

VI archers shoot the VI International round in place of the FITA round. This is all shot at 30 metres with the first 36 arrows on a 60 cm face, the next 36 on an 80 cm face, the next 36 arrows on an 80 cm face and the final 36 arrows on a 122 cm face.

For the Olympic round, all matches and the 720 Ranking round are shot at 30 metres on an 80 cm face.

### *Rules for Visually Impaired Archers*

All archers who have a current international sport class may take part. There will be one sport class for men and one for women.

All archers will wear blindfolds and will, therefore, shoot with a tactile sight. This blindfold can be either a sleep mask or wraparound glasses or goggles and will be checked by the judge before and during the competition. The blindfold must be worn at all times when in front of the waiting line, including when setting up equipment. After the commencement of shooting, the blindfold will be put on before crossing the waiting line for the first time at each “distance” and must not be removed until after the end of the 36 arrows of that “distance”.

Once set up, the tactile sight may be left on the field throughout the day but must be removed overnight.

In the Olympic round, target placings will be arranged so that archers do not have to move targets even if this means that their opponent is not on an adjacent target.

Archers may shoot either recurve or compound bows within the same sport class, the latter being shot with either fingers or a release aid. However, compound bows will be restricted to a peak weight of 45 pounds.

The rounds to be shot outdoors will be either the VI International round or the VI Ranking round. Head to heads will be shot on the 80 cm face. Indoors, the round will be 60 arrows at 18 metres on a 60 cm face with the head to heads being shot on a 60cm face.

#### Assistants

A VI archer shall be permitted to have a person acting as an assistant. The role of the assistant is to tell the archer where their arrows are landing and also to inform them of any safety issues. No other information will be given during the shooting and the assistant must try not to be a disturbance

to other archers. When the archer has finished his scoring arrows, the assistant must retire behind the waiting line.

After the signal for the end of that end of arrows, the assistant may help the archer to set up equipment, adjust the sight and guide the archer to the target. He may also converse with the archer.

The archer and assistant must be recognizable as partners and, where back numbers are worn, they should wear the same number.