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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: All SAMAA members
From: The SAMAA Management Committee
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Ref: #009
Re: New Covid restrictions - Update

Dear SAMAA members

We trust that this memo finds our members in good health.

Below is a summary of all matters considered regarding the current COVID-19 situation, and how it impacts our activities.

President Cyril Ramaphosa last night announced the extension of South Africa's adjusted Alert Level 4 lockdown for another 14 days. However, he also announced some changes to the current restrictions, as detailed below.

- Alcohol sales for on-site or off-site consumption remains prohibited.
- All gatherings are prohibited. These include social, religious, and political gatherings.
- **Restaurants and other eateries are allowed a maximum of 50 people indoors. Such establishments may not accommodate more than 50 people at a time, or, for smaller venues, more than 50 per cent of their normal capacity.**
- The closures of school semesters have been extended until 26 July.
- Curfew still runs from 9pm and ends at 4am.
- Non-essential establishments are required to close by 9pm.
- Funeral services have been limited to 50 people indoors. No night vigils or post-funeral gatherings are permitted.
- **Public spaces such as beaches will remain open.**
- **Gyms and fitness centres as well as activities such as agricultural livestock and game auction will be allowed.**

Further to the above, we must be mindful of the following.

- With more than 2,1 million Covid-19 cases reported in the country to date and over 64,000 deaths, the President has indicated that Level 4 would remain in place, as it was too early to see the impact of the two-week lockdown on the infection numbers, while the healthcare sector battles with the Delta variant."
- The current infection rate remains very high. The third wave is more severe, surpassing the 1st and 2nd wave peaks.
- Severe punishment, for non-compliance, seems to be the focus of the authorities; that includes jail time in some cases.



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Here follows the SMCs review of the above:

- The overall risk of spreading the virus and the disease, remains high.
- Spreading of the disease between members cannot be discounted or ignored.
- It is advisable to stay at home, reducing the overall risk of contracting or possibly spreading the virus.
- The SMC has revised the current restrictions to the following.
 - Only pilots to be allowed access to SAMAA-registered clubs and fields/sites.
 - Visits by family, or spectators are prohibited.
 - There is a limitation to a maximum of 15 pilots at any one time.
 - Strict adherence to CV-19 Protocols must be a high priority. This includes submitting registers every Monday by club managements.
 - Fly-and-Waai to be applied, no socializing.
 - Please, no alcohol on site.
- Regarding the first two bullet points above, we inform you that the SMC shall not take responsibility for any CV-19 related claims that might arise from members visiting clubs. The SAMAA is not a policing and enforcement agency, and policing all the clubs to ensure compliance, is impossible. Compliance is now the responsibility of the individual, and his right to make an informed decision.

Most of our SAMAA members have adhered to the difficult restrictions. Please know that you have contributed positively to the greater cause, and have showed the necessary respect to others going through tough times.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our condolences to those who have lost loved ones, and specifically to the families of SAMAA members who have passed away. To those who are currently fighting the CV-19 virus, you are all in our prayers and we bid you a full and speedy recovery”.

Best regards

The SAMAA Management Committee