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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear AFS Members.



Covid 19 Act Summary

*There is a lot of uncertainty and confusion concerning the Disaster Management Act, applicable to athletics events during Alert Level 3, therefor the short summary with **AFS Remarks**. The Act must be read as a whole (the same as with the Athletics Rules and Regulations) and not only partial to suit the individual's needs. With the President's address on 11 January 2021 the Level 3 Lockdown was extended to 15 February 2021, with a few changes announced, therefor the Act will still be in place with only the few changes announce.*

The summary not always include or referred to all the other Covid 19 Rules and Regulations that must always be adhere to. For instance, sanitizing, wearing of masks, distancing, completion of health questionnaire and visitors tracking, etc.

The reference to professional athletes, means affiliated (licensed) athletes and their coaches only.

The reference to sporting activities, means athletics events approved by ASA and the Covid 19 Advisory Committee and is as such reflected-on ASA / AFS Activity list (for instance the ASA XC Trials). Covid 19 Rules and Regulations like, at outdoor events only 100 people are allowed, no spectators / parents are allowed, etc must still be adhered to.

This document is only a summary of the Act and must only be used as an easy reference to the Act and has no legal authority. For full information refer to the Act.

Partial references to the Act

DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002: AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 27(2)

"CHAPTER 4 ADJUSTED ALERT LEVEL 3"

32. The regulations set out in this Chapter apply during Adjusted Alert Level 3.

33 (1) Every person is confined to his or her place of residence from 21H00 until 06H00 daily.

(3) Closing time for the following establishments, whether indoors or outdoors. is 20H00:

(h) venues hosting professional sport.

AFS Remarks: This is only applicable when approved events are hosted at the venue. Approved Visits to the office / stadium will only be with an appointment.

Mandatory protocols when in a public place.

34. (1) For the purposes of these Regulations. a 'face mask' means a cloth face mask or a homemade item that covers the nose and mouth, or another appropriate item to cover the nose and mouth.

(2) The wearing of a face mask is mandatory for every person when in a public place. and any person who fails to comply with a verbal instruction by an enforcement officer to wear a face mask. commits an offence and is, on conviction. liable to a fine or a period of imprisonment not exceeding six months. or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) No person will be allowed to-

(b) enter or be in a building. place or premises. including government buildings, places or premises, used by the public to obtain goods or services; or.

(c) be in any public open space, if he or she is not wearing a face mask.

AFS Remarks: A facemask is mandatory when entry the AFS office or any stadium.

(4) The prohibition in sub regulation (3)(c) shall not apply to a person who undertakes vigorous exercise in a public place, provided that the person maintains a distance of at least one and a half meters from any other person, and subject to directions on what is considered to be vigorous, issued by the Cabinet member responsible for health.

AFS Remarks: This is only applicable to ASA approved events and athletes on the ASA Preparation squads lists. Safety distance in the office will be two (2) meters and outside in the stadium will be six (6) meters. This is also applicable to all licensed professional and non-professional athletes and their coaches busy with training. No spectators, parents, etc will be allowed.

- (6) Every business premises, including, but not limited to, a supermarket, shop, grocery store, retail store, wholesale produce market or pharmacy shall -
- (d) provide hand sanitizers for use by the public and employees at the entrance to the premises; and
 - (e) assign, in writing, an employee or any other suitable person, as the compliance employee,

AFS Remarks: The responsibility lies with AFS and even if you provide your own sanitizer AFS must still appoint the compliance officer to oversee that all rules and regulations are adhere to. The Health Questionnaire and Visitors Tracking Log must be completed each time and by every person when visiting the office and stadium.

- (8) All employers must, adopt measures to promote physical distancing of employees, including –
- (c) restrictions on face-to-face meetings:

AFS Remarks: The AFS office and stadium will stay a restricted area and visitors will only be allowed with an appointment. The maximum visitors at a time in the office will be two (2).

Gatherings

36. (1) Every person, when attending a gathering and in order to limit exposure to COVID -19 must -
- (b) Gatherings at sports grounds and fields are prohibited for two (2) weeks, after which this provision will be reviewed.

AFS Remarks: The athletics stadium will be closed for all activities. With the announcement on 11 January 2021 the time period is extended to 15 February 2021. This includes all Athletics activities such as Road Races, Cross Country Races, Trail Runs, Park Runs, Time Trials, etc. This is not applicable with Virtual events where individuals “train or run” on their own. Individual training in open spaces like roads, fields, etc are not affected and individuals can continue training as long as the Covid 19 Rules and Regulations are adhered to.

- (17) Sporting activities, including both professional and nonprofessional matches, by recognised sporting bodies are allowed, subject to This gazette is also available free online at www.gpwonline.co.za 8 No. 44044 GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, 29 DECEMBER 2020 strict

adherence to the times of operation as provided for in regulation 33(3) and the following:

AFS Remarks: For athletics events (matches) to be allowed, AFS alone cannot approve such events, it must be approved by ASA as directed from the Covid 19 Advisory Committee. Even if approved all Covid 19 Rules and Regulations must still be adhere to.

A compliance officer must be appointed by AFS for all activities (refer to the Act: Compliance Officers No 46).

Individual training in open spaces like roads, fields, etc are not affected and individuals can continue training as long as the Covid 19 Rules and Regulations are adhered to. This is also applicable for Virtual events.

This seems to also apply to all licensed athletes and their coaches training for various Provincial, National and International events.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy help to Prevent the Spread.

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