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For God and Country

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Memo To: National Executive Committeemen
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Executive and Division Directors

Subject: Cancellation of 2020 American Legion Junior Shooting 3-Position Air Rifle
National Championship

The current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic poses a serious health risk creating unprecedented responses from government and public health officials and levels of uncertainty throughout the nation. Different parts of the country are seeing different levels of COVID-19 activity. The way in which it may spread and its duration cannot be accurately predicted.

Because of these uncertainties, I have cancelled the 2020 American Legion Junior Shooting 3-Position Air Rifle National Championship that was scheduled for July 21-26, 2020, in Colorado Springs, Colo. The decision to cancel the national tournament was difficult. It was made with safety as the top priority. It is also my hope that this early notification will provide shooting coaches flexibility for making the best decisions possible for their youth who are currently involved in the national postal tournament without feeling the pressure of their participants being excluded from the national capstone program.

Times right now are tough, but we will get through them together. Thank you for your patience, resilience and continued service to our great organization and country.

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