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**ATT: Presidents & Secretary Generals – Provincial Association  
Chairperson and Secretaries - Clubs**  
**RE: COVID-19 Strategy and Plan to return to the Mat**

Dear All

We hope that everyone is safe, heathy, and warm during this difficult time. With the increase in infections peaking it is now more important than ever that we remain vigilant and careful, doing everything possible to remain healthy.

The Minister published Regulations on the 11th of June 2020 and invited Sports Codes to make submissions for their specific sport to return to training and competition during Lock Down Level 3. Although this invitation was specifically aimed at Non-Contact Sports, it also included Professional Contact Sports such as Rugby. The Department also advised that even if a sport does not fall under the above mentioned they are welcome to submit proposals for their eventual return under other Alert Levels.

The SAWF submitted a preliminary proposal which covered the return to training under the various alert levels, the eventual return to competition and proposals to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on our sport. It further established a COVID-19 team and appointed a COVID-19 Representative to facilitate the process and work with the various associations and clubs to make sure we are ready for when we can resume wrestling activities.

The team consists of the following members:

- Richelle Pieterse (Covid-19 Compliance Officer)
- Sakkie Bosse
- Jeannie Coetser
- Nico Coetzee
- Shaun Bartlett
- Gussie Bartlett
- Shani Bartlett
- Gerrie Grove

The next step in the process is to establish Covid-19 teams in each association which must include a Covid-19 Compliance Officer for the association and one from each club. Each association Covid-19 Compliance Officer will be included on the SAWF Team to ensure effective planning, communication and implementation of the eventual strategy and plan to return to the mat.

The Covid-19 Compliance Officer must be a registered HSSC official and have access to the relevant resources to attend virtual meetings which are to be schedules after hours to accommodate everyone.

President: MHJ Bosse; Honorary President: JH Taljard; Vice President: C Villet; Vice President: CJ van der Walt; Vice President: Jeanne-Marie Coetser  
Secretary General & Chairman Admin Council: HN van den Berg; Treasurer: SH Bartlett; Chairperson Officials: W Giliomee  
Chairperson Coaches: N Coetzee; Chairperson Team Managers: M Luff; Chairperson HSSC: R Pieterse  
Assistant to Treasurer & Secretary General: M de Wit; Chairperson Marketing & Media: SA Bartlett



Associations to submit the list of Covid-19 Compliance Officer to the SAWF Covid-19 team by Friday the 17th of July 2020. The list must include the names and contact details association Compliance Officer as well as the Compliance Officer at each club within the association.

Each Compliance Officer needs to be formally appointed and the attached appointment form must be completed and signed.

We have attached the proposal submitted to DSAC and a summarised presentation highlighting the main points. Please distribute this to all clubs within your association for review and comment. Comments should be submitted to the Covid-19 team via the association Covid-19 Compliance Officer before 31 July 2020.

The Covid-19 team will then review these submissions and make necessary amendments as far as the statutory regulations will allow.

It is important that we keep in mind that the sport of wrestling will have to adapt to the new normal and that change will be needed on all levels. The World Health Organisation warns that Covid-19 will be around for several years and its impact will be felt for many years after a cure or vaccine is discovered. Until then we will all need to be cognisant of the virus and adhere to the regulations implemented by the authorities.

We look forward to working with each of the associations as we transform our sport into one which can confidently deal with the virus and does everything possible to prevent the spread of the virus amongst our member's and athletes.

Kind Regards



Richelle Pieters