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Transition to Outdoor

2026 Judge Webinar
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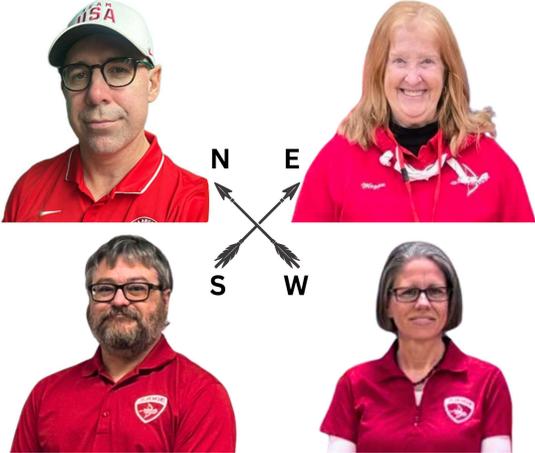


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Outdoor Rules

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Judge Equipment

- Magnifier
- Red pen
- Calipers
- Whistle
- Short tape measure
- Inspection gauges/ring





- Red/yellow cards
- Stopwatch
- Rulebook
- Black/silver sharpies
- Bow scale
- Long tape measure




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Judge Equipment - Extras

- Sunglasses
- Radio mic/earpiece (K plug)
- Fanny pack or equivalent
- Gear bag
- Sunscreen
- Good shoes
- Rain gear
- Towels

- Arrow puller
- Electrolytes/snacks
- Small first aid kit
- Binoculars (DOS)
- Water bottle
- Fan

Good Attitude!

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Event Information - Classes

- U13 M/W
- U15 M/W
- U18 M/W
- U21 M/W
- Senior M/W



- Senior
- Masters 50+ M/W
- Masters 60+ M/W
- Masters 70+ M/W



Archers may shoot up

Archers may shoot down

- Guests

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Event Information - Divisions

- Recurve
- Compound
- Barebow
- Fixed Pins
- Para Recurve
- Para Compound
- W1
- VI 1 & 2

*Class & Division Combined = Category

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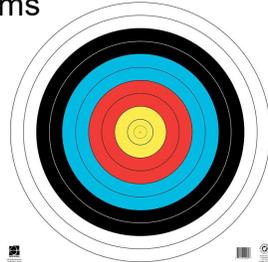


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Event Information - Others

- Distances
 - 30 meters
 - 40 meters
 - 50 meters
 - 60 meters
 - 70 meters
- Target faces
 - 122cm
 - 80cm 6-ring
 - 80cm 10-ring (W1)

- Events
 - Individuals
 - Teams
 - Mixed Teams

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Timing – USA Archery Events

- Qualifications
 - 40 seconds per arrow
- Alternating shooting or match play
 - 20 seconds per arrow for able bodied
 - 30 seconds per arrow for para
- Team Rounds
 - 20 seconds per arrow both able bodied and para
 - Mixed Teams is 80 seconds per end
 - Teams is 120 seconds per end



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Scoring Anomalies

- Too many arrows
 - Score the lowest 6 arrows
 - 10,9,9,9,8,8,6 10,9,9,9,8,8,6
- Shot out of time
 - Lose the highest scoring arrow
 - 10,9,9,9,8,8,6 10,9,9,9,8,8,6
 - ~~M~~9,9,9,8,8,6



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Compound Team Scoring

- The winner is determined by overall cumulative score

- Ties are decided by closest to the center
 - If the first arrows are of equal distance, measure the second arrows
 - If the second arrows are of equal distance, measure the third arrows



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Team Scoring Penalties

- Too many arrows in one target face
 - For the Team Compound Match Round, if more than three arrows (two for Mixed Team) are shot into the same scoring area, only the three lowest (two lowest for Mixed Team) value arrows shall score. The other arrow, or arrows, in the same scoring area shall be scored as a miss, or as misses.
 - 10,10,9,9 10,10
 - M ~~10~~,10,9,9 10,10
 - 10,10,10,9,9,M

 - 10,10,9,9 10,10 (shot out of time)
 - M ~~10~~,10,9,9 10,10
 - M ~~10~~,10,10,9,9,M
 - 10,10,9,9,M,M



