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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): MEASURES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID - 19: SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE

I, Emmanuel Nkosinathi Mthethwa, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, hereby, in terms of regulation 4(10) read with regulation 69(8),(8A), (10), (11) and (14) 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 as amended by Government Notices No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, R. 714 of 25 June 2020, R. 763 of 12 July 2020, R. 846 of 31 July 2020, R. 891 of 17 August 2020, R. 999 of 18 September 2020, R.1011 of 20 September 2020 and R. 1053 of 1 October 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: 2020/10/02

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. R 480 of 29 April 2020 as amended by Government Notices No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, R.714 of 25 June 2020, R.763 of 12 July 2020, R.846 of 31 July 2020, R.891 of 17 August 2020, R. 999 of 18 September 2020, R.1011 of 20 September 2020 and R. 1053 of 1 October 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 as amended by Government Notice No. 669, Government *Gazette* No. 43434 of 11 June 2020, Government Notice No.751, Government *Gazette* No. 43507 of 6 July 2020, Government Notice No. 852, Government *Gazette* No. 43584 of 6 August 2020 and Government Notice No. 943, Government *Gazette* No. 43667 of 28 August 2020.

Amendment of paragraph 1 of the Directions

2. Paragraph 1 of the Directions is hereby amended by –

(a) the deletion of the following definition:

“entertainment event;”

(b) the substitution for the definition of “places or premises” of the following definition:

“**places or premises**” means libraries, galleries, theatres, museums, cinemas, fitness centres and gyms, sports grounds and fields, swimming pools, beaches, public parks and archives;”

- (c) the substitution for the definition of “the 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. R.714 of 25 June 2020, Government Notice No. R.763 of 12 July 2020, Government Notice No. R.846 of 31 July 2020, Government Notice No. R. 891 of 17 August 2020, Government Notice No. R.999 of 18 September 2020, Government Notice No. R.1011 of 20 September 2020 and Government Notice No. R. 1053 of 1 October 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) Sport, arts and culture activities, including both professional and non-professional matches, by recognised sporting bodies, are allowed, subject to the following:

- (i) Allowing the resumption of sport, arts and cultural activities, including administration, training, professional and non-professional in terms of these directions;
- (ii) not allowing spectators at the venue or precinct of a sports venue during a match;
- (iii) allowing international sport, arts and cultural events involving countries with a low or medium COVID-19 infection and transmission rate;
- (iv) allowing the opening of cinemas, limited to 50 percent of the capacity per cinema;
- (v) allowing the opening of theatres, limited to 50 percent of the capacity per venue;
- (vi) allowing fitness centres and swimming pools, limited to 50 percent of the capacity per venue;
- (vii) opening the following places or premises:
 - (aa) Archives;

- (bb) galleries;
- (cc) libraries;
- (dd) museums;
- (ee) beaches and public parks; and
- (ff) sports grounds and fields;

subject to strict compliance with health protocols and social distancing.

(viii) Gatherings for concerts and live performances are limited to 250 persons or less in case of an indoor gathering and 500 persons or less in case of an outdoor gathering: Provided that no more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue is used, with persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other.”.

Substitution of paragraph 3 of the Directions

4. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph 3 of the Directions:

“3. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

These Directions apply to all sporting, recreational, arts and cultural activities.”.

Substitution of paragraph 6 of the Directions

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

“6. RESUMPTION OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

International sport, arts and culture events involving countries with a low or medium COVID -19 infection and transmission rate are allowed.”.

Substitution of paragraph 6A of the Directions

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

“6A. RESUMPTION OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES

(1) Sporting activities may resume without any spectators and must comply with the health protocols: Provided that a match may only include players, match officials, journalists, emergency medical services, security personnel, radio and television crew, support staff, the necessary employees employed by the owners of the venue, medical and television crew.

(2) 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 all athletes, support staff and officials:

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

(3) 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.

(4) A sports body must ensure that all athletes and support staff are tested for COVID-19 before the resumption of sporting activities.

(5) International sport, arts and culture events involving countries with a low or medium COVID -19 infection and transmission rate are allowed.

(6) International sport, arts and culture events involving countries with a high COVID -19 infection and transmission rate are not allowed.

