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AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(10) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO.57 OF 2002): ALLOWING SPORTING EVENTS, TRAINING AND MATCHES TO RESUME, INCLUDING OPENING OF LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, CINEMAS, THEATRES, GALLERIES AND ARCHIVES IN COMPLIANCE WITH MEASURES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID - 19

I, Emmanuel Nkosinathi Mthethwa, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, hereby, in terms of regulation 4(10) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in Government Notice No.R480 of 29 April 2020 read with regulation 37(1)(e), (f) and (j) of the Regulations published in Government Notice No. 714 of 25 June 2020 and regulation 37(1) (i) subparagraph (i),(ii),(iii), (iv) and (v) of the Regulations published in Government Gazette Notice No. 846 of 31 July 2020, after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for Health, issue the Directions in the Schedule.

**MR E.N. MTHETHWA, MP****MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE**

DATE: 2020/08/05.

SCHEDULE

DEFINITIONS

1. In these Directions, a word or expression bears the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 and promulgated in Government *Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R480 of 29 April 2020, Government *Gazette* No.43364, Government Notice No.608 of 28 May 2020 , Government *Gazette* No. 43476, Government Notice No.714 of 25 June 2020, Government *Gazette* No.43521, Government Notice No. 763 of 12 July 2020 and in Government Gazette No. 43577, Government Notice No.846 of 31 July 2020, and unless the context otherwise indicates—

“**Directions**” means the Directions published in Government Notice No. 461, Government *Gazette* No. 43226 of 09 April 2020, Government Notice No. 669, Government *Gazette* No. 43434 of 11 June 2020 and Government Notice No. 43507, Government *Gazette* No. 751 of 6 July 2020;

Amendment of paragraph 1 of the Directions

2. Paragraph 1 of the Directions is amended by—

- (a) the insertion after the definition of “contact sport” of the following definition:

“**international sport event**” means individual or team participation in an invitation, tour, league, training or championship outside the borders of the Republic in preparation for any minor, major or mega international sport event;

- (b) the substitution for the definition of “Regulations” of the following definition:

“the Regulations” means the Regulations published in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R.480. of 29 April 2020 as amended by Government Notice No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, Government Notice No. 714 of 25 June 2020, Government Notice No. 763 of 12 July 2020 and Government Notice No. 846 of 31 July 2020;

Amendment of paragraph 2 of the Directions

3. Paragraph 2 of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for subparagraph (d) of the following subparagraph:

- “(d) allow sport, arts and cultural events to resume subject to compliance with measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID–19 by—
- (i) allowing professional non–contact sport to resume training and matches;
 - (ii) allowing professional contact sport to resume training and matches subject to the submission of the information required in terms of paragraph 6A (2) of these Directions;
 - (iii) not allowing spectators at the venue or precinct of a sports venue during a match; or
 - (iv) not allowing participation in an international sport event held outside the borders of the Republic;
 - (v) opening the following places or premises:
 - (aa) Libraries;
 - (bb) archives;
 - (cc) museums;

(dd) galleries;

subject to strict health protocols and social distancing,

(ee) cinemas; and

(ff) theatres,

provided only 50 people or less, based on the capacity of the venue, are allowed in compliance with health protocols.”.

Substitution of paragraph 6 of the Directions

4. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph 6 of the Directions:

“6. SUSPENSION OF SPORTING, ARTS, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS EVENTS

All sporting, arts, cultural and religious events organised or held in a stadium or venue as defined in section 1 of the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010) including international sporting events such as invitation, tours, training or leagues to participate or play matches abroad individually or in team sport, are prohibited except those mentioned in paragraph 2(d) (i), (ii), (v)(aa),(bb),(cc),(dd), (ee) and (ff).”

Substitution of paragraph 6A of the Directions

5. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph 6A of the Directions:

“6A. RESUMPTION OF CONTACT SPORT

(1) Professional contact sport may resume training and matches without any spectators and must comply with the health protocols: Provided

that the match may only include players, match officials, journalists, emergency medical services, security personnel, radio, support staff, the necessary employees employed by the owners of the venue, medical and television crew excluding international sports events as defined in paragraph 1.

(2) All sport bodies must within fourteen (14) days after the publication of these Directions inform the Minister, in writing, of the resumption of training and matches, in accordance with the process referred to in paragraph 6G and provide the following:

- (a) An operational plan in detail;
- (b) the names of venues per location;
- (c) the number of players and officials involved;
- (d) the number of people who tested positive or negative; and
- (e) the date of resumption of training and matches.

(3) A sport body must keep a register, which must be archived for a period of not less than 6 months, with the following details of professional athletes, support staff and officials:

- (a) Full names;
- (b) residential address;
- (c) cell number, telephone number or email address; and
- (d) contact details of the person or persons living in the same residence as the person attending training or matches.

(4) All sport bodies must comply with the Guidelines for quarantine and isolation in relation to COVID-19 exposure and infection issued by the Department of Health.

(5) Only a sport body or national federation recognised in terms of the Recognition of Sport and Recreational Bodies Regulations made in terms of section 14(a) and 14(jE) of the National Sport and Recreation Act,

1998 and published in *Government Gazette* No. 34509, Government Notice No, R641 of 8 August 2011, may submit the information referred to in subparagraph (2).

(6). A sport body must ensure that all athletes and support staff are tested for COVID-19 before any resumption of training and matches for both professional contact sport and non-contact sport.

(7) Transportation of all athletes, players and support staff must comply with the transport Directions issued by the Minister of Transport.”

