

INTERPRETATIONS

WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.4.1 as supplemented by Interpretation dated January 21, 2022

World Archery Norway has requested an interpretation as to what is required if a riser in the Traditional Division has wood laminates and how do the rules apply to certain risers.

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee with consultation with the Field and 3D Archery Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

The following is the majority decision of the Technical Committee:

If the riser is not made entirely from wood, then it must contain wood laminates that run the entire length of the riser. For the wood laminates to be considered as running through the entire length of the riser, the wood laminates must begin and end where the limbs are mounted. The wood laminates may be broken by the shaping and cutting out of the grip. The wood laminates must be an integral part of the original construction of the riser and cannot be a cosmetic addition.

As a visual guideline for judging risers for the Traditional Division, the photographs below provide a review of the types of risers that should be allowed or disallowed.

Photograph #1 shows four different risers. All of the risers shown have full length vertically laminated wood within the structure. All of these risers conform to the rules and are legal as far as the wood laminate is concerned.



Photograph #2 shows a traditional riser with wood laminates, however the laminates do not run through the entire length of the riser with the exception of the grip. It is not possible to tell from the photograph what the black material is. If the black material is not wood then this riser does not conform to the rules and is not legal. If the black material is wood then this riser would be legal as far as the wood laminate is concerned.



Photograph #3 shows three risers with wood laminates, however the laminates do not run through the entire length of the riser with the exception of the grip. It is not possible to tell from the photograph what the black material is. If the black material is not wood then these risers do not conform to the rules and are not legal. If the black material is wood then these risers would be legal as far as the wood laminate is concerned.



Photograph #4 shows a single riser that has multiple vertical laminates that run through the entire length of the riser. This riser conforms to the rules and is legal as far as the wood laminate is concerned.



Photograph #5 shows a single riser where the core of the riser is likely phenolic and laminated with wood the full length of the riser with the exception of the grip. This riser conforms to the rules and is legal as far as the wood laminate is concerned.



The above interpretation only addresses wood laminates in the riser and does not address whether or not the riser complies with other requirements such as that contained in Article 22.4.1. and Article 22.4.1.1.

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