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Para Archery at National Events

- Classified vs. Non-Classified Athletes
 - National and International
- Non-Para Events
 - Accommodations
- Policy for Adaptive and Accessibility Equipment
- Archer Agent Guideline
- Pre-Registration Process





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Environmental Considerations

- Preparedness at Events
 - Judge Tools
- Severe Weather Policy
- Practice Ends After Delays
 - Best Practice





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Coaches at Events

- Personal Coach Policy
 - Competing Athletes
 - Non-Resident Personal Coaches
 - Collegiate Stand-Alone National Events
- Field of Play
- Differences
 - WRE, National, State and Local





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Equipment Inspection

- Rules same as Indoor
- Inspect as a team
- Delegate duties
 - Recurve
 - Compound/Fixed Pins
 - Weight check
 - Barebow
 - Checklist
 - Dress code
- Be flexible
- Generals
 - Sights
 - Strings
 - Release/finger tab
 - Arrows
 - Electronics
 - Anything out of the ordinary
 - What is the purpose?
 - Allowed by Recurve/Barebow rules
 - Restricted by Compound rules
 - Fixed Pins exceptions
 - Affect shooting/give advantage

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Recent Judge Council Interpretations

- Fixed Pin sight
 - Ruled clarified:
 - **Sight:** Any sight pin, ring, **and/or** dot that is used without the aid of magnification. A lens with zero magnification is allowable. Clarifiers and Verifiers will be permitted. No adjustments to equipment are allowed during a round
 - No advantage for adding a ring and a pin.



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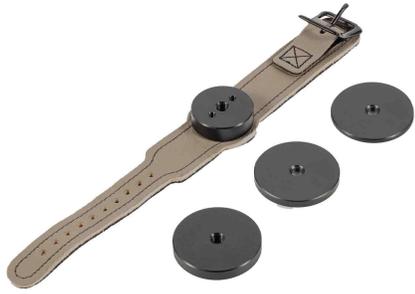
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Recent Judge Council Interpretations

- Weight stabilization for wrist
 - Not legal
 - Item is considered an archery accessory as it affects archery performance
 - Acceptable accessories listed in Book 3 section 9.1
 - Check carefully, may be worn in various ways



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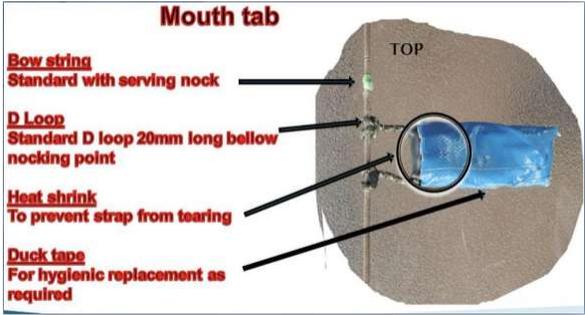


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Recent Judge Council Interpretations



- Mouth Tab Use
- Use in barebow division is allowed as per updated Policy for Adaptive and Accessibility Equipment
- Must be permanently attached

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Practice Ends and Byes

- 3 ends of practice – Qualification
- 2 ends of practice – Elimination
- Shoot as many arrows as desired
- Team round practice – archers may shoot simultaneously or alternately

- Byes may be shot during bracket byes or forfeit matches
- Compound may shoot all ends but shoot-off ends
- Recurve and barebow may only shoot first 3 ends
- All divisions may only shoot 3 arrows per end

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Arrow Calling

- Approaching the Athletes
 - Greeting & Questions
 - Procedure
 - Hat
 - Magnifying glass
 - View from both sides



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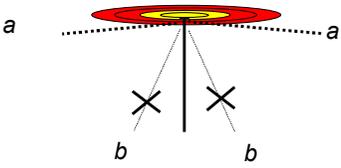


