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Archery Canada  
Attention: Rules Committee  
c/o House of Sport  
2451 Riverside Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 7X7

Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

We hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia (TAANS), we are writing to discuss two important considerations for future provincial and national shooting competitions.

Firstly, we would like to propose the reintroduction of the 2-arrow rule for traditional/unsighted bows in these competitions. This rule, currently in place within World Archery, has long been a part of traditional archery and has proven to enhance the competitive experience by providing archers with an additional opportunity to demonstrate consistency and skill. Since Archery Canada has already adopted many of World Archery's regulations, it seems only fitting to align with this particular rule as well. We believe that reinstating the 2-arrow rule would not only maintain consistency with international standards but also enrich the competitive environment for our traditional archers.

Secondly, we would like to address the terminology used for certain classes within traditional archery. The term 'Instinctive,' which was adopted from World Archery, has caused some confusion within our community. However, World Archery has since moved away from using this term, and we believe Archery Canada should consider doing the same. We suggest replacing 'Instinctive' with 'Traditional' or 'WA Traditional' to better reflect the nature of the equipment and shooting style. This change would provide clarity and better align our language with current international standards.

We also want to highlight that while the 'Primitive Bow' class may not currently be recognized, there is growing interest and participation in both the traditional and primitive bow categories. As such, we believe there is an opportunity for Archery Canada, in collaboration with provincial organizations such as Archery Nova Scotia, to provide more support and resources for these classes, which would further encourage the growth of traditional archery within our country.

We appreciate your attention to these matters and are eager to contribute to the ongoing development of our sport. We would be more than happy to discuss these suggestions in greater detail or provide any additional information you may require.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the advancement of archery in Canada.

Sincerely, on behalf of the TAANS Board of Directors,

**Bridget Benz** *Membership Secretary of TAANS*

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