- (7) A sport body must, for the purposes of subparagraph (5) ensure—
- (a) that every person in the travelling team provides a negative COVID-19 test result that has been obtained no more than 72 hours prior to the date of travel;
 - (b) that if a person in the travelling team is unable to produce a negative COVID – 19 test result, that person is quarantined at his or her own cost;
 - (c) compliance with the provisions of the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act No. 110 of 1998), the Bidding and Hosting of International Sporting and Recreational Events Regulations and the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010); and
 - (d) compliance with all relevant legislation and municipal by – laws.
- (8) An international sporting event must take place without spectators, in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs 6A, 6B, 6D, 6E and 6F.
- (9) Transportation of athletes, players and support staff must comply with the transport Directions issued by the Minister of Transport.”.

Substitution of paragraph 6B of the Directions

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

“6B. SCREENING AND TESTING OF PLAYERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

- (1) All officials including players, athletes, match officials, support staff, journalists and television crew including radio commentators must be subjected to temperature screening before they enter the venue or stadium.
- (2) A person with an elevated temperature or possible COVID-19 symptoms may not be allowed to enter the sporting venue.

- (3) An athlete or member of the support staff who tests positive for COVID-19 may not be allowed to train or participate in sporting activities until he or she tests negative.”.

Substitution of paragraph 6C of the Directions

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

“6C. DISINFECTION AND CLEANING OF SPORTING VENUE

- (1) The sporting venue, dressing rooms and other facilities within the precinct of the sporting venue, must be disinfected before any matches.
- (2) For the purposes of this paragraph, a hand sanitiser to be used must have at least 70% alcohol content, or be a generic alternative, and must meet the standard prescribed by the Department of Health.
- (3) A person in charge of a sporting venue must ensure that –
- (a) there are sufficient quantities of hand sanitiser, based on the number of persons who access the sporting venue, at the entrance of, and in, the sporting venue, to be used by persons accessing the venue; or
- (b) there are facilities for the washing of hands with water and soap.
- (4) A sports body must take measures to ensure that—
- (a) all surfaces and equipment are cleaned before the resumption of sporting activities and in between activities; and
- (b) all areas such as toilets, common areas, door handles, shared electronic equipment, are regularly cleaned.
- (5) The sporting venue must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised prior to commencement of sporting activities.”.

Substitution of paragraph 6D of the Directions

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

“6D. CONTROL MEASURES

- (1) Appropriate information material relating to COVID-19 must be displayed in a prominent place within the sporting venue.
- (2) The number of personnel in the sporting venue, change room or training area at any given time, must be limited as far as is reasonably practicable.
- (3) Face masks, or appropriate items that cover the nose and mouth as required by the health protocols, must be worn by all personnel entering the sporting venue except athletes when training or participating in matches.
- (4) Only individual pre-packed meals with disposable drinking bottles are allowed in the sporting venue.
- (5) No person may share a water bottle with another person.
- (6) All doors must remain open, where feasible, to reduce contact and ensure adequate ventilation.
- (7) A dedicated isolation area for use by any individual who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while in training or during a match, must be identified.
- (8) A sport body must—
 - (a) assume full responsibility for the safety and security of its members, staff and athletes in curbing the spread of COVID -19; and
 - (b) ensure that all its members comply with the provisions of these Directions, Regulations and any other applicable legislation.

- (9) A sport body and its affiliate members are jointly and severally responsible for any claim for damages or negligence arising as a result of failure to take reasonable measures in curbing the spread of COVID -19.
- (10) The sports body must ensure that only the required players, match officials, support staff and medical personnel are allowed during a match.
- (11) The support staff, medical personnel and substitute players must each wear a face mask or other appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth and adhere to social distancing measures, as set out in the Regulations.
- (12) 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 the venue owner are allowed.
- (13) A sports body must comply with the provisions of the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No.2 of 2010).
- (14) A sports body must put in place measures to ensure that no member of the public or spectators are allowed at a match venue or the precinct of a match venue.
- (15) The measures referred to in subparagraph (14) 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.
- (16) International sporting events involving countries with a low or medium COVID -19 infection and transmission rate are allowed.

- (17) Only individuals who have an employment contract with a team outside the Republic may be permitted to leave the Republic in accordance with the Directions issued by the Minister of Home Affairs.”.