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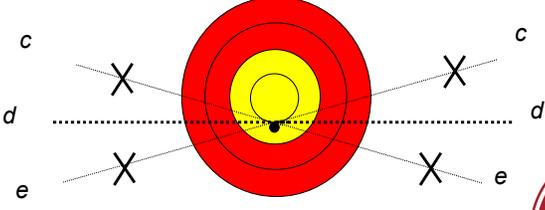
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- Understanding the Tangent

Top view



Front view



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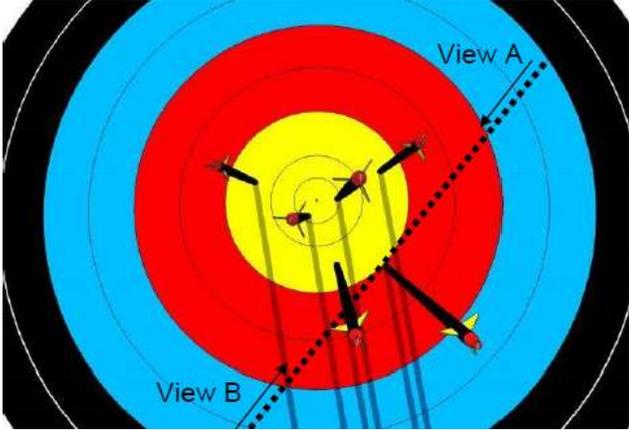


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Arrow Calling



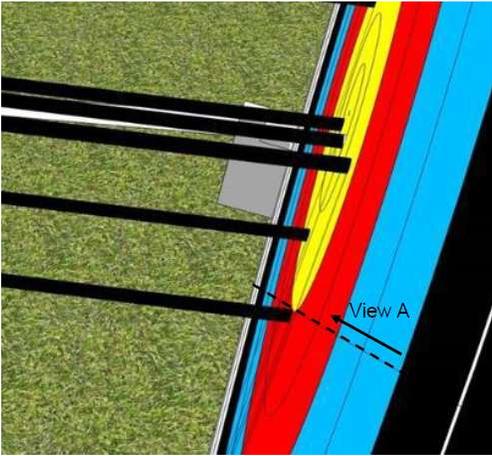
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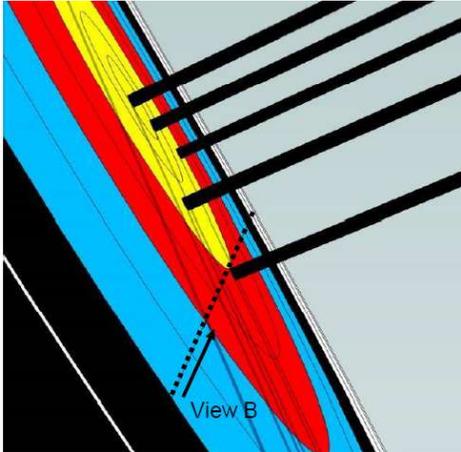
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Arrow Calling



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Arrow Calling

- Announcing the Value
 - Indication with Finger
 - Discussion with Athletes
- Anomalies
 - Bounce Outs
 - Flapping Faces
 - Pass Throughs
 - Arrows Left in Target



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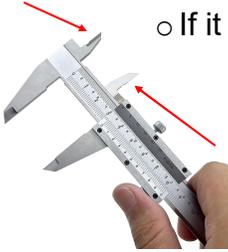


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Measuring Closest to Center

- When you are unsure which arrow is closest to the center:
 - Use the points that measure the inside
 - Place one point on the X
 - Slide the other point until it touches the arrow shaft and **LOCK** it
 - Place one point on the X on the other target.
 - If it doesn't touch the arrow, the other one is closer




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Finals Venue

- Line Judge Duties
 - Determine and signal who shoots first
 - Highest seeded athlete determines when they will shoot
 - Signal the DOS on who shoots first and check the correct clock is lit up
 - Make sure the field is clear and signal the DOS
 - Judge the match
 - Alert the scoring Judge for time penalties



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Finals Venue

- Target Judge Duties
 - Control the blind and the target area
 - Inform the agents of their duties and where they are to stand
 - Assist the Scoring Judge with close calls in the blind
 - Call any questionable arrows
 - Change target faces as needed
 - Signal the winner or any ties
 - Resolve the tie and signal the winner





