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I, Emmanuel Nkosingithi Mthethwa, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture in terms of regulation 10(8) of the Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 ([Act No. 57 of 2002](#)) and published in *Government Gazette* No. 43107, Government Notice No.R318 of 18 March 2020, hereby issue the Directions in the Schedule.

Mr E.N. Mthethwa, MP

Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture

### 1. Definitions

In these Directions, a word or expression bears the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations promulgated in *Government Gazette* No. 43107, Government Notice No.R318 of 18 March 2020 and in the Regulations promulgated in *Government Gazette* No. 43148, Government Notice No.398 of 25 March 2020, in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 and unless the context otherwise indicates—

*[definition of "affected public entity" deleted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

"**national state of disaster**" means the national state of disaster declared by Government Notice No. R. 313 published in *Government Gazette* No. 40396 of 15 March 2020;

"**applicant**" means a national federation as defined in section 1 of the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 ([Act No. 110 of 1998](#));

*[definition of "applicant" inserted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

"**concert**" means a live or physical performance of music by one or more musicians or singers;

*[definition of "concert" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

*[definition of "contact sport" inserted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and deleted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

**"entertainment event"** means any performance, recreational or amusement activity, show or similar event including, but not limited to, a theatrical or music performance, concert, film, or ride;

*[definition of "entertainment event" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

**"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;

*[definition of "international sport event" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#)]*

**"library"** means a national, provincial, and public or community library in the Republic of South Africa;

*[definition of "library" inserted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

**"library material"** means collections of information material housed in a library including books, periodicals and toys; etc;

*[definition of "library material" inserted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

**"LIS"** means Library and Information Service;

*[definition of "LIS" inserted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

*[definition of "non-contact sport" inserted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and deleted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

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

*[definition of "places or premises" inserted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 2(c) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

**"official"** means sporting venue manager, sporting venue employee, match official journalist, television crew, radio commentator and security personnel;

*[definition of "official" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#)]*

**"professional athlete"** means an athlete who earns a living by competing in a sport, or receive payment for performance at international championships or related events including preparation for Olympic, a member of a training squad for a relevant sporting body;

*[definition of "professional athlete" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#)]*

**"professional non-contact sport"** means a sport whereby athletes or players are physically separated and under normal circumstances would not come into contact with one another during the course of an event or game;

*[definition of "professional non-contact sport" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#)]*

**"recreation"** means a physical activity of leisure undertaken for the purpose of a healthy lifestyle, outside of structured competitive sport;

*[definition of "recreation" inserted by section 2(d) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

**"sporting activities"** means sporting events that include administration, training, professional and non-professional matches organised and authorised by a sport body recognised as provided for in 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 ([Act No. 110 of 1998](#)) and published in *Government Gazette* No. 34509, Government Notice No. R.641 of 8 August 2011;

*[definition of "sporting activities" inserted by section 2(d) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

“**sports body**” means any national federation, agency, club or body, including a trust, professional league, or registered company of such a national federation, agency, club or body, involved in the administration of sport or recreation at local, provincial or national level;

*[definition of "sports body" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#)]*

“**sporting venue**” means a stadium, sports ground, field, swimming pool, the sea, dam, river and any other venue whether open air, enclosed or semi enclosed where a match, a competition or training may take place;

*[definition of "sporting venue" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#) and replaced by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

“**support staff**” means a technical official, coach, assistant coach, kit manager, physiotherapist, medical officer, driver, and physical trainer;

*[definition of "support staff" inserted by section 2(a) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#)]*

“**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, Government Notice No. 846 of 31 July 2020 and Government Notice No. 891 of 17 August 2020.

*[definition of "the Regulations" substituted by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#), by section 2(c) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#), by section 2(b) of [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#) and by section 2(e) of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of these Directions is to—

- (a) prescribe temporary measures or steps currently necessary to manage COVID-19 in order to reduce its impact in the Republic, by preventing the importation of, and minimising the local transmission of, COVID-19; and
- (b) *[subparagraph (b) deleted by section 3(a) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*
- (c) *[subparagraph (b) deleted by section 3(a) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*
- (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 the resumption of sporting activities, including administration, training, professional and non -professional matches, authorised by recognised sporting bodies, subject to the submission of the information required in terms of paragraph 6A (2);
  - (ii) not allowing spectators at the venue or precinct of a sports venue during a match;
  - (iii) not allowing international sporting events;
  - (iv) allowing concerts and entertainment events, subject to a limitation of 50 persons;
  - (v) opening the following places or premises:
    - (aa) Archives;
    - (bb) galleries;
    - (cc) libraries;
    - (dd) museums,subject to strict health protocols and social distancing;

- (ee) cinemas subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less per cinema and the sale of tickets through a booking system; and
- (ff) theatres, concerts and live performances,  
subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less, strict adherence to all health protocols and compliance with social distancing measures;
- (gg) fitness centres or gyms, subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less;
- (hh) sports grounds and fields;
- (ii) swimming pools subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less; and
- (jj) beaches and public parks.

