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Dear Chairperson

We currently find ourselves in the midst of a now extended National Lockdown. We trust that you are all keeping safe and are obeying the rules and regulations of Lockdown.

This period of disruption will undoubtedly have a massive impact on our economy and on all sport codes in the country. It is indeed unfortunate that the lockdown was announced right at the beginning of the outdoor hockey season. At the moment we are watching the daily developments with anticipation to see the direction that CONVID-19 is taking both locally and abroad.

By now everyone will have been aware that President Cyril Ramaphosa has extended the nationwide lockdown by a further two weeks, until 30 April 2020. The league commencement, originally planned to be during the week of 4 to 10 May 2020, will therefore also be delayed to potentially the following week.

Apart from the restrictions of movement and limiting of gatherings, the lockdown will also have other longer term impacts that will indirectly impact on the league, such as changes to the school and tertiary academic calendars. We will therefore continue to work with various government and non-government stakeholders and, once information is received regarding the potential easing of lockdown conditions, we will provide a clearer indication on when league is likely to commence.

We all hope that the measures taken by our Government and the adherence by the community at large will have the positive effect that we are hoping for.

We trust, that you the Western Province hockey family are keeping fit at home and are finding innovative & creative ways to keep your hockey skills and tactics sharp. We need to stay positive that we will still play hockey this season. Don't lose hope folks.

Kind Regards

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*President*