

South African National Paintball/Airsoft Association NPC

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Dear Fellow Paintball/Airsoft Athletes

PEW PEW TIME!

After not being able to get on a field since around March, SANPA, as the national federation as defined by the Sport and Recreation Act No. 110 of 1998 amended by Act no. 18 of 2007 and being in compliance with the Department of Sport, Art and Culture, have finally been granted permission to resume our sporting activities and to return to play, although under some new conditions that might be new to some. This permission has been given on condition of our implementation of the health and safety protocols which are being circulated to all SANPA registered venues, clubs and organizers and ONLY applies to SANPA registered venues, clubs, organizers and athletes.

The following must be considered:

1. No Venue, club or organizer may resume any activity until their compliance documentation has been completed and submitted to SANPA and they have received their certificate of compliance which will also be posted onto the SANPA Database.
2. The health and safety protocols that have been established have been done based on universal best practices regarding these measures and in accordance with the requirements as laid down by the Government in legislation that has been issued from time to time. Please understand the following:
 - 2.1 The protocols set out are done with the intention of minimizing the spread of Covid-19 amongst those persons who are at the venue, club, event whether it as an employee or as a player.
 - 2.2 Whilst some people may consider them as onerous or excessive it must be remembered that the primary aim is to protect everyone's health as best as possible under the health conditions, we, as a country, find ourselves in.
 - 2.3 People who decided to operate outside of these protocols must understand very carefully that their actions could have the effect of jeopardizing others health. They should also understand that should any person be infected by the virus and they have been in contact with other people at the club there is every likelihood that the facility will be closed until authorities have cleared it for use again.
3. According to well documented scientific research regarding Covid-19 people over the age of sixty and those with comorbidities are the most vulnerable group. Although most of our members don't fall within this age group, but some might have one or more comorbidity it goes without saying that we still need to be extra vigilant. If you fit within this profile, please take special care and be extra vigilant.
4. The symptoms associated with Covid-19 are well documented. Any person who has any of these are requested to consult with the medical authorities and refrain from going to a venue, club or event or indeed any public facility.
5. SANPA will verify compliance of venues via its compliance officers but does not have the capacity or time to monitor each venue. The onus rests squarely with the management of each venue to ensure the proper health and safety protocols are put in place and adhered to according to the guideline and protocol documents SANPA provided to approved entities. Should any person or venue be found to be guilty of violation of these protocols by the authorities and such violation impacts on the rest of the

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members such person or venue, club or organizer will be in contravention of the SANPA code of conduct and subject to any action that may arise consequently thereof.

6. One of the key imperatives in monitoring the spread of the Covid-19 virus is the ability to identify all those who have is classified as a close contact with an infected person. That is the reason why a register must be kept identifying every person that is at the venue daily when operating. Should it ever be deemed necessary the authorities will have a legal right to access to that information. Failure by any venue to comply with this matter could have a negative impact on our sport.
7. In our everyday walk of life activities, we are encouraged to exercise 'social distancing' and this practice always needs to be adhered to at our venues. This will apply to on the field, pits and staging areas.
8. Access to the venues are limited to those facilities as identified for use and until permission is given no alcohol can be sold at any venue. Once you have completed your sessions please do not loiter at the venue in groups for whatever reason.

Like all of you I am excited that we can go out and exercise, train and compete in the sport we love. Make use of each opportunity when out at an approved venue to the best of your ability.

Please remember that the health and safety protocols put in place are there to protect not only your life, but the life and health of all those with whom you may come in contact, let us therefore act responsibly and remember for every action there is a consequence. Let our current circumstances not hold us back or bring us down but let us use it as a positive influence to improve.

“To win without risk is to triumph without glory!” - Pierre Corneille

Be safe and stay strong!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Grobler', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Paul Grobler - President
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