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Finals Venue

- Scoring Judge Duties
 - Preload the scorecards and keep a running tally
 - Verify arrows as the Scoring Judge calls them
 - Make corrections on scorecard
 - Show the score to the Target Judge and the Agents
 - Call the arrows into scoring



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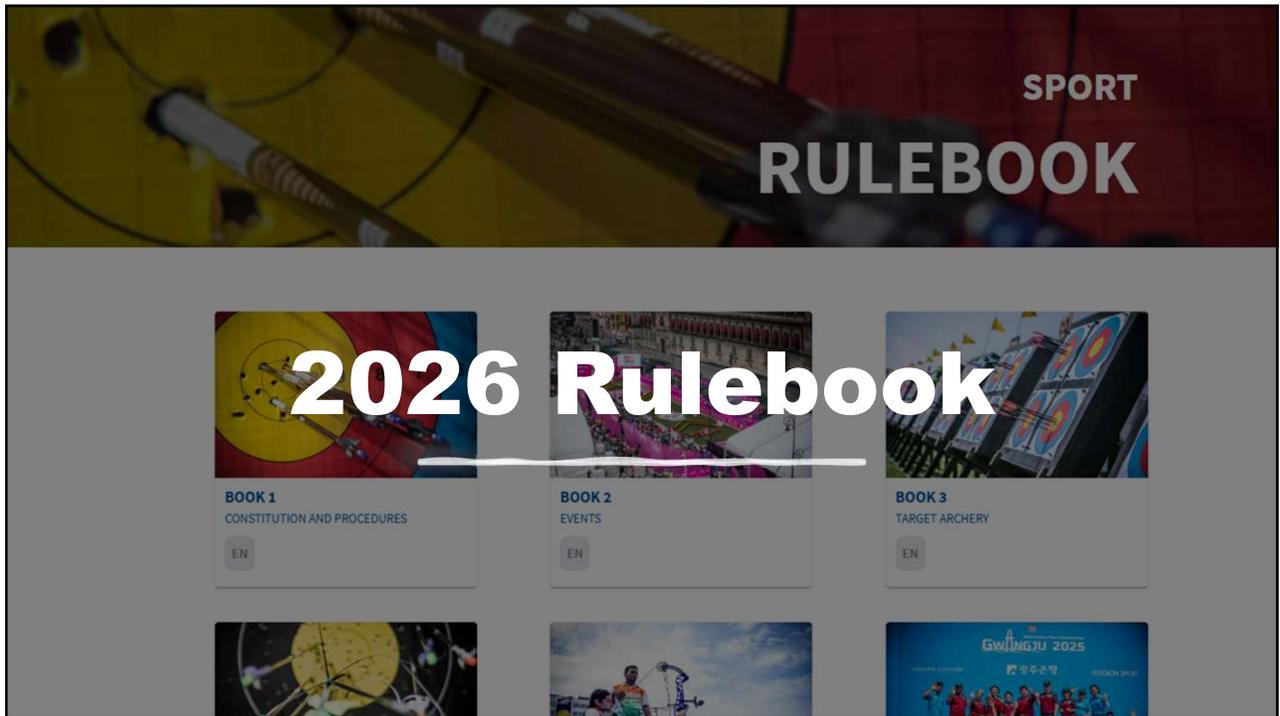
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Updated WA rulebooks – 3/13/26

- Book 1 – Constitution and Procedures
- Book 2 – Events
 - Divisions
 - Classes
 - Rounds
 - Field of Play
- Book 3 – Target Archery
 - Equipment
 - Scoring
 - Timing
 - Consequences
- Book 4 – Field and 3D Archery
- **Book 5 – Para Archery**
- **Book 5.1 – Para Archery Classification Rules and Regulations**
- Book 6 – Miscellaneous Archery Rounds
- Book 7 – Anti-doping rules

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Book 3 Differences



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TARGET ARCHERY

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- Basic Edits
 - Formatting, Corrections, Renumbering
 - ‘Shall’ Replaced with ‘Will’ or ‘Must’
 - Outdoor = Long, Indoor = Short
 - Clearer, More Concise
- Para Book 5
 - Referenced in Book 3
 - Will Cover Separately