Amendment of paragraph 6E of the Directions

10. Paragraph 6E of the Directions is hereby amended by the deletion of subparagraphs (2) and (3).

Substitution of paragraph 6F of the Directions

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

“6F. APPOINTMENT OF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

- (1) Sports bodies must appoint compliance officers, in writing, before any resumption of sporting activities, to ensure compliance with these Directions in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- (2) A designated COVID-19 compliance officer must oversee-
- (a) the implementation of the operational plan for each activity; and
 - (b) adherence to the standards of hygiene and health protocols relating to COVID-19 at sporting venues.”.

Deletion of paragraph 6G of the Directions

12. Paragraph 6G of the Directions is hereby deleted.

Deletion of paragraph 6H of the Directions

13. Paragraph 6H of the Directions is hereby deleted.

Substitution of paragraph 6I of the Directions

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

“6I. OPENING OF PLACES OR PREMISES TO THE PUBLIC

(1) Gatherings at the following places or premises are allowed subject to strict compliance with health protocols and social distancing:

- (a) Sports grounds and fields;
- (b) beaches and public parks; and
- (c) museums, galleries, libraries and archives.

(2) Places or premises referred to in subparagraph (1) must control the number of persons visiting at any given time.

(3) Library services must ensure that everyone in the study and computer area wears a face mask and adheres to social distancing measures, as set out in the Regulations.

(4) The following places or premises are open to public:

- (a) Cinemas, limited to 50 percent of the capacity per cinema;
- (b) theatres, limited to 50 percent of the capacity per venue;
- (c) fitness centres and gyms, limited to not more than 50 percent of the capacity per venue;
- (d) swimming pools, limited to not more than 50 percent of the capacity per venue.

(5) The places or premises referred to in subparagraphs (1) and (4) must adhere to the following health protocols:

- (a) Sufficient hand sanitisers or facilities to wash hands with water and soap must be made available as provided for in paragraph 6C (3);
- (b) social distancing between customers, visitors and staff, wherever possible;
- (c) wearing a face mask at all times, when entering and inside the place or premises, whenever possible;
- (d) a face mask may only be removed while eating or drinking;
- (e) contactless payments and pre-booking should be used, where possible;

- (f) the place or premises must be deep-cleaned before opening, and before and after use;
 - (g) equipment and tools must be cleaned and sanitised regularly;
 - (h) common areas including toilets, door handles and shared equipment must be regularly cleaned and sanitised frequently;
 - (i) where possible, windows and doors should be kept open, to ensure adequate ventilation;
 - (j) adequate personal protection equipment must be provided to all employees;
 - (k) all persons inside the place or premises must maintain one and half metres social distance between each other;
 - (l) steps must be taken to ensure that persons queuing inside or outside the premises maintain a distance of one and half metres from each other;
 - (m) a dedicated area must be identified for the isolation of an individual who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, while inside the place or premises;
 - (n) every person entering the place or premises must be subjected to temperature screening;
 - (o) a person with an elevated temperature or COVID-19 symptoms must be refused access to the place or premises;
 - (p) a compliance officer must be appointed as provided for in paragraph 6F.
- (6) Places referred to in subparagraph (4) must mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 by implementing the following measures:
- (a) Constant cleaning, disinfection and hygiene:
 - (i) Hand sanitisers must be positioned at multiple locations around the facility;
 - (ii) soap and water must be available in the changing rooms and kitchens;
 - (iii) cleaning personnel must be available to continuously disinfect all areas of the premises throughout the day using chemicals with antiviral properties;
 - (iv) facilities must be cleaned throughout the day on a rotational basis by trained staff using materials with antiviral properties;
 - (v) disinfectant sprays and paper towels must be available for use and be disposed of in bins that must be emptied on a regular basis;

