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## Sports Regulations for Level 3 Gazette - Update from KZN Aquatics

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### For Immediate Release

The Sports regulations for Level 3 were gazetted yesterday, 11th June 2020. We have received many queries about the regulations and the omission of a number of non-contact sports, including swimming, lifesaving and surfing, whereas sports such as triathlon, which involve swimming have been included.

Our mother body, Swimming South Africa (SSA) have followed up with the Sports Ministry and will issue an update later today. In the meantime, The Ministry of Sport released a media statement this wherein they emphasised that ***“All professional non-contact sport bodies who intend resuming training and playing may equally submit their plans irrespective of whether or not they appear on Annexure A. All contact sport bodies for professional athletes who intend resuming training may equally submit their plans irrespective of whether they appear on Annexure B”***.

This gives assurance that all Federations, irrespective of whether they appear in Annexure A or not, have 14 days to submit their plans to the Minister. The 14-day period kicks off today and all plans must be lodged by 26th June. From the 27th June, the Ministry will review all submissions and will then make a decision on whether a particular Federation can return or whether they need to revise their plans.

Our mother body, Swimming South Africa (SSA) have been working on their plans for the past 3 weeks and they have indicated that their plans will be checked for final alignment to the regulations published yesterday and will be submitted thereafter. SSA issued us with a directive earlier this week to ensure compliance to their plans, and KZNA is well on its way to completing its own plans. A KZNA Code of Practice was issued this week and Compliance Officers have been appointed for both the Province and the Districts. Clubs have already compiled their own draft plans in anticipation of the gazetting of the regulations. SSA will only know the outcome of their submissions sometime after the 27<sup>th</sup> June. In the interim period, we are working with Clubs and Swim Schools to assist them in preparing their Risk Assessments and Standard Operating Procedures which must comply with the regulations.

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The new regulations do differ from the draft plans and some of the costly procedures initially requested have been omitted. Athletes and officials do not have to have Covid-19 tests done before resuming training. At this stage only Professional Athletes will be permitted to return to play.

The requirements for the application include:

- Details of the Organisation that will take responsibility for overall monitoring and reporting to Government
- Details of the Compliance Officer responsible for monitoring and implementation of Level 3 safety standards
- Covid-19 Operational Plan
- Covid-19 Travel Guide Personal Declaration Form
- Daily Screening Questionnaire
- State of readiness declaration
- The activities timeline and data – focusing on training resumption / non-contact sport official resumption date
- Venue Details where activities will be taking place during Level 3

We will circulate an update later today from Swimming South Africa.

Yours in swimming

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