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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 477 read with regulation 49B, C, 50(3)(a, b, d, e, h and k) and 53(1)(a-e) and 53(6)(a-e) 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.R477 of 30 May 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 and R.477 of 30 May 2021, issue the Directions in the Schedule.



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**E.N. MTHETHWA, MP****MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE****DATE: 2021-06-08**

## 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 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.

### 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.

### **Amendment of paragraph 2 of the Directions**

3. Paragraph 2 of the Directions is hereby amended:

(a) by the substitution for subparagraph (d) of the following subparagraph:

“(d) Sporting activities, including both professional and nonprofessional matches, by recognised sporting bodies are allowed, subject to strict adherence to the times of operation as provided for in regulation 50 (3)-

(i) 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;

(ii) only the required number of players, match officials, support staff and medical crew required for the sport match are allowed at the venue of the sport match; and

(iii) no spectators are allowed at the venue of the sports match.

(b) by the addition of following subparagraph after subparagraph (d) of the following subparagraph:

(e) international sport events involving countries with a low or medium COVID -19 infection and transmission rate are allowed.

(f) Gatherings at cinemas and theatres are limited to 50 persons or less for indoor venues and 100 persons or less for outdoor venues and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used.

(g) Gatherings at museums, galleries, libraries and archives are limited to 50 persons or less and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used, subject to the strict adherence to the times of operation provided for in regulation 50(3), and further subject to health protocols and social distancing measures, as set out in directions by the relevant Cabinet member.

(h) Gatherings at gyms and fitness centres are limited to 50 persons or less for indoor venues and 100 persons or less for outdoor venues and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used.

4. Regulation 33(3) is substituted by regulation (50) (3): Closing time for the following establishments, whether indoors or outdoors, is 22h00:

- (a) Cinemas;
- (b) Theatres;
- (c) ...
- (d) Museums, galleries and archives
- (e) Public swimming pools
- (f) ...
- (g) ...
- (h) Gyms and fitness centres
- (i) ...
- (j) ...

(k) Venues hosting professional sport and; and

(l) ...

...

**5. R53** (1) every person, when attending a gathering and in order to limit exposure to COVID-19, must-

(a) Wear a face mask;

(b) Adhere to all health protocols;

(c) Maintain a distance of at least one and half meters from each other;

(d) Adhere to curfew hours provided for in regulation 50; and

(e) Adhere to any other health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions issued by relevant Cabinet member after consultation with Cabinet members responsible for health.

(2) An owner or operator of any indoor or outdoor facility where gatherings are held must display the certificates of occupancy, which sets out the maximum number of persons the facility may hold.

(3) All-

(i)...

(ii) social, political and cultural gatherings;

Are permitted to 100 persons or less for indoor venues and 250 persons or less for outdoor venues and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least one and half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used, subject to strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures

### **Amendment of paragraph 6D of the Directions**

4. 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**

- (18) No consumption of alcohols at all sporting events including parks;
- (19) Sports bodies must adjust resumption time of matches to comply with cut off time of 20h00"
- (2) (a).....
  - (b) Gatherings at museums, galleries, libraries and archives are limited to 50 persons or less and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used, subject to the strict adherence to the times of operation provided for in regulation 50(3), and further subject to health protocols and social distancing measures, in terms of these Directions.
  - (c) Gatherings at cinemas and theatres are limited to 50 persons or less for indoor venues and 100 persons or less for outdoor venues and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used.
  - (d) Gatherings at gyms and fitness centres are limited to 50 persons or less for indoor venues and 100 persons or less for outdoor venues and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used.
- (3) The places or premises referred to in subparagraphs (2) (a), (b), (c) and (d) must adhere to the following health protocols:
  - (a) Sufficient hand sanitisers or facilities to wash hands with water and soap must be made available as provided for in paragraph 6C (3);
  - (b) social distancing between customers, visitors and staff, wherever possible;

