



Jury of appeal decision

Appeal made by the team of Italy

Event: World Archery Field Championships 2026

Location: Yankton, USA

Date: 26 September 2026

Appeal made by: The team manager of Italy, Giorgio Botto.

Appeal was made against: Casey Kaufhold, USA

The jury members: Lina Bjorklund, Vladimir Hurban jr., Peter Lange.

Description of the appeal:

I believe this action is against the following rules:

[Book 4, Article 24.4] The athlete drew the bow in a direction other than towards the target face and only turned the bow towards the target after reaching full draw. This is contrary to the World Archery safety requirements regarding the direction of the draw. I request a review by the judge where I already told him.

The jury heard the judge involved who explained that he was reminded by the chair of judges while walking towards target 2, that he should watch for dangerous drawing techniques. At target 2 the judge noticed that the athlete from the USA was not drawing towards her assigned target and he proceeded to give her a warning. Because of a miscommunication between the deputy chair of judges and the judge assigned to the match, the warning did not take place.

The jury reviewed the video of the match and agrees that the drawing technique used by the athlete from USA should have led to a warning.

Because the warning did not take place, the jury cannot invoke rule 24.5 which would have led to a disqualification.

The jury recommends to the World Archery Field and 3D committee to include rules into book 4 that are similar to book 3 article 10.10.

The jury also recommends to the chair of judges to issue a proper warning on the dangerous drawing technique of the athlete of the USA.

As the jury agrees with the team manager of Italy, the jury decides to return the appeal fee.

The jury of appeal:

Lina Bjorklund

Vladimir Hurban jr.

Peter Lange