



South African Model Aircraft Association

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Dear SAMAA member,

The South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) Management Committee (SMC) trusts that this letter finds you in good spirit, especially in this ever changing environment.

It is very encouraging to note the progress clubs are making, flying under the CV-19 limitations. We have to date received three reports on possible close contact CV-19 incidents, and as far as we know, zero reports on inter club transfers. It is safe to say that social distancing and CV-19 strategies are paying dividends and we would like to congratulate the various opened clubs maintaining the CV-19 program. We expect that this will provide some form of comfort and that more clubs will submit their plans and join the overall strategy whilst doing what we love so much – Flying.

Sadly, we are aware of a few clubs that are electing to ignore the protocols. These clubs / transgressing members are being dealt with on an individual basis and some have already attracted the attention of the Aero Club and the Civil Aviation Authority. We hope that these few are not going to spoil it for the many compliant members out there.

With the above said, we have evaluated the changing environment and have decided that we can safely relax the following aspects, in line with current guidelines as promulgated in the current government gazettes.

1. Maximum number of persons allowed, at any one time, lifted to 30, subject to two compliance officers at the field overseeing activities if more than 15 people are present.
2. Visiting pilots are allowed. Note that this does not include members of the public.
3. Clubs may allow immediate family members (wife and children) to join the day subject to the limitations in point one above. Again social distancing is critical and a must.
4. May utilize the braai facilities at the club, subject to the fact that **social distancing can be maintained**. To avoid confusion the sole intent is FLY-BRAAI-WAAI. This includes the use of Cadac's.

We remain focused on new developments and will review Government Gazettes as they are released for any further relaxations.

Our SAMAA news editor, Bob Skinner, is busy compiling the next edition of the electronic magazine. We would like to focus on the various clubs and what they are up to, in the sense of building projects, maidens, crashes and interesting news you feel like sharing, so we are putting the challenge out there, submit your photos and short story to share with all fellow pilots and clubs around South Africa. You never know, yours might gain the story of the edition and thereby showcasing your club, we all can do with more members joining.

Please stay safe, maintain your CV 19 strategies and be your brother's keeper. If in doubt, please make contact with any of the current SMC members, contact details available on the website.

We trust that you'll have a great week and weekend ahead.

SMC committee



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