- (c) wearing a face mask at all times, when entering and inside the place or premises, whenever possible;
  - (d) a face mask may only be removed while eating or drinking;
  - (e) contactless payments and pre-booking should be used, where possible;
  - (f) the place or premises must be deep-cleaned before opening, and before and after use;
  - (g) equipment and tools must be cleaned and sanitised regularly;
  - (h) common areas including toilets, door handles and shared equipment must be regularly cleaned and sanitised frequently;
  - (i) where possible, windows and doors should be kept open, to ensure adequate ventilation;
  - (j) adequate personal protection equipment must be provided to all employees;
  - (k) all persons inside the place or premises must maintain one and half metres social distance between each other;
  - (l) steps must be taken to ensure that persons queuing inside or outside the premises maintain a distance of one and half metres from each other;
  - (m) a dedicated area must be identified for the isolation of an individual who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, while inside the place or premises;
  - (n) every person entering the place or premises must be subjected to temperature screening;
  - (o) a person with an elevated temperature or COVID-19 symptoms must be refused access to the place or premises;
  - (p) a compliance officer must be appointed as provided for in paragraph 6F.
- (4) Places referred to in subparagraph (2) (d) must mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 by implementing the following measures:
- (a) Constant cleaning, disinfection and hygiene:
    - (i) Hand sanitisers must be positioned at multiple locations around the facility;
    - (ii) soap and water must be available in the changing rooms and kitchens;
    - (iii) cleaning personnel must be available to continuously disinfect all areas of the premises throughout the day using chemicals with antiviral properties;

- (iv) facilities must be cleaned throughout the day on a rotational basis by trained staff using materials with antiviral properties;
  - (v) disinfectant sprays and paper towels must be available for use and be disposed of in bins that must be emptied on a regular basis;
- (b) social distancing and wearing of a face mask must be encouraged and –
  - (i) members must maintain a minimum distance of one and half metres apart in low and medium activity areas and two metres in high intensity areas in relation to gyms or fitness centres;
  - (ii) everyone entering a gym or fitness centre or must wear a face mask at all times;
  - (iii) a person undertaking vigorous activity may not wear a face mask during such activity, provided that the distance of two metres apart from another person is maintained;
  - (iv) low and medium intensity workout fitness equipment must be spaced one and half metres apart;
  - (v) high intensity workout fitness equipment must be spaced two metres apart;
  - (vi) the capacity of studio classes must be reduced to allow for 2m social distancing;
  - (vii) markers must be placed on the floor highlighting 1.5m or 2m social distancing as applicable;
  - (viii) posters must be placed around the facility highlighting social distancing protocols and the wearing of face masks.
- (c) windows must remain open during operating hours;
- (d) where a ventilation system is used, the person responsible for managing the premises must–
  - (i) extend the ventilation system operating hours for as long as practically possible before opening, and after closing the facility;
  - (ii) replace air filters according to the manufacturer's maintenance schedule on a regular basis;



- (iii) ensure that mechanical ventilation delivers outside air at a minimum rate of 10 litres per second per person (as per SANS 10400).
- (5) Studios must limit the number of persons in order to comply with these Directions and the Regulations.
- (6) There must be a 30-minute window in between classes to allow for cleaning before other classes resume.
- (7) Equipment including mats, etc, must be cleaned in between use.
- (8) Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed.
- (9) Food and beverage offerings must adhere to the Directions for the restaurant sector.
- (10) Child care facilities must remain closed.
- (11) All control measures must comply with the provisions of paragraph 6D.
- (12) The venue owners of places mentioned in subparagraphs (1) and (4) must–
  - (a) comply with the provisions of the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010) for venues that may have a capacity of 2000 or more;
  - (b) comply with all municipal by-laws applicable to the hosting of such events;
  - (c) ensure that persons attending an event are wearing a face mask;
  - (d) develop a plan which incorporates measures set out in these Directions and the Regulations; and
  - (e) display the municipal certified capacity of the venue at the entrance stating the number of people allowed to enter the place or building.”.

#### **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 come into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette of May 2021.