

Committee for Legal Matters, Norms and Rules

Disciplinary Rules

1.- General Principles

1.1 The Committee for Legal Matters, Norms and Rules shall have three (3) Permanent Members and one (1) Non-Permanent Member, whose function will be to substitute for any of the three Permanent Members in case of death, resignation, and disqualification from his or her duties by a competent authority or abstention from taking part in the issue which is debated. The replacement of the Permanent Member will occur automatically.

1.2 The President of the Committee shall be appointed by the WAA President as laid down in item 9.4 of the Confederation Statute.

1.3 The Committee decisions shall be valid provided they have the favorable vote of at least two Permanent Members.

1.4 The Committee shall be responsible for updating and adapting the Statute and other norms that govern the existence of the confederation to the Norms of WORLD ARCHERY, the Olympic Charter and those norms that regulate sports internationally. The Committee shall also see to it that the actions by its WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS members, its General Assembly, Council, Executive Committee and Committees are always in line with the Statutes, and in this respect, it shall function as an advisory body for the Council.

1.5 In case of misconduct by any World Archery Americas member, which is informed to the Council, the Committee shall analyze the situation and shall recommend the Council about the actions to be taken.

1.6 When any action is initiated against the Member Association of any Members of the Committee or against a member of such Association, the Member of the Committee in question shall immediately refrain from participating in the action.

1.7 The Committee shall act as arbitrator in order to guarantee fairness and impartiality.

2.- INITIATION OF AN ACTION

2.1 The actions for misconduct shall be informed to the Council by the Secretary General and can be initiated by:

- The President-
- The Executive Committee-
- The Council.-
- The Member Associations.-
- The Regional Associations.-

- The Judges or the Jury of Appeal, regarding questions related to tournaments under their supervision.

2.2 Actions shall be initiated through a written document, and in all cases must include the following:

- Full name and signature of the President or legal representative.-
- Full name of the parties against which action is initiated. If this information is not known, reference shall be made of any circumstances leading to their identification.-
- A clear and exact description of the event, showing the place, date and the rule that has been violated.-
- The evidence available, a list of witnesses and their contact information.-

Any other relevant evidence and documents must be attached. In case it is not possible to do so, indication of the place where the relevant information can be found must be supplied in all cases.-

2.3 Once the Council has verified that these requisites have been met, The Secretary General shall submit all the documents to the Committee.-

3.- PROCEEDINGS

3.1 The proceedings shall be under the direction of the President of the Committee.-

3.2 Once the Members of the Committee have full knowledge and understanding of the events, the actions to be taken shall be informed to the parties involved. All the evidence shall be available to the parties at this moment so that they are able to provide, within a period of ten (10) days, any explanations and submit any evidence that they deem relevant.-

3.3 The notification to the parties about the actions that shall be taken against them can be done through any appropriate channel, and proof of such notification shall be preserved.-

3.4 Once all the relevant evidence is received, which shall be within ten (10) days, the Committee shall deliberate on the case and verify the misconduct which has been denounced, the responsibilities of the people involved in the case and the sanction to implement.-

3.5 The Committee shall submit its final conclusions and propose to the Council the actions to be taken, within five (5) days after receiving the evidence.-

3.6 In the case that the misconduct denounced has not been verified or that the people involved were not accountable for the events, the Committee shall recommend to file the case.-

3.7 Upon receiving the final conclusions from the Committee, the Secretary General shall inform the Council and shall include the topic in the agenda for the next meeting. If necessary, a Council meeting may be called in order to deal with the issue.-

3.8 Once the Council has adopted a resolution, an immediate and irrefutable notification shall be issued by the Secretary General. The party that has been sanctioned shall be able to appeal the resolution before the General Assembly of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

3.8.1 The appeal shall be submitted in writing no later than fifteen (15) days after the notification of the resolution. It shall be duly substantiated and it will have a suspensive effect.-

3.8.2 When filing an appeal, the party shall be able to request the presentation of a defense or explanation before the General Assembly.-

3.9 The appeal in question shall be included by the Secretary General as an item in the agenda for the next General Assembly of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

3.9.1 Whenever the sanction imposed implies expulsion, it shall be revised by the General Assembly, and its revision shall be included as an item in the agenda.-

3.10 During the General Assembly, the Secretary General shall give an overview of the happenings and shall refer to the sanction imposed. After this, the General Assembly shall immediately deal with the issue.-

3.10.1 If necessary, the General Assembly may listen to the appellant prior to any discussion. After this, the appellant shall leave the room so that the General Assembly can debate on the issue.-

3.10.2 In case that the appellant is present, the decision of the General Assembly shall be notified immediately. If this were not the case, the decision shall be informed by the Secretary General.-

3.11 The final decision of the General Assembly can be appealed in writing no later than twenty-one (21) working days from the date of notification. The appeal should be resolved by the Court of Arbitration for Sport based in the city of Lausanne, Switzerland. All actions shall be submitted to this Court no later than fifteen (15) days after the appeal has been received, and shall not suspend the effects of the decision.-

3.11.1 The decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be final, binding and not open to appeal, with the only exception of the resources in the current legislation for arbitration processes.-

4.- SANCTIONS

4.1 The sanctions in the case of misconduct shall include:

- Warning.-
- Fine.-
- Suspension.-
- Expulsion.-
- Deduction of a record.-
- Deduction of a medal, award or acknowledgement.-
- A combination of the previous actions.-

4.2 The suspension may be for three months up to two years from the date of the decision by Council or the General Assembly.-

4.3 The suspension may be total or partial, and may be limited to certain rights or activities.-

4.4 Expulsions shall be in all cases revised by the General Assembly of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-