Competition Juries Policy

USA Archery (USAA) has adopted the following rules, as written by World Archery as the worldwide governing body for the sport of Archery international (the "International Federation" or "IF"), that shall be adhered to at all sanctioned events to include local, state, and national events.

Filing an Appeal or Protest

In the event of an athlete not being satisfied with a ruling given by the Judges, they may file an appeal. Trophies or prizes which may be affected by a dispute shall not be awarded until a Jury ruling has been given.

Appeals against rulings by the Judges as provided for in the World Archery rulebook shall be presented, in writing, by Team Managers, or appellants if no Team Manager has been designated. Appeal forms should be given to the Chairman of Judges (COJ) or to their deputy. Anyone can file an appeal; however, we recommend checking with your Team Leader, Team Manager, and/or Head Coach prior to filing.

An intention to appeal when it might affect the progression of an athlete from one stage of the competition to the next, shall be expressed in writing and lodged with the COJ or to their designee within five minutes of the end of the relevant round or match, or prior to the start of the next match, whichever is first.

The written appeal should be submitted using the *USA Archery Appeal Form* (Appendix A). The cost to file an appeal is $50. This fee must be paid to the COJ for the appeal to be valid. If the appeal is upheld by the Jury, the fee will be returned. In the case that the appeal is rejected, the fee will not be returned and will be given to USA Archery.

The written appeal shall then be lodged with the Jury within 15 minutes of the end of the relevant round or match, whichever applies.

Conflicts of Interest

As a Decision Maker, any individual who serves on a competition Jury are required to disclose any potential conflict of interest. Disclosures will be documented by the COJ or their designee.

Any individuals with a potential or actual conflict of interest shall not serve on the Jury and must recuse themselves.

Assembling a Jury

A Jury of three members shall be appointed by the Chair of Judges. The Jury members shall be comprised of individuals knowledgeable about sport, without any conflicts of interest or any preconceived prejudices. Jury members need to be able to hear the complaint and decide its merits based on the current rules in play and the circumstances that produced the protest.

Members of the Organizing Committee or coaches with athletes and/or athletes participating in direct competition with the appellant are not eligible for the Jury of Appeal.

Procedures

As soon as an appeal is received, a communication to the Team Managers shall be made that an appeal has been made and what the appeal is about, if applicable.

The decision made by the Jury of Appeal is final.

Jury decisions shall be documented and reported to the appellant, the Chair of Judges and the organizers before the beginning of the next stage of the competition or before the awarding of prizes.

Athletes accept tournament results as final upon receipt of medals or other awards.

APPENDIX A

USA Archery Appeal Form

• In case of an Intent to Appeal or an actual Appeal, the times indicated on the
Appeal form must be considered.
• Appeal forms should be given to the Chairman of Judges (COJ) or to their designee.
• A fee of US $50 must be paid to the COJ for the Appeal to be valid.
• If the Appeal is upheld by the Jury of Appeal, the fee will be returned. In the case of the
Appeal being rejected, the fee will not be returned.

     This is an intention to Appeal   This is an Appeal

Position of person submitting Appeal:
Team Manager
Coach
Athlete
Parent of Athlete

Description of Appeal to include reference to the rule broken and location of rule if known (use
reverse side of paper if necessary):

Signature of Appellant: _____
Name of Appellant (Print): _____

COJ Receipt:
Received on _____ at _____by _____
Signature: _____

Fee Received and Distributed to:
Fee Received and Returned to Appellant

Decision: To be documented by the COJ or their Designee for Record