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This week let's take a look at interpretations of the rules. A judge's ability to understand the original intent of a rule is extremely useful in helping them navigate tricky situations. Check out this [write up from Andy Neville](#) on the importance of understanding the intent behind the rules.

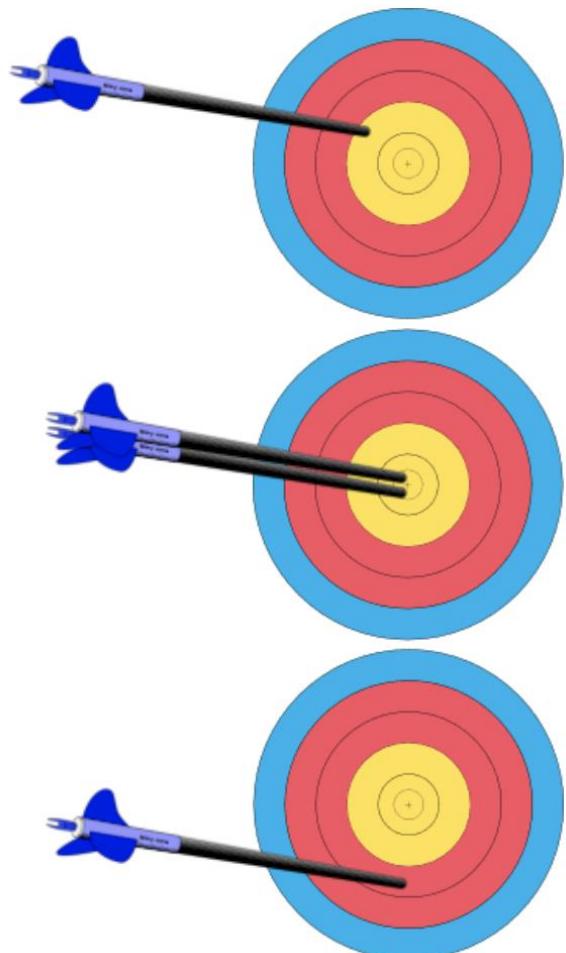
This Week's Case Study:

Part 1 - You are at an indoor event serving as a line judge. During scoring an athlete shoots an arrow just after the time limit expires.

What do you do next?

Part 2 - Upon going to the target to score the athlete in Part 1's arrows, you notice they actually shot four arrows that end and one arrow was shot just after the time limit expired. Their target is pictured to the right.

What did they score that end?



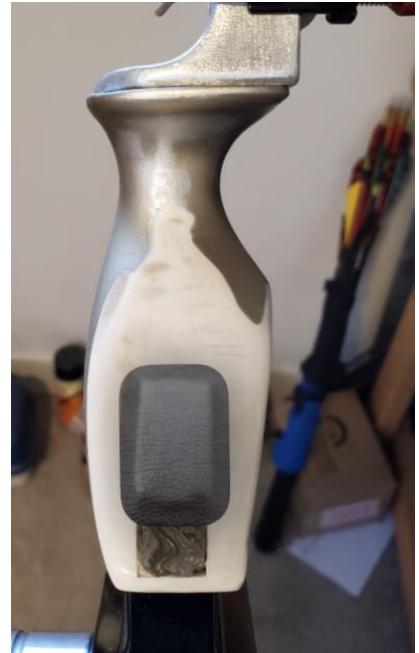
Last Week's Case Study

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.

*As judges we understand that when conducting equipment inspection for Barebow and Recurve disciplines, that if the rule book does not specifically allow it, it is not allowed. Therefore, USA Archery's Officials and Rules Advisory Council releases the following for a product, and any similar products, that act as a “release indicator”. **They are not allowed.***



This can be a sensitive situation as new equipment is developed all the time and sometimes people invest a considerable amount of money into something they think will help them without reading the rules. For judges when this type of situation arises, it is a good opportunity to educate the athlete and let them know that this piece of equipment is not legal. You could ask the archer to remove it, or technically they could shoot in the recurve division instead of the Barebow division.