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KZN Aquatics Circular to all Members and Stakeholders

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All Clubs

All Swim Schools

All Districts

All Boards

All Associate Members

The recent announcements from Minister Mthethwa were received with great excitement and we are pleased that the ministry has considered our proposals in the drafting of the new regulations. The initial excitement around the unlocking of “Non-Contact” sport was however quenched with the uncertainty created by some of the definitions in the regulations and risks associated with “Hot Spots”

Following the press conference held by the ministry on the 30th May 2020, it is evident that there are a number of areas in the draft regulations that still need further clarification and definition. However at this stage the following points are quite clear:

1. All sports bodies/federations wanting to return to play/training or competition have to apply for permission to the Sports Ministry to start up in the next 14 days.
2. The regulations and directives are only drafts and still need to be reviewed by the SRSA legal team. The final regulation/directive will be issued later this week by SRSA and COGTA.
3. The definition of a “Professional” is still under review and is being finalised in discussions between the federations and SRSA.
4. The complexity regarding “Hot Spots” and travelling between areas still needs clarity
5. There is a great deal of preparatory work that must be undertaken by a sports body wanting to return to swimming and includes the ff:
 - a. Planning for the re-opening facilities
 - b. Administrative Measures to manage the facility once opened
 - c. Social distancing measures
 - d. Transportation of all athletes
 - e. Testing and Screening of athletes wanting to return to swimming
 - f. Sanitisation of the pool facility
 - g. Health and Safety Control Measures
 - h. Monitoring and compliance
 - i. Appointment of Compliance Officer

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Swimming South Africa and KZN Aquatics are preparing a Code of Practice for our use by clubs and swim schools.

Clubs and Swim Schools will need to prepare Standard Operating Procedures, which are suitable for their environment based on the template we will issue.

We have already started working on these and we will issue the Code of Practice and the Templates for Clubs and Swim Schools later this week. We urge all clubs and swim schools to ensure that they are registered with KZN Aquatics and that all their contact details are updated.

We must also express our appreciation to Swimming South Africa for making our case for Returning to Swimming as is evident by the express reference to swimming and swimming pools in the regulations. #RTS.

Yours in swimming

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