Amendment of paragraph 6D of the Directions

6. Paragraph 6D of the Directions is hereby amended by the addition after subparagraph (10) of the following subparagraphs, respectively:

“(11) The sport body must ensure that only the required players, match officials, support staff and medical personnel are allowed during the match.

(12) The support staff, medical personnel and substitute players must wear a face mask and adhere to social distancing measures, as set out in the Regulations.

(13) The deployment of officials must be as follows:

- (a) Each media house may deploy one representative to cover a match;
- (b) Security deployment must be determined by an authorised member of the South African Police Service appointed by the National Commissioner;
- (c) A radio broadcaster may deploy only one commentator per radio station to cover a match;

- (d) Only the necessary number of television crew and technicians per match are allowed; and
- (e) Only the required number of employees employed by venue owners are allowed.

(14) A sport body must comply with the provisions of the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No.2 of 2010).

(15) A sport body must put in place measures to ensure that no member of the public or spectators are allowed at match venues or the precinct of a match venue.

(16) The measures referred to in subparagraph (15) must be clearly outlined in the safety and security plan to be presented at the Event Safety and Security Planning Committee, where an official from the department must be in attendance.

- (17) International sporting events, including the following, are not allowed:
- (a) Invitation or tour to participate in matches abroad;
 - (b) training in preparation for events abroad;
 - (c) participation in leagues that involve teams outside Republic;
 - (d) any national or selected team to participate outside the Republic; or
 - (e) individuals or athletes who intend to participate in sport abroad, except an individual or athlete employed by a team outside the Republic, who has an employment contract with a team outside the Republic.

Amendment of paragraph 6F of the Directions

7. Paragraph 6F of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for subparagraph (3)(a) and (b) of the following subparagraph:

“(3) Sport bodies must develop a plan for the phased-in return of their athletes participating in contact or non-contact sport, prior to training and matches, which plan must correspond to Annexure C and must be retained for inspection and must contain information regarding the following:

- (a) The name of the professional contact or non - contact sport, athletes and support staff that are permitted to resume training and matches; and
- (b) plans for the phased-in training and matches of professional contact or non - contact sport athletes;”.

Substitution of Annexure C to the Directions

8. The following Annexure is substituted for Annexure C to the Directions:

“ANNEXURE C**RESUMPTION OF PROFESSIONAL CONTACT SPORT AND NON-CONTACT SPORT**

(a) A COVID-19 ready Plan for non-contact sport training and matches and contact sport training and matches, must be developed within 14 days after the publication of these Directions.

(b) The plan may reflect the manner in which the training and matches should be done in terms of professional contact or non – contact sport and adherence to health protocol.

(c) Testing of all professional athletes and support staff is a prerequisite for the resumption of both non – contact and professional contact sport. All professional athletes relative to professional contact and non-contact sport personnel must be quarantined or self-isolated in terms of the Guidelines for quarantine and isolation in relation to COVID-19 exposure and infection issued by the Department of Health.

(d) All professional players and support staff for the purpose of resumption of matches must be admitted to a biological safe environment in terms of paragraph 8 (a).

(e) The Plan must include the following:

1. The date of the resumption of both professional contact and non–contact sports;
2. A timetable setting out the phased training of professional athletes in both professional contact and non-contact sport, to enable appropriate measures to be taken to avoid and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the sporting venue;
3. The full details of professional athletes camping for the duration of the training in preparation for matches as one of the measures to fight the spread of COVID-19;
4. The management of the register of all people involved in matches and training including amongst others—
 - (a) full names;
 - (b) residential address;
 - (c) cellphones, emails or telephone numbers; and
 - (d) contact details of a person or persons living in the same residence as the person attending training or matches;
5. The steps taken to get the sporting venue COVID-19 ready;

6. A list of support staff and officials who are 60 years or older and who are not permitted to attend training and matches and their co-morbidities, if any;

7. Arrangements in respect of the following for support staff, officials, professional athletes in the sporting venue:

- (a) Sanitary and social distancing measures and facilities at the entrance and exit of the sporting venue;
- (b) screening facilities and systems;
- (c) the attendance-record system and infrastructure;
- (d) the training area for professional athletes;
- (e) any designated area where the officials, support staff and professional athletes are served food;
- (f) bathroom facilities;
- (g) screening and testing facilities (for all professional athletes and support staff);

8. Professional athletes training or matches:

- (a) Sport bodies must ensure that every professional athlete is tested for COVID -19 within 48 hours prior to admission to biological safe environment followed by strict self – quarantine measures;
- (b) all equipment associated with training must be disinfected and cleaned before and after use; (c) athletes must wear masks at all times except during training or while playing;
- (d) athletes and support staff must be discouraged from spitting;
- (e) massages are not allowed unless approved by the sport code doctor;
- (f) water must be left at designated pick up points;
- (g) rotational training of professional athletes (only five athletes per training group);
- (h) tackling and close contact training drills must be discouraged; and

- (i) time slot for training must be allocated for example 15 minutes for preparation, 75 minutes of small group training and 15 minutes recovery.
9. A sport body must submit a list of venues for training and matches.
10. The venues must be disinfected and cleaned before any resumption of training and matches.
11. No spectators are allowed during training and matches.
12. Players, support staff, coaches, match officials, journalists, medical personnel, television crew and venue employees must be temperature-screened when entering the venues during training and matches.

The information must be submitted by uploading the link from: www.srsa.gov.za or www.dac.gov.za.

SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

9. These Directions are called the Resumption of professional contact and non-contact sport matches and come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.