



# South African Model Aircraft Association

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Dear member

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## **RE: UPDATE ON THE OPENING OF CLUBS**

Dear Club Member,

The South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) Management Committee (SMC) circulates the following communication to all members.

It is with great delight that we inform you that our application for the relaxation under level 3 lockdown restrictions was successful, allowing model flying. However as expected, this relaxation remains conditional and will not mean flying as usual; very strict controls and precautions will need to be rigorously followed.

We welcome the decision and thank the Aero Club for their involvement in facilitating the process. We know that this is a huge leap in the right direction to get the modelling community airborne again

Members and Committees are reminded that South Africa is still bound by the legislated Level 3 restriction. Irrespective of our individual views on this matter, we are bound to implement these precautionary conditions if we wish to enjoy the relaxations granted. Be mindful that these precautions are there for your safety.

We refer to communication that was released to all chairmen earlier this week outlining the regulations and various guidelines. Each club is required to submit their plan in line with the provided guidelines, with supporting documentation to SAMAA office for review and confirmation of compliance. Compliant clubs will be issued with a certificate allowing the club to resume flying, in line with their respective plans.

Discipline from all members will be paramount to keep the clubs open; it is everyone's responsibility to ensure we maintain compliance.

Please refer to SAMAA's website for updates on clubs that have been declared compliant. The list will also be distributed on Facebook for ease of reference. You are reminded that without the compliance certificate no Flying is permitted. Failing to conform may result in relaxation being withdrawn. Clubs flying without the relevant certification are also cautioned of the risks of further action.

We thank all the members for their patience throughout this cumbersome process, there still remains a long road ahead before any means of normality will return. In the interim we rely on your support and discipline.

Have a great weekend

SAMAA Management Committee