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ARCHERY GUYANA's ANTI-DOPING POLICY

(Hereinafter referred to as the "Anti-Doping Policy")

1. Purpose: Archery Guyana is committed to protecting the integrity, fairness and health of the sport of archery. This Anti-Doping Policy aims to ensure that all athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and support personnel affiliated with Archery Guyana adhere to the highest standards of clean sport. The policy aligns with the WADA Code, the World Archery anti-doping provisions, and the Olympic Movement's anti-doping obligations.

2. Scope: This policy applies to:

All athletes, coaches, officials, support personnel, clubs, volunteers affiliated with Archery Guyana.

All training and competition activities under Archery Guyana's jurisdiction (national, regional, international).

All forms of anti-doping rules: in-competition, out-of-competition, sample collection, results management, sanctions, education.

3. Guiding Principles

Zero tolerance for doping: Doping undermines fair competition, athlete health and the spirit of sport.

Strict liability: An athlete is responsible for any prohibited substance found in their body, regardless of intent.

Harmonisation with global standards: The policy adopts and incorporates the WADA Code and International Standards.

Education, prevention and support: Emphasis on athlete and support-personnel education, therapeutic use exemptions (TUEs) and a culture of clean sport.

Fair and transparent enforcement: Anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs) will be adjudicated fairly, with rights of hearing and appeal.

4. Key Obligations and Requirements

4.1 Prohibited Substances and Methods: Archery Guyana adopts the WADA Prohibited List and methods and acknowledges the World Archery Rules on doping. Athletes must not use, attempt to use, possess, or facilitate the use of any prohibited substance or method.

4.2 Testing and Sample Collection: Archery Guyana will cooperate with our local anti-doping currently through the GOA and the RADO, regional Anti-doping organisation and any relevant anti-doping body in conducting in-competition and out-of-competition testing pursuant to the WADA Code. The sample collection, analysis and results procedures follow the WADA International Standards.

4.3 Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs): Athletes with medical conditions requiring use of a prohibited substance must apply for a TUE in advance per the WADA ISTUE and via the relevant authorised body.

4.4 Education and Prevention: Archery Guyana has already conducted education sessions and will implement a yearly education programme for athletes, coaches and support personnel on anti-doping rules, rights/responsibilities and risks of supplements.

Provide resources on safe supplement use, and the risk of contamination or inadvertent doping.

4.5 Rights and Responsibilities

Athletes are responsible for verifying substances they ingest, and for declaring whereabouts if required.

All personnel must co-operate with testing procedures, sample collection, hearings and comply with sanctions.

Archery Guyana will ensure confidentiality, data protection, and respect for athlete rights in results management.

4.6 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) & Sanctions

Violation of one or more anti-doping rules (use, possession, refusal to submit to sample collection, whereabouts failure, tampering, complicity, attempting to commit) will trigger the procedure. Sanctions may include disqualification of results, forfeiture of prizes/medals, period(s) of ineligibility, and possibly lifetime ban depending on severity and repeat status.

The WADA Code sets out the standard sanctions and must be followed.

4.7 Result Management and Hearing

Athletes/Parties have the right to a fair hearing, representation, appeal to appropriate tribunal (e.g., Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Anti-Doping Division).

Archery Guyana will cooperate with our national anti-doping entity and relevant bodies to ensure timely resolution of cases.

5. Implementation and Governance

The Board of Archery Guyana will aim to appoint an Anti-Doping Compliance Officer who will oversee policy implementation, reporting, education, liaison with our national anti-doping entity and doping officers and compliance matters.

Annual review of anti-doping education, number of tests, incidents, sanctions issued, and policy outcomes.

Budget and resources must be allocated for education, testing, and support.

Archery Guyana will update its rules and competition regulations to reflect this Policy and ensure that all participants sign an anti-doping commitment/waiver.

6. Cooperation with National & International Bodies: Archery Guyana acknowledges and will work with:

The national anti-doping organisation (NADO) in Guyana (or the body designated through the GOA in lieu of the formal body)

RADO (Regional Anti doping organisation)

WADA, and its International Standards.

World Archery and the International Testing Agency (ITA) where relevant.

7. Monitoring, Review & Compliance

The Policy will be reviewed at least every 2 years, or sooner if changes to the WADA Code or major anti-doping developments occur.

Archery Guyana will maintain records of education, testing, ADRVs, sanctioning and results.

The Board will receive an annual compliance report from the Compliance Officer.

8. Sanctions

Clubs, coaches, officials or volunteers under Archery Guyana who breach their obligations (e.g., facilitating doping, failing to report, failing to submit whereabouts forms, tampering) may face disciplinary actions including suspension of membership, disqualification of affiliated athletes, and referral to NADO or legal authorities as appropriate.

9. Communication & Publication

This policy will be publicly available on the Archery Guyana website and in membership documentation.

All athletes, coaches, officials and clubs must acknowledge in writing (or electronically) that they have read, understood and will comply with this policy as part of their membership obligations.

Archery Guyana will promote awareness through seminars, workshops and resources.

“Archery Guyana is fully committed to clean sport and will ensure that all our athletes, coaches and officials compete and operate in full compliance with the global anti-doping standards set by WADA and World Archery. We reject all forms of doping and stand for fairness, integrity, health and respect in archery.”

6. Review of the Policy

(a) This Anti-Doping Policy was first approved by the Federation’s Board of Directors pursuant to the hosting of the WADA/Anti-Doping Education session at the Olympic House on Saturday 7th September, 2024 in Guyana.

(b) This policy shall be reviewed annually (or earlier if required by changes in rules, Federation governance or international requirements). Any amendments must be submitted to the Federation’s Executive Committee for approval.