



## **Guidelines on Handling the Playing of the National Anthem and Raising of the Regional Flag for Hong Kong Archery Athletes and Teams Engaging in International Sports Events**

### **Background**

To ensure proper respect is afforded to our National Anthem and Regional Flag at international sports events, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), in consultation with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, hereby promulgates the following guidelines and measures for all personnels of Hong Kong Archery Association to observe and follow with strict compliance.

### **Handling of the National Anthem and Regional Flag**

- 1.** When any Hong Kong, China teams/representatives are going to participate in international events, the team leader as assigned by the Hong Kong Archery Association should be responsible for bringing along two hard copies (either computer disk or USB) containing the correct National Anthem with proper description including its name and two Regional Flags. In any case, Hong Kong Archery Association's members should not take or use the Regional Flag given to them by unknown parties, e.g. a spectator.
- 2.** The team leader is responsible for passing one hard copy (either a computer disk or USB) of the National Anthem and one Regional Flag to the event organiser, who should confirm receipt of the materials in writing either by way of email, mobile communication tools (e.g. WhatsApp message), or written note with official signing. The team leader should keep the other set of National Anthem and Regional Flag and bring them along to the event venue for contingency use.



3. In anticipation that the National Anthem will be played and/or the Regional Flag will be raised, the team leader MUST check on site with the event organiser on the National Anthem and Regional Flag once again to ensure that the correct version will be used and the correct name of our National Anthem will be displayed in all captions. Should the National Anthem be played and Regional Flag be raised on multiple occasions at the sports events, the team leader MUST inspect all relevant materials and information before each occasion to ensure that they are in order.
4. At the time the National Anthem is playing and/or the Regional Flag is raising, the team leader MUST pay attention to the song being played and flag being raised to make sure that they are in order. In case a wrong song is played, an incorrect flag is raised or the Regional Flag is not properly raised, the team leader should alert the team members and lead them to act upon in accordance with the guidelines below.

**Action to be taken by athletes/teams upon noticing a wrong song is played as the National Anthem, an incorrect flag is raised as the Regional Flag or the Regional Flag is not properly raised**

5. In case a wrong song is played as the National Anthem of the People's Republic of China or an incorrect flag is raised as the Regional Flag or the Regional Flag is not properly raised, the team leader should alert his team members immediately and lead the team members to use their hands to display the sign of "T" for expressing objection to the error made and call for a halt to the proceedings for immediate correction.
6. Should no immediate correction be carried out, the team leader should lead the full team and/or athlete(s) to leave the ceremonial venue (e.g. the field, the stage or presentation podium).
7. Should correction be done properly, the full team and/or athlete(s) may line up again to attend the ceremony.
8. In case such an incident happens, the team leader should report to Hong Kong Archery Association directly.



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## **Consequence for non-compliance with the subject guidelines**

9. For non-compliance with the above guidelines, the members of Hong Kong Archery Association concerned may be subject to sanction after taking into consideration the circumstances of each case.

\*The above guidelines are applicable to ALL Hong Kong Archery Association Members, no matter you are representing Hong Kong, China or Affiliated Clubs of Hong Kong Archery Association to participate in such international sports events.

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