

## 6 ASSISTIVE DEVICES (Extract from the 2011 World Archery Rule Book)

6.1 Assistive devices are only allowed if they have been permitted by an international classifier and included on the athlete's classification card.

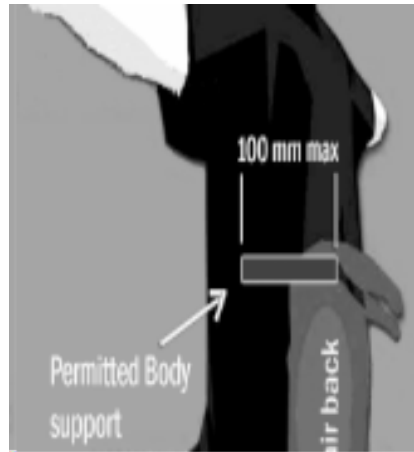
Assistive devices include the following:

6.2 Wheelchair:

- A wheelchair of any type may be used provided it subscribes to the accepted principle and meaning of the word "wheelchair";
- No part of the wheelchair may support the bow arm while shooting;
- For W2 athletes, the sides of the back support of the chair may not be further forward than half the width of the archer's body at each side.
- All parts of the chair must be at least 110mm below the athlete's armpit while shooting at any distance;



- The body support protruding forward from the main vertical frame of the chair back must not be longer than 100mm and must be at least 110mm below the athlete's armpit;



- The wheelchair must not exceed 1.25m in length.

#### 6.3 Chair or stool:

A chair of any type may be used provided it subscribes to the accepted principle and meaning of the word chair.

- No part of the chair may support the bow arm while shooting;
- No part of the chair may be in contact with the trunk of the athlete. (This means the athlete cannot lean against the back of the chair);
- The area of contact with the ground, framed by the legs of the chair and the feet of the athlete must not exceed the width of 60cm x 80cm along the shooting line.

#### 6.4 Block:

Athletes with legs of different lengths may use an raised platform of any substance under 1 foot – or as a part of the shoe – in order to be more stable when standing.

Limitations in size and position are similar to the devices described in Book 2, article 7.3.1.10.1.

#### 6.5 Permitted Body support:

- Only W1 athletes are allowed to use both a protrusion and strapping at the same time. They may use any amount of body support/strapping to maintain body stability as long as no support is given to the bow arm while shooting.

- W2 athletes, when their international classification card allows strapping, may have only a single strap around the chest;
- For some wheelchair athletes, leg strapping may be authorised as specified on their international classification card.

#### 6.6 Prosthesis:

A prosthetic arm including a “hand” may be used and may be attached to the bow provided that the attachment is not totally rigid nor permanently fixed.

#### 6.7 Release aid:

- Athletes with disabilities in the fingers of the string hand are allowed to use a mechanical release aid with a recurve bow
- Any release aid may be attached to the wrist, elbow or shoulder, or held in the mouth.

#### 6.8 Bow bandage :

Athletes with a bow arm disability may use the bow tied or bandaged to the hand.

#### 6.9 B Bow arm splint:

Athletes with a bow arm disability may use an elbow or wrist splint.

#### 6.10 String arm wrist splint:

Athletes with a string arm disability may use a wrist splint.

#### 6.11 Assistant:

W1 athletes unable to nock their arrows may have a person to load the arrows onto the bow. These persons may give the athletes any verbal or other assistance, especially regarding the spotting of arrows, and adjusting the bow sight. These persons must not disturb other athletes.

The athlete and assistant must be recognisable as partners wearing the same uniform and, where athlete numbers are worn, they must wear the same number.