- (b) social distancing and wearing of a face mask must be encouraged and –
 - (i) members must maintain a minimum distance of one and half metres apart in low and medium activity areas and two metres in high intensity areas in relation to gyms or fitness centres;
 - (ii) everyone entering a gym or fitness centre or must wear a face mask at all times;
 - (iii) a person undertaking vigorous activity may not wear a face mask during such activity, provided that the distance of two metres apart from another person is maintained;
 - (iv) low and medium intensity workout fitness equipment must be spaced one and half metres apart;
 - (v) high intensity workout fitness equipment must be spaced two metres apart;
 - (vi) the capacity of studio classes must be reduced to allow for 2m social distancing;
 - (vii) markers must be placed on the floor highlighting 1.5m or 2m social distancing as applicable;
 - (viii) posters must be placed around the facility highlighting social distancing protocols and the wearing of face masks.
- (c) windows must remain open during operating hours;
- (d) where a ventilation system is used, the person responsible for managing the premises must–
 - (i) extend the ventilation system operating hours for as long as practically possible before opening, and after closing the facility;
 - (ii) replace air filters according to the manufacturer’s maintenance schedule on a regular basis;
 - (iii) ensure that mechanical ventilation delivers outside air at a minimum rate of 10 litres per second per person (as per SANS 10400).
- (7) Studios must limit the number of persons in order to comply with these Directions and the Regulations.
- (8) There must be a 15-minute window in between classes to allow for cleaning before other classes resume.

- (9) Equipment including mats, etc, must be cleaned in between use.
- (10) Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed.
- (11) Food and beverage offerings must adhere to the Directions for the restaurant sector.
- (12) Child care facilities must remain closed.
- (13) All control measures must comply with the provisions of paragraph 6D.
- (14) The venue owners of places mentioned in subparagraphs (1) and (4) must–
 - (a) comply with the provisions of the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010) for venues that may have a capacity of 2000 or more;
 - (b) comply with all municipal by-laws applicable to the hosting of such events;
 - (c) ensure that persons attending an event are wearing a face mask;
 - (d) develop a plan which incorporates measures set out in these Directions and the Regulations; and
 - (e) display the municipal certified capacity of the venue at the entrance stating the number of people allowed to enter the place or building.”.

Substitution of paragraph 6J of the Directions

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

“6J CONCERTS AND LIVE PERFORMANCES

- (1) Concerts and live performances are limited to 250 persons or less in case of an indoor gathering and 500 persons or less in case of an outdoor gathering: Provided that no more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue is used, with persons observing a distance of least one and a half metres from each other.

- (2) Organisers of concerts and live performance events must–
- (a) comply with the provisions of the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010) for venues that may have a capacity of 2000 or more;
 - (b) comply with all municipal by-laws applicable to the hosting of such events;
 - (c) ensure that persons attending the events are wearing a face mask or an appropriate item covering the nose and mouth;
 - (d) develop a plan which incorporates measures set out in these Directions and the Regulations;
 - (e) ensure that hand sanitisers have at least 70% alcohol content or a generic alternative with a similar sanitising effect, which is in accordance with the recommendations of the Department of Health;
 - (f) ensure that all surfaces and equipment are cleaned before and after the event;
 - (g) ensure that all areas such as toilets, common areas, door handles, electronic equipment and objects are sanitised as regularly as possible, as required in the circumstances, to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and
 - (h) implement the following health and safety measures:
 - (i) Screening of every person attending the event for symptoms associated with COVID -19, namely fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, elevated temperature or difficulty in breathing; or
 - (ii) requiring every person to report whether he or she suffers from additional symptoms such as body aches, loss of smell or loss of taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fatigue, weakness or tiredness.
- (3) If a person presents symptoms referred to in subparagraph (2)(h) such a person must be refused entry to the event.
- (4) Event organisers for concerts and live performances must ensure that–
- (a) there is no physical contact between persons at the event, if possible;
 - (b) there is a minimum of one and a half metres between persons; and

- (c) all social distancing measures and health protocols are adhered to at all times.
- (5) The wearing of a face mask or an appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth is compulsory for the duration of an event.
- (6) Events venue owners must ensure that-
 - (a) there are sufficient quantities of hand sanitiser available at the entrance of, and inside the venue which all attendees are required to use; and
 - (b) there are facilities for the washing of hands with water and soap.
- (7) Event organisers must keep a register, for a period of not less than 6 months, with the following details of each person attending the event:
 - (a) Full names;
 - (b) residential address;
 - (c) cell phone number, telephone number or e-mail address; and
 - (d) contact details of a person living in the same residence as the person attending the event.
- (8) Food or beverages may not be shared between persons.”

Deletion of Annexure C

16. Annexure C to the Directions is hereby deleted.

17. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

These Directions are called Gatherings relating to sport, arts and culture activities and come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.

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