



## INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW-SHOOTING UNION

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### All the IAU Member Federations

Dear friends,

We hope that you are still in safe and healthy conditions and that you are trying your best to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Members of the IAU Executive Committee have actively communicated about COVID-19 situation in Europe and around the world. We have followed the news and information provided by the World Health Organization and various other sport federations around the world. After a thorough examination of all the facts, the IAU Executive Committee has made a decision to cancel all the IAU controlled events in 2020. This includes all crossbow competitions: the European Championship, the World Cups and the World Cup Finals. Along the same lines, the planned courses for judges and coaches are also canceled.

Cancelling all the events was not an easy decision. However, led by the thought that lives and safety of our closest friends are more important than a competition, members of the IAU EC have decided that the cancellation of this year's events is the best solution under these circumstances.

Unfortunately, as the situation has negative consequences around the world, it will also reflect upon our crossbow union. With a sincere hope that the world will overcome the current situation, it is suggested by the IAU EC that the events scheduled for this year should be cancelled and in 2021 the competitions continue as planned, with the World Championship as the main event. We hope that our decision will not seriously affect our athletes. After all, we have to put their lives and health first.

To make something positive out of this unfortunate situation, the IAU is currently in process of gathering the documents required to submit the GAISF membership application, so we hope to become an associate member of the GAISF in 2021. Joining the GAISF shall have an extremely positive impact on the crossbow sport development and bring benefits to crossbow shooters, organizers and our union in general.

Your understanding of the IAU EC decision of cancelling all 2020 IAU controlled events in 2020 is greatly appreciated. We hope that COVID-19 will not cause any significant damage to our athletes or our sport. Please, hold to the measures recommended by the World Health Organization and stay safe.

Kind regards,

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IAU President

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