the above-mentioned original interpretation between the C&R Committee, MSSC and Technical Committee.



#### *Clarification on the interpretation on wrist supports:*

*This interpretation is only valid for archers that are not classified for Para-Archery. Para-archers that are classified are allowed under Book1, Appendix8, art. 6.9 to have a wrist support.*



**FITA Technical Committee, 7 January 2011**

**Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 10 January 2011**