**Urgent Notice – Cancellation of all AFA Sanctioned Activities until 18th May 2020 – covers Competitions, Demonstrations and Training Day/ Seminars.**

Please be advised that effective from Friday 20th March 2020 until Monday the 18th May 2020 all AFA Sanctioned events are to be cancelled or postponed. This applies to Competitions, Demonstrations and Sanctioned Training Day/Seminars.

The above situation will be subject to review at the Committee Meeting scheduled for 4th May.

The AFA has also considered the matter of Club training activities and has determined that at this time training activities should be a matter left to the determination of individual clubs and member.

The Committee regrets the disruption that these decisions will cause, however we believe we have been left with little choice by the rapid pace of events. The rationale behind the above decisions is set out in the Minutes of the AFA Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 18th April 2020 which are available on the AFA Web site under the drop - down menu Members – then use the Committee tag.

Government decisions dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic are moving extremely rapidly. The current Government position is to limit gatherings of people at outdoor events to a maximum of 500 people – with a 100 limit for indoor activities. Some people are assessed as being in a higher risk category, as a result of age or medical conditions and these members, in particular, need to make informed decision as to their involvement in group activities.

We draw attention to the Presidents Statement on Corona Virus issued on 15th March which, with the exception of the clarification on the cancellation of sanctioned events, remains relevant, – in particular relating to sensible hygiene actions such as use of soap and water, hand sanitisers and maintaining reasonable social distancing at all activities.

Our prime concern remains that of ensuring, as far as is possible, the health and well-being of all of the AFA members in line with the latest government announcements dealing with the virus.

We will continue to monitor Government advice and, if necessary, issue further notices before the May meeting.

AFA Committee.