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Book 3 Differences

- Equipment Rules (Chapter 9)
 - Risers w/ Brace and Stabilizers (9.1.1. & 9.1.6.)
 - *Will not consistently touch any part of the athlete's body while at full draw and during aiming.*
 - Bow Sight – Clarified with 'or similar device' (9.1.5.)
 - Barebow (9.3.)
 - Reference to Recurve with stipulations (no sight or no stabilizers)
 - Any markings within the aiming area that could be used for aiming must be taped over.
 - String – Clarified with 'no other attachments'
 - Attachments permitted on bow as long as fit through 12.2cm ring (+/- 0.5 mm)
No moving, flexing or turning attachments to fit. Cannot aid in aiming or ranging.



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Book 3 Differences

- Equipment Rules Continued (Chapter 9)
 - Accessories Allowed (9.4.1.)
 - Phones for taking photos of athlete's arrows in target and scorecards.
 - Camo Patterns (not colors) (9.4.2.1.)
 - At WRE and higher – does not apply to USA Archery Events
 - Visual Aids (9.5.)
 - Scopes – specific to athletes using it while at full draw
 - Non-sighting eye coverage
– *The type of coverage must not create a clear reference line*



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Book 3 Differences

- Shooting and Conduct (Chapter 10)
 - Athlete drawing back the string of the bow (10.9.)
Allowed at the shooting line (no arrows allowed)
- Order of Shooting (Chapter 11)
 - Shooting suspended for any reason (11.2.4.)
The shooting time will be determined by the number of arrows not shot, including the 10-second signal.
 - Lights and clocks discrepancy (11.3.1.)
– digital clock takes precedence



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Book 3 Differences

- Scoring (Chapter 12)
 - Clarification about how to properly score – better wording used.
 - Arrows left behind are the athlete's responsibility (12.3.)
 - Must notify a judge, shoot end with other arrows, score with the judge
 - No makeup offered with the new rule
 - What can we do as judges to help the athlete?
 - Determining ties (individuals & teams) (12.5.1)
 - X's, then 10's for long distances



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Book 3 Differences

- Consequences (Chapter 13)
 - Losing the Score of an Arrow (13.3.)
 - Process = all arrows recorded by the scorer, judge to initial entry for forfeited arrow (highest value)
 - Disqualification (13.5.)
 - Stronger language - no warnings given
 - Equipment contravening the rules, high draw not corrected, proven broken rules

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Book 5: Para Archery



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PARA ARCHERY

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- Sport Classes (Chapter 28)
 - P.I. 1 formerly W1
 - P.I. 2 Recurve or Compound formerly W2 and Standing
 - VI 1
 - VI 2
- Athlete's Equipment (Chapter 34)
 - No part of the bow is allowed to touch the athlete's body (2023 Interpretation)
 - Loop Hearing aid is not legal (2019 Interpretation)
 - Noise frequency devices are legal if they do not reduce decibels (2025 Interpretation)
 - 34.9.1 Judges may request that the equipment be modified if found to be in violation of the equipment rules or the allowed adaptive equipment

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Book 5: Para Archery

- Visually Impaired (Chapter 35)
 - 35.2. Spotters
 - A VI athlete is permitted to have a person acting as a spotter who must sit behind the athlete, 1 m behind the shooting line.
 - The spotter's role is to tell the athlete the position of the arrows in the target face and to inform them of any safety issues.
 - The spotter will not disturb the other athletes while giving coaching assistance.
 - 35.2.3. When the athlete has finished shooting, the spotter will go behind the waiting line.





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Book 5: Para Archery

- Chapter 35
 - 35.2.4. The spotter may only adjust the sight and/or set up equipment between practice and/or scoring ends. The athlete may adjust the tactile sight at any time during the shooting.
 - 35.2.5. The spotter will do the scoring for the athlete. Each athlete will sign their own score sheet.
 - 35.2.6. The athlete and spotter will be recognisable as partners wearing the same uniform.
 - 35.2.7. During qualification and matches, a VI athlete may have a spotter or a coach, but not both.
 - 35.3. For all international tournaments and/or those tournaments registered with World Archery, no "assistant" or "support" animals will be permitted on the field of play.