*[subparagraph (d) substituted by section 3(a) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#), by section 3(b) of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#), by section 3 of [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#) and by section 3 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

- (e) allow professional non-contact sports matches to take place in a stadium without spectators.

*[subparagraph (e) added by section 3(b) of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#)]*

### 3. Scope and application

These Directions apply to all sporting, recreational and entertainment activities including the arts.

*[paragraph 3 substituted by section 4 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#), by section 4 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and by section 4 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

### 4. Authorisation

These Directions are issued in terms of regulation 10(8) of the Regulations.

### 5. \*\*\*

*[paragraph 5 deleted by section 5 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

### 6. Resumption of sport, arts and cultural activities

All international sporting events including invitations, tours, training or leagues to participate or play individually or in team sports is prohibited.

*[paragraph 6 substituted by section 5 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#), by section 6 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#), by section 4 of [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#) and by section 5 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

#### 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, support staff, the necessary employees employed by the owners of the venue, medical and television crew.
- (2) All sport bodies must within 14 days after the publication of these Directions inform the Minister, in writing, of their intention to resume sporting activities 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 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 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.
- (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 sports body or national federation recognised in terms of the Recognition of Sport and Recreational Bodies Regulations may submit the information referred to in subparagraph (2).
- (6) A sports body must ensure that all athletes and support staff are tested for COVID-19 before the resumption of sporting activities.
- (7) Transportation of all athletes, players and support staff must comply with the transport Directions issued by the Minister of Transport.

*[paragraph 6A inserted by section 6 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 7 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#), by section 5 of [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#) and by section 6 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

#### **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.

*[paragraph 6B inserted by section 6 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 7 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

#### **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 prior to commencement of sporting activities.

*[paragraph 6C inserted by section 6 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 8 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

## **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 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 are not permitted;
- (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.

*[paragraph 6D inserted by section 6 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#), amended by section 8 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and section 6 of [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#), and substituted by section 9 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

## **6E. Monitoring and compliance**

- (1) Sports bodies must ensure that athletes, players and support staff before resuming sporting activities-
  - (a) give written confirmation to the COVID-19 compliance officer or nominated operational personnel that-
    - (i) they are, to the best of their knowledge, currently free from COVID-19;
    - (ii) they have not had any symptoms of COVID-19 such as high temperature or fever, a new continuous cough or new unexplained shortness of breath in the 10 days immediately prior to the resumption of training or playing;
    - (iii) they have not been in contact with a COVID-19 confirmed or suspected case in the 10 days immediately prior to the resumption of training or playing; or
    - (iv) club or team medical personnel have taken all infection prevention measures with the addition of the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when reviewing patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 in the 10 days immediately prior to the resumption of sporting activities.
  - (b) comply with the Regulations and the Directions pertaining to contact tracing;
  - (c) ensure compliance with minimum standards to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including the following:
    - (i) Pre-match medical screening;
    - (ii) sporting venue readiness and sanitisation; and
    - (iii) compliance with sports bodies or international sport bodies protocols.
- (2) The Department may deploy officials to monitor compliance with these Directions.

- (3) Sports bodies must develop a plan for the phased-in resumption of sporting activities in both professional sport and non-professional sport, 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 sporting activity, athletes and support staff that are permitted to resume matches; and
  - (b) plans for the phased-in training and matches.

*[paragraph 6E inserted by section 6 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 10 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

#### **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 referred to in paragraph 6E(3); and
  - (b) adherence to the standards of hygiene and health protocols relating to COVID-19 at sporting venues.

*[paragraph 6F inserted by section 6 of [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#), amended by section 9 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and by section of 7 [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#), and substituted by section 11 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

#### **6G. Resumption of sporting activities procedure**

- (1) A recognised sport body must inform the Minister in writing as required by paragraph 6A (2) before resuming sporting activities.
- (2) The information contemplated in subparagraph (1) must be loaded online and submitted by uploading the link from: [www.srsa.gov.za](http://www.srsa.gov.za) or [www.dac.gov.za](http://www.dac.gov.za)
- (3) A sport body may not resume sporting activities before receiving the permission of the Minister, in writing.
- (4) The Minister must, within seven working days after receiving the information referred to in paragraph 6A (2), which complies fully with the provisions of these Directions -
  - (a) consider the information and any further information provided by the applicant; and
  - (b) if satisfied that the applicant complies with all provisions of the Directions and health protocols, issue a notice of permission in writing.
- (5) If, after considering the information, the Minister is not satisfied that the information supplied complies with all provisions of the Directions, the Minister must send a written notice to the applicant -
  - (a) informing the applicant of the non-compliance;
  - (b) providing reasons for his or her decision within seven working days after receipt of the information; and
  - (c) allowing the applicant 14 days to comply with the Directions.
- (6) The Minister may extend the period within which compliance must be effected by not more than 14 working days on good cause shown by the applicant.
- (7) If an applicant, who has received a notice referred to in subparagraph (5), complies with all provisions, the Minister may permit the resumption of sporting activities.

