

## South African National Paintball/Airsoft Association NPC

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The **South African National Paintball / Airsoft Association (SANPA)** is excited to announce, that after months of engaging with the **Department of Sport, Arts and Culture** as well as other stakeholders we have received an official letter late last night, 15 July 2020, *granting SANPA permission* to resume sporting activities as outlined in our plans that was submitted to government subject to our *own measures*.

What does that mean for venues and players according to the letter we received:

1. Venues that are members of SANPA and that have completed their risk assessment, have a protocol plan in place in line with SANPA Protocols/Standards and have been verified as compliant by an official SANPA Compliance Officer according to current SANPA Protocols/Standards will receive a SANPA Certificate and will be allowed to re-open for training and events with strict adherence to SANPA Safety Protocols.
2. Venues that currently can't adhere to these protocols can still register with SANPA, which will then assist them to meet all SANPA Protocols/Standards before re-opening.
3. The cost for a **Venue** to be a member of SANPA will be **R500** per year, or as amended by its active committee members during the annual AGM, but due to *COVID-19*, it was decided by the executive to credit all approved SANPA venues with R500 on their 2020 membership invoice to assist them during this time and assist them to get compliant and operating as a matter of urgency.
4. The cost for any **Club** that want to join SANPA will be **R100** per year, which will also be credited for 2020. Clubs can continue to operate within their own structure, games etc. and this will not change by being a member of **SANPA**. A Club is however requested when joining SANPA to agree to adhering to all safety measures for the sport as set out in the SANPA Protocol and Standards Policy which were created in line with Government regulations as well as international standards as per ASTM and SABS, including best practices, to protect its members. All Club members must also belong to SANPA and agree to the member pledge. The cost per club member is R50 per annum, which will also be credited for the 2020 year, or as amended by its active members during the annual AGM.
5. It is requested that SANPA approved **Clubs/Venues** reduce the number of players and participants in field where possible to remain safe and in line with current regulations. However as no maximum number has been indicated by Government regulations at this point it is advisable to keep to the lesser of 50 participants or 50% relating to the size of the venue and staging areas and keeping social distancing norms in effect.
6. **Venues** must be disinfected and cleaned every day when in use according to SANPA Protocols/Standards
7. Control measures must be put in place as outlined in the SANPA Protocol/Standards
8. Monitoring and Compliance must be assured as outlined in the SANPA Protocol/Standards
9. Each Club or Venue that joins SANPA must *appoint* a **Compliance Officer** who must communicate with SANPA relating to all Protocols/Standards
10. **No spectators** are allowed at training and events at this time.

**Please note** that Venues and Clubs and individuals that are not members of SANPA, are not covered under the permissions received by Government.

Regards,

**Paul C Grobler: SANPA President/Chairman**

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