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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: All SAMAA members
From: The SAMAA Management Committee
Date: 30 June 2021
Ref: #008
Re: New Covid restrictions - Revised

Dear SAMAA member,

Please refer to the previous memo no 7, point 1 "Flying is not prohibited, however in the spirit of "Curbing the Curve" and joining hands to fight the pandemic we recommend **No Flying at the clubs for the next 14 days.**"

With the above in mind please see below.

1. The above point caused major upset within club members and committee members to the point of immediate intervention from SAMAA to prevent long term damage and the breakdown of longstanding relationships.
2. The current power of oversight on implementation of regulations & protocols, referring to CV-19 protocols, have been bestowed on SAMAA on last relaxation that led the opening of clubs in 2020.
3. The Government's message last Sunday was clear, "Stay at home, avoid any form of public gatherings, increasing the Lockdown level to adjusted level 4 to curb the curve of infections & deaths."
4. A combination of the third wave & spreading capabilities of the new CV -19 Virus makes for extreme conditions. Ensuring a Safe Environment for all our members will be extremely difficult if not impossible & we are bind by Law to be reasonable in our approach, highlighted in the Disaster Management Act, 2002.
5. All the above taken into consideration the SAMAA Management Committee have no other choice but to retract point 1 in Memo #7 and to replace it with the following.
All SAMAA Registered RC Airfields shall suspend all activities with immediate effect, the clubs shall remain closed until the 11th of July 2021 and or official communication from SAMAA. This decision is based on the published Gazette No. 44772 Section 21. (1) "All gatherings are prohibited" read with its subdivisions.



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6. The CV-19 Pandemic is highly disruptive with far reaching consequences, it effects emotions in many ways and can easily lead to arguments flaring up with its own consequences. We are fighting the pandemic and not each other, we do what it takes to get over this, it remains temporal, and it too will pass.

We trust that we can lean on your compliance and support.

Regards

The SAMAA Management Committee