- (8) If, an applicant who has received a notice referred to in subparagraph (5) has not complied with the provisions of the Directions, the Minister must -
- (a) decline to issue permission; and
  - (b) notify the applicant in writing of the decision and the reasons thereof.

*[paragraph 6G inserted by section 10 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 12 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

## **6H. Appeals**

- (1) A sport body that is not satisfied with a decision made under these Directions, may within 14 days, lodge an appeal with the independent appeal panel appointed to deal with appeals relating to the submission of the information required for the resumption of sporting activities.
- (2) An appeal referred to in subparagraph (1) must be-
- (a) submitted to the appeal panel in writing; and
  - (b) accompanied by a written statement setting out the grounds upon which the appeal is based.
- (3) The appeal panel must-
- (a) consider the appeal within 14 days of receipt of the application for an appeal; and
  - (b) inform the appellant in writing of the decision, as well as the reasons therefor, within 21 days of the receipt of an appeal.

*[paragraph 6H inserted by section 10 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 13 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

## **6I. Opening of the following places or premises to the public**

- (1) The following places or premises are open to the public:
- (a) archives;
  - (b) galleries;
  - (c) libraries; and
  - (d) museums,
- subject to strict health protocols and social distancing.
- (2) Places or premises referred to in subparagraph (1) must limit their operating hours as per the amended standard operation procedure posted on the website of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.
- (3) Places or premises referred to in subparagraph (1) must provide limited service and contact, as far as possible, between the staff and visitors so as to prevent any form of gathering.
- (4) Places or premises referred to in subparagraph (1) must control the number of persons visiting at any given time.
- (5) Library services must -
- (a) if possible, encourage on-line referencing and programming; and
  - (b) ensure that everyone in the study and computer area 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;

- (6) The following places or premises are open to public:
  - (a) Cinemas, subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less per cinema; and
  - (b) theatres, concerts and live performances, subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less, strict adherence to all health protocols and compliance with social distancing measures;
  - (c) fitness centres and gyms, subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less;
  - (d) sports grounds and fields;
  - (e) swimming pools, subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less;
  - (f) beaches and public parks.
- (7) The places or premises referred to in subparagraphs (1) and (6) 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)(a) and (b);
  - (b) social distancing between customers, visitors and staff, wherever possible;
  - (c) wearing a cloth face mask or other appropriate item that covers the mouth and nose at all times, when entering and inside the place or premises, whenever possible;
  - (d) face mask or other appropriate item that covers the mouth and nose 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 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 screening;
  - (o) a person with an elevated temperature or COVID-19 symptoms may be refused access to the place or premises;
  - (p) the person responsible for managing a place or premises referred to in subparagraphs (1) and (6) must, before operating, inform the Minister, in writing as provided for in paragraph 6A (2).;
  - (q) a compliance officer must be appointed as provided for in paragraph 6F; and
  - (r) a person above the age of 60 or a person with co-morbidities is discouraged from visiting the places or premises referred to in subparagraphs (1) and (6).

- (8) Places referred to in subparagraph (6) (c) and (e) must further reduce or mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 by implementing the following measures:
- (a) Constant cleaning, disinfection and hygiene must be in place:
    - (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 for continuously disinfecting 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 or any appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth 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;
    - (ii) everyone entering the centre or gym venue or facility of entertainment must wear a face mask or any appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth at all times;
    - (iii) a person undertaking vigorous activity may not wear a face mask or any item that covers the mouth and nose during such activity, provided that the distance of two metres apart is maintained;
    - (iv) all low and medium intensity workout fitness equipment must be spaced one and half metres apart;
    - (v) all high intensity workout fitness equipment must be spaced two metres apart;
    - (vi) the capacity of the 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 or any appropriate item that covers the mouth and nose.
  - (c) windows should remain open during operation 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);
- (9) Studios must limit the number of persons in order to comply with these Directions and the Regulations.
- (10) There must be a 15-minute window in between classes to allow for cleaning before other classes resume.
- (11) Equipment including mats, etc, must be cleaned in between use.
- (12) Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed.

