



# South African Model Aircraft Association

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## RE: GENERAL UPDATE

Dear Club Member,

The South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA) Management Committee (SMC) trust that this letter finds you in good spirit on this Friday the 21 August 2020.

Following the announcement made over the weekend by President Cyril Ramaphosa that the country will enter the COVID-19 alert Level two with effect from midnight, 17 August 2020 and the subsequent gazetting of the amended regulations, the following may now be allowed at clubs.

1. Braaing accompanied with alcoholic refreshments may now be allowed.
2. Camping may be allowed at the clubs, however the following must be considered in your planning.
  - a. 70% occupancy of vehicles is still in effect – This will require some planning.
  - b. Pre-determine the maximum camping capacity your field has.
  - c. Only 50% of the maximum capacity may be utilised. Ensure that this is clearly communicated to all members and visitors. It is imperative to remind your club that **you will** be in the fore front answering questions from authorities, so best to ensure clear cut answers and visible clarification.
  - d. The overall CV-19 planning remains in effect and cannot be discarded, for example social distancing, screening, register etc.
  - e. No spectators and or public may be allowed.
  - f. Toilets and bathrooms will have to be sanitized on a regular basis, once every hour (suggested) subject to use and number of participants.
  - g. Advice - Indemnity forms can be put in place for all non-club members, to protect the relevant committee members.

SAMAA Management Committee, had their planned meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 and wish to provide the following feedback.

1. The Combined Power Nationals is back on the table and a decision was taken to go ahead with the event. Dates will be announced shortly, please feel free to contact Roland Suhrmuller in this regard.
2. SAMAA will prepare and submit an official letter, addressed to the Aero Club, requesting feedback on the over 25kg Aircraft matter. We will be pushing for the way forward as best we can, however we are aware of the Minister's CV-19 workload and do not expect an answer shortly, however within good time.
3. We have received positive feedback with regards to the Bi-weekly communication distributed and will remain committed in this regard.
4. We received various reports of Clubs not being compliant, however no official complaints have been tabled. The clubs, mentioned in the reports, will be contacted for a discussion to ensure understanding and compliance. The reports remain in the minimum and we wish to encourage all clubs to remain within our CV-19 plans and overall guidelines.



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The above is only a summary of points of the meeting, please feel free to contact any of your SMC members for any further clarification required.

We trust that the opening of the borders will lead to more interaction between the clubs, the Fun Fly event has commenced again, and competition is already heating up. It is great to see our hobby taking off again, we truly hope that this can be felt throughout industry and that we will be able to see each other shortly.

Thank you for all the support and feedback, please continue with this, good or bad.

Have a great weekend and all the best to the younger ones returning to the schools.

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