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Book 5: Visually Impaired Tactile Sight




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Book 5: Para Archery

- Consequences to breaking the rules
 - 39.3. Losing the Score of an Arrow
 - When double or triple faces are used, and more than one arrow is shot into the same scoring area, both (or all) arrows count as part of that end, but only the lowest-value arrow will score. (Indoor)
 - For the Doubles Compound Match or Mixed Team Round, if more than two arrows are shot into the same scoring area, only the two lowest value arrows shall score. The other arrow, or arrows, in the same scoring area shall be scored as a miss, or as misses. The scorer will enter the values of all arrows of that end, but the highest-scoring arrow will be forfeited. This entry on the scorecard will be initialled by a judge assigned to the target.

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Book 5.1: Para Archery Classification

- Per the International Paralympic Committee, a dedicated para archery chapter in the rule book has been added.
- Chapter 5.1 replaces the Classifier's handbook and includes the rules and protocols of Classification.

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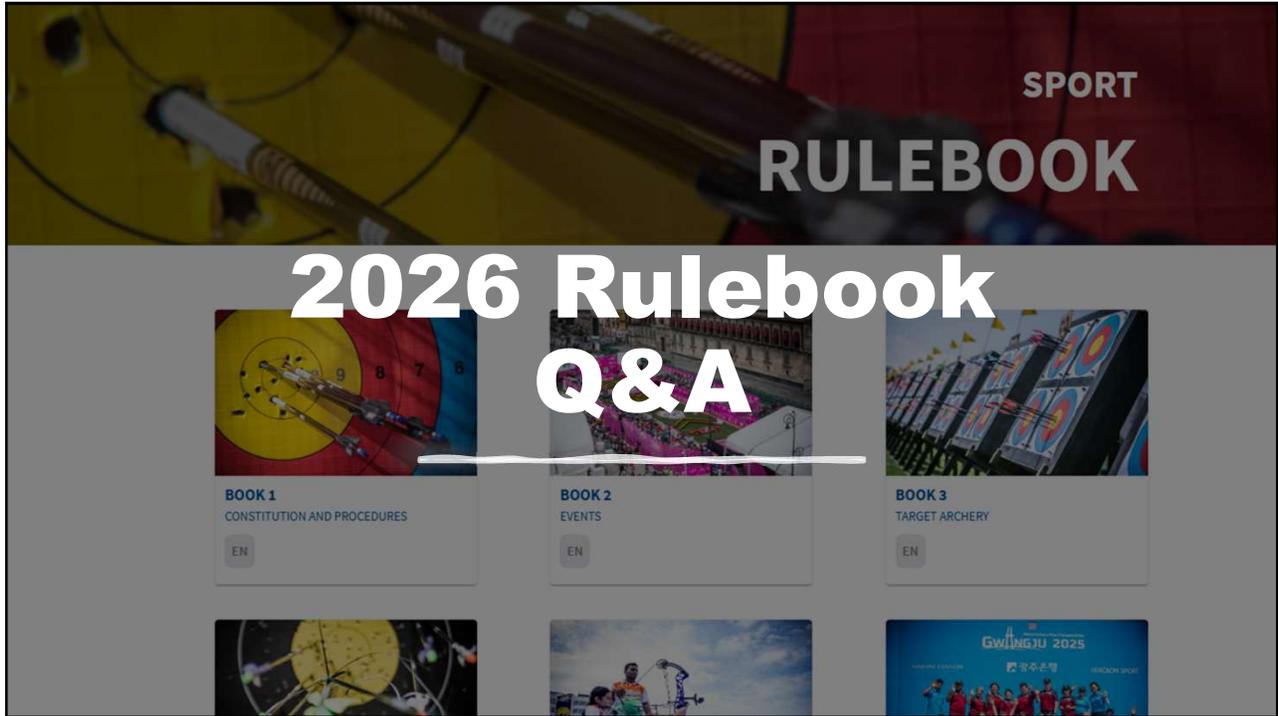
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