- (13) Food and beverage offerings must adhere to the Directions for the restaurant sector.
- (14) Child care facilities must remain closed.
- (15) All control measures must comply with the provisions of paragraph 6D.
- (16) Places referred to in subparagraph (6)(d) must also comply with the provisions of paragraph 6C.
- (17) Places referred to in subparagraph (6)(f) must ensure-
  - (a) compliance with the wearing of a face cloth mask or other appropriate item that covers the mouth and nose as provided for in the Regulations; and
  - (b) adherence to social distancing.

*[paragraph 6I inserted by section 10 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#) and substituted by section 14 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*

## **6J. Concerts and entertainment events**

- (1) Concerts and entertainment events of not more than 50 persons are allowed, subject to the conditions outlined in these Directions.
- (2) Organisers of concerts and entertainment 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 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; and
  - (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 other entertainment 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.
  - (9) A person over the age of 60 or a person with co- morbidities is encouraged not to attend an event.
- [paragraph 6] inserted by section 15 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)*

## 7. Commencement

These Directions come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette* and terminate on the date when the national state of disaster terminates.

### Annexure A

*[Annexure A added by [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#) and deleted by section 11 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

### Annexure B

*[Annexure B added by [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#) and deleted by section 11 of [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#)]*

### Annexure C

#### **Resumption of sporting activities including professional and non-professional matches**

1.
  - (a) A COVID-19 ready Plan for the resumption of sporting activities including both professional and non-professional matches must be developed within 14 days after the publication of these Directions.
  - (b) The plan must reflect the manner in which the resumption of sporting activities should be done in terms of professional and non-professional matches in adherence to health protocols.
  - (c) Testing of all professional athletes and support staff is a prerequisite for the resumption of both professional and non-professional matches.

- (d) All professional players and support staff must, for the purpose of the resumption of sporting activities, be admitted to a biologically safe environment or must alternatively be subjected to weekly COVID-19 testing based on the submitted plan.
  - (e) All non-professional sporting activities in relation to interprovincial events or national championships, must be conducted in the format of a bubble environment or the weekly testing of athletes as provided for in subparagraph (d) above.
2. The Plan must include the following:
- (a) The date of the resumption of both professional and non-professional matches;
  - (b) A timetable setting out the phased resumption of sporting activities in both professional and non-professional matches, to enable appropriate measures to be taken to avoid and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the sporting venue;
  - (c) 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.
  - (d) The management of the register of all people involved in sporting activities for both professional and non-professional matches including amongst others-
    - (i) full names;
    - (ii) residential address;
    - (iii) cell phone numbers, emails or telephone numbers; and
    - (iv) contact details of a person or persons living in the same residence as the person attending training or matches;
  - (e) The steps taken to get the sporting venue COVID-19 ready;
  - (f) 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;
  - (g) Arrangements in respect of the following for support staff, officials, professional or non-professional athletes in the sporting venue:
    - (i) Sanitary and social distancing measures and facilities at the entrance and exit of the sporting venue;
    - (ii) screening facilities and systems;
    - (iii) the attendance-record system and infrastructure;
    - (iv) the training areas;
    - (v) any designated area where the officials, support staff and athletes are served food;
    - (vi) bathroom facilities;
    - (vii) screening and testing facilities (for all athletes and support staff).
3. Sporting activities:
- The following measures apply:
- (a) A sports body must ensure that every professional athlete is tested for COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to admission to a biological safe environment followed by strict self-quarantine measures;
  - (b) a sports body must ensure that every non-professional athlete is tested for COVID-19 before any resumption of matches;
  - (c) all equipment associated with training must be disinfected and cleaned before and after use;

- (d) athletes must wear face masks or other appropriate items that cover the nose and mouth at all times except during training or while playing;
  - (e) athletes and support staff must be discouraged from spitting;
  - (f) massages are not allowed unless approved by the sport code doctor;
  - (g) water must be left at designated pick up points;
  - (h) there must be rotational training of professional athletes (only five athletes per training group); and
  - (i) a time slot for training must be allocated, for example, 15 minutes for preparation, 75 minutes for small group training and 15 minutes for recovery.
- 4. A sport body must submit a list of venues for sporting activities.
  - 5. The venues must be disinfected and cleaned before any resumption of sporting activities.
  - 6. No spectators are allowed during sporting activities.
  - 7. Players, support staff, coaches, match officials, journalists, medical personnel, television crew and venue employees must be temperature-screened when entering the venues during sporting activities.

*[Annexure C added by [Government Notice 669 of 2020](#), and substituted by [Government Notice 751 of 2020](#), by section 8 of [Government Notice 852 of 2020](#) and by section 16 of [Government Notice 943 of 2020](#)]*