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Dear Archery GB Clubs and Members,

RE: Return of Archery

As we look forward to the return of archery across the UK, albeit at different times, I wanted to write to reinforce the need to follow the guidance and rules Archery GB have set out. Despite the excellent NHS and the rollout of the vaccine programme, we are still bound by restrictions in all areas of our lives and this includes archery.

Organised sport is in a unique position being given special exemption from the Covid-19 restrictions. The sporting sector – which includes grassroots clubs right up to national activities organised by Archery GB such as training for our pathway, Paralympic and Olympic athletes – have a responsibility to ensure that the sport is delivered in a safe and responsible way.

Organised sport is permitted to return and that means following the Archery GB guidance and rules. If you do not follow the guidance and rules, then your club and its activities may run the risk of transmitting the virus which could mean members falling ill and clubs closing while volunteers and officials isolate. In addition this may then invalidate Archery GB insurance for the activity in question, and would fall under the informal sport setting – which would mean the club having to follow further restrictions to allow activity to happen.

Sporting activities are permitted despite wider restrictions on leisure activities because of the benefits of sport and physical activity for people's physical and mental wellbeing. If people act irresponsibly when participating (including off the range, and when socialising before and after any activity) they jeopardise public health and undermine the case for safe sport to take place.

Archery GB, and club officials, should ensure that activities are run safely, and they should take action to address any issues and activities that contravene Archery GB and government guidance. This includes putting in place additional measures or suspending members or clubs which do not adhere to guidance.

If there are serious or consistent concerns with a particular sport which the National Governing Body or organised sport provider cannot or does not address, approval may be revoked from Government level so that the sport cannot take place.

Please ensure that your members follow the guidance and rules, and if you require any support then please do not hesitate to contact Archery GB by email membership@archerygb.org or call 01952 677888.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arran Coggan'.

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