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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

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AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(10) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO.57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID - 19: SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE

I, Emmanuel Nkosinathi Mthethwa, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, hereby, in terms of regulation 565 read with regulation 21(3)(5)(6)(8)(9)(11)(17)(22)(23) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in Government Notice No.R493 of 11 June 2021 as amended by Government Notices No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, R. 714 of 25 June 2020, R. 763 of 12 July 2020, R. 846 of 31 July 2020, R. 891 of 17 August 2020, R. 999 of 18 September 2020, R.1011 of 20 September 2020, R. 1053 of 1 October 2020, R.477 of 30 May 2021, R. 493 of 11 June 2021, R. 565 of 27 June 2021 and R. 610 of 11 July 2021 issue the Directions in the Schedule.



MR E.N. MTHETHWA, MP

MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE

DATE: 2021/07/16

SCHEDULE

DEFINITIONS

1. In these Directions, a word or expression bears the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 and promulgated in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R 480 of 29 April 2020 as amended by Government Notices No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, R.714 of 25 June 2020, R.763 of 12 July 2020, R.846 of 31 July 2020, R.891 of 17 August 2020, R. 999 of 18 September 2020, R.1011 of 20 September 2020, R. 1053 of 1 October 2020 and R. 1423 of 29 December 2020, R 477 of 30 May 2021, R 530 of 15 June 2021, R. 565 of 27 June 2021, R. 610 of 11 July 2021 and unless the context otherwise indicates—

“**Directions**” means the Directions published in Government Notice No. 461, *Government Gazette* No. 43226 of 09 April 2020 as amended by Government Notice No. 669, *Government Gazette* No. 43434 of 11 June 2020, Government Notice No.751, *Government Gazette* No. 43507 of 6 July 2020, Government Notice No. 852, *Government Gazette* No. 43584 of 6 August 2020 and Government Notice No. 943, *Government Gazette* No. 43667 of 28 August 2020 and *Government Gazette* No. No. 43776 of 7 October 2020, *Government Gazette* No. 477 of 31 May 2021, *Government Gazette* No. 530 of 15 June 2021, *Government Gazette* No 565 of 27 June 2021, *Government Gazette* No. 44838 of 11 July 2021.

Amendment of paragraph 1 of the Directions

2. Paragraph 1 of the Directions is hereby amended by –

(a) the substitution for the definition of “the Regulations” of the following definition:

“**the Regulations**” means the Regulations published in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R.480. of 29 April 2020 as amended by Government Notice No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, Government Notice No. R.714 of

25 June 2020, Government Notice No. R.763 of 12 July 2020, Government Notice No. R.846 of 31 July 2020, Government Notice No. R. 891 of 17 August 2020, Government Notice No. R.999 of 18 September 2020, Government Notice No. R.1011 of 20 September 2020, Government Notice No. R. 1053 of 1 October 2020 and Government Notice No. R. 1423 of 29 December 2020, R. 477 of 30 May 2021, R. 530 of 15 June 2021, R. 565 of 27 June 2021, No. R. 610 of 11 July 2021.

- (b) **“Bio-safe environment”** – means a safe and secure environment that can only be accessed by a certain set of people who have tested negative for COVID-19 to minimise the risk of transmission of the coronavirus from one person to another during the course of the event.

Insertion of Direction 2

- 2.1 A Compliance Officer of a sport or recreational body must within 72 hours of publication of these directions submit to the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture a bio-safe environment proposal.
- 2.2 Such proposal must be made in strict compliance with Protocols made by a Cabinet Member responsible for Health and in keeping with international best practice.
- 2.3 The Department may, after consideration of the proposal make additional requirements if any.
- 2.4 The Department must, if satisfied with the proposal made in terms of paragraph 2.1 above, issue a compliance letter.
- 2.5 The Proposal and Protocols submitted by the Sport Bodies and approved by the Department as part of the Return to Train and Play remain in effect.
- 2.6 Proposals and Protocols to be submitted by Sport Bodies that had never been approved for Return to Train and Play.
- 2.7 Reviewed Proposals and Protocols must be submitted in instances where there have been substantial changes warranting a review.

Amendment of paragraph 2 of the Directions

3. Paragraph 2 of the Directions is hereby amended:

“Gatherings

R. 21(2) All social gatherings, including faith-based gatherings are prohibited.

(3) Gatherings at political events and traditional council meetings are prohibited.

