



Director of Coaching Report

November 2018

Becoming Director of Coaching has been a rather exciting, and daunting, experience. I have been a coach for quite a few years, but I can honestly say being Director is totally different. I am really excited in being involved in the Archery NI Board which is working for the good of Archery across the Country.

Coaching

We are currently adding to our register of Level 1 Coaches with a course involving seven candidates, which will culminate in the Assessment in January.

It is my intention to register both Level 1 and Level 2 courses in the near future.

Clubs

Susan and I visited various clubs on an informal basis during the year. As you will see from Susan's report it is still ongoing. Meeting in this manner enabled us to chat to the clubs and find out their views and needs. Along with the consultation document, this will enable us to provide the clubs with the support they need for their archers.

Northern Ireland Performance Pathway – Archery GB

This is part of the Archery GB Performance Pathway and is open to any Junior archer who meets the criteria set by the Performance Manager.

June saw the end of the transition period from the previous Academy to the Archery GB pathway. The Academy meets on a monthly basis and consists of 10 archers (6 compound and 4 recurve).

Training Opportunities for Coaches

National Talent Development Programme – Archery GB – launch date 20 January 2019

This is a programme which enables Junior archers to come in at beginning level. There will be training for both archers and coaches.

A meeting was held on 11 November when Lloyd Brown, Coach Trainer, presented the programme to 22 coaches from 8 clubs and 3 universities. It was really encouraging and exciting to see so many coaches interested in taking part in coaching in Northern Ireland.

Archery NI Way Forward

As Director of Coaching it is my intention to start meeting the needs of archers through our home Governing Body of Archery NI. As presented at our recent Open Meeting, we would like to provide training for any archer of any bow style, and any age or ability, who feel they would benefit from further coaching. It is hoped that this would eventually lead to the development of Northern Ireland Squads.

What do we need?

Archers	Any bow style, any age, any ability.
Coaches	Anyone interested in progressing their coaching.
Venues	Any club who would be able to let us hire their venue.

Unfortunately, this will not be funded and will have to be a self-funding initiative by the archers, i.e. a charge for each day of training. This will cover the cost of venues etc.

The future of archery in Northern Ireland is very bright and I am really excited. It has been hard work, with many of our meetings lasting around 4 – 5 hours, however, it has been worth it. I would just ask that, if you feel you could help in any way, even in a support role, please see one of the Board members.

Good shooting everyone.

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