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This week let's take a look at the rules again, specifically what is allowed in the Barebow division. The Barebow division has been growing in recent years and with World Archery recently adding Barebow to the rule book it's very important for our judges to be knowledgeable on the Barebow division and specifically the equipment allowed for competition. Please review [World Archery Rules Book 3, Chapter 11.4 Barebow Division](#).

As part of the resources for this week, we would like to introduce a new case study relative to this part of the rulebook. There is a new case study for consideration, and as a reminder the answer and explanation to each week's case study will be provided in next week's *At Home* Judge Resources.

We also invite you to watch the recorded webinar on Judge Responsibilities if you missed it on Saturday.

Resources:

[Judge Responsibilities Webinar Recording - May 9th](#)

This Week's Case Study:

You are performing equipment inspections at a state championship and you notice two Barebow archers have a little black "button" or "pad" attached to the backside of the grip where the thumb pad contacts the grip. You notice the "pad" looks unique and ask the archer what the function is. They tell you that the "pad" is actually a button that clicks to let the archer know they have put a certain amount of pressure on the bow grip at full draw. Both bows do pass through the Barebow ring.



Are these two bows legal in USA Archery and World Archery events? What is your response? One of the bow grips is pictured to the right for reference.

Last Week's Case Study

At an outdoor event, after the first three ends of scoring in an elimination round, it becomes apparent that the pairing for the archers was wrong because of a technical error in producing the brackets. After a 15-minute delay the tournament director and Chairman of Judges decide to cancel the results of those ends, re-pair the matches and re-shoot the first three ends with the correct pairing. A recurve archer who won their match against a much higher ranked opponent on the initial 3 ends/sets files a protest saying that scored arrows cannot be re-shot.

You are on the jury of appeals. What is your decision and why?

This can be a tricky situation and has happened before in competitions. In this situation, the World Archery Judges Committee and USA Archery Official and Rules Advisory Council believe the pairing should be reset and the correct matches should be shot. The original matches are not considered to be valid since the archers were not originally paired correctly.

This can be a difficult decision to communicate, especially if the full match has been shot by everyone. Consider if all five ends of the compound rounds were shot also and someone shot a world record. How would you approach that situation? As you consider these situations, you should consider how you would approach communicating that information to athletes, coaches, and parents.