(4) Gatherings at a workplace for work purposes are allowed, subject to strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures.

(5) Gatherings at cinemas and theatres are prohibited.

(6) Gatherings at casinos are prohibited.

(7) Gatherings at museums, galleries, archives and libraries are prohibited.

(8) Gatherings at gyms, fitness centres, swimming pools are permitted, subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less and if the relevant space is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing at a distance of at least one and half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the space maybe used, subject to strict adherence to health protocols and social distancing measures, as provided for in directions issued by the relevant Cabinet member, made after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health.

(9) Gatherings at conferencing, exhibitions and entertainment facilities are prohibited.

(10) ...

(11) ...

(12) ...

(13) ...

(14) Sporting activities, including both professional and non-professional matches, by recognised sporting bodies are allowed, subject to strict adherence to the times of operation as provided for in regulation 17(1) and the following:

(a) Directions for sport matches issued by the Cabinet member responsible for sport after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health;

- (b) only journalists, radio, television crew, security personnel, emergency medical services, and the necessary employees employed by the owners of the venue of the sport match, are allowed at the venue of the sport match;
 - (c) only the required number of players, match officials, support staff and medical personnel and event crew required for the sport match are allowed at the venue of the sport match; and
 - (d) no spectators are allowed at the venue of the sports match.
 - (e) international sport events involving countries with a low or medium COVID -19 infection and transmission rate are allowed.
- (15) An owner or operator of a sporting facility must, when sporting activities contemplated in sub-regulation (14) take place, ensure compliance with the prohibition on spectators contemplated in sub-regulation 14(d).
- (16) An owner or manager of a sporting facility who fails to comply with sub-regulations (15), commits an offence and is, on conviction, liable to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (17) Any person who, as a spectator, attends a sporting facility when sporting activities contemplated in sub-regulation (14) takes place, commits an offence and is, on conviction, liable to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (18) ...
- (19) A convener of faith based, religious, social, political or cultural gathering who fails to comply with sub-regulation (2) and (3), commits an offence and is, on conviction, liable to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (20) Any person who attends a faith based, religious, social, political or cultural gathering and who knows or ought reasonably to have known or suspected that it is prohibited, commits an offence and is, on conviction, liable to a fine or imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Substitution of regulation 24 of the Directions

4. Regulation 24 is substituted by regulation 24 of the new Regulations:

R. 24(1) Until 25 July 2021 after which this provision will be reviewed, any place or premises normally open to the public where religious, cultural, entertainment, recreational, or similar activities, which are prohibited in terms of these regulations, may take place, is closed.

R. 24(2) Until 25 July 2021 after which this provision will be reviewed, the following places or premises normally open to the public or where people may gather, are closed and include-

(a)

(b)...

(c) ...

(d) ...

(e) ...

(f) conferencing, exhibitions and entertainment facilities

(g) museums, libraries, archives, and galleries, and

(h) ...

(3) ...

- (4) The cabinet member responsible for cooperative governance and traditional affairs may, by direction in the Gazette, determine any other place or premises that must be closed, if there is a risk to any person or members of the public being exposed to COVID-19.

Amendment of paragraph 6D of the Directions

5. The following paragraph is hereby substituted for paragraph 6D of the Directions:

Paragraph 6D of the Directions is hereby amended:

- (a) By addition of following sub paragraph after subparagraph 17 of the Directions;

“6D. CONTROL MEASURES

- (21) No consumption of alcohol at all sporting events including parks;
- (22) Sports bodies must adjust resumption time of matches to comply with cut off time of 21h00”
- (2) (a) ...
- (b) Gatherings at museums, galleries, libraries and archives are prohibited.
- (c) Gatherings at cinemas and theatres are prohibited.
- (d) Gatherings at gyms, fitness centres, swimming pools are permitted, subject to a limitation of 50 persons or less and if the relevant space is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing at a distance of at least one and half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the space maybe used, subject to strict adherence to health protocols and social distancing measures, as provided for in directions issued by the relevant

Cabinet member, made after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health.

Deletion of paragraph 6J of the Directions

6. Paragraph 6J of the Directions is hereby deleted.

7. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

These Directions are relating to sport, arts and culture activities and will come into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette of 19 July 2021.