



CENTRAL HOCKEY CLUB

(Established 1993)

12 August 2020

To: CHC Members

Re: CHC Status 2020 – COVID 19

Dear Members/Parents/Supporters,

We trust that this message finds you in good health.

CHC Executive has been monitoring the situation in RSA with regards to COVID-19 directives, both national and local. We are now on Level 2 which allows us a bit more leeway but remains restrictive in terms of hockey activities.

National Government has authorized 'professional' hockey persons to resume training with strict guidelines and facility compliance. This in itself has presented many challenges and no firm decision regarding reopening of Vygieskraal Hockey Complex has been reached.

The City of Cape Town subsequently furnished the correspondence below...



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TO: ALL QUALIFYING SPORTS BODIES

**SUBJECT: ACCESS AND USAGE OF CITY OF CAPE TOWN SPORTS FACILITIES UNDER THE
COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

DATE: 7 JULY 2020

The National State of Disaster declared in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002 ("the Act") has been extended by the State President due to the adverse impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on our Country. Our Country and the Western Cape remains in lockdown though less restrictive because we are currently at Alert Level 3.

The Recreation and Parks Department ("The Department") have received various queries from the sporting fraternity in terms of accessing and using the City's sports facilities. The Department is not the approving authority in terms of which sports may resume with their activities and the Department's decision on granting access and usage of the City's sports facilities is subject to the dictates listed in the Regulations and Directions issued under the Act.

Regulation¹ 37(1)(i) stipulates that all gatherings are prohibited *except at sporting activities in the following manner-*

- (i) *non - contact sports matches, which may only include players, match officials, journalists, medical and television crew; and*

¹ Alert Level 3 Amended Regulations issued under Gazette 43476 of 25 June 2020

(ii) *contact sports for training only;*

In terms of Regulation 39, places or premises normally open to the public, where cultural, sporting, entertainment, leisure, exhibitional, organisational or similar activities may take place, is closed to the public, and all gatherings at these places or premises are prohibited. This include sports grounds and fields and swimming pools with *the exception though for –*

- (i) *training of professional athletes and non - contact sports matches as referred to in regulation 37(1)(i)(i); and*
- (ii) *contact sports for training only, with restricted use of facilities as referred to in regulation 37(1)(i)(ii);*

With reference to sports specifically, the Sports, Arts and Cultural Events Directions² (“the Directions”), apply to all sports confederations, national federations, clubs, professional leagues, sports bodies and events relating thereto. In terms of the Directions, sporting events is allowed subject to compliance with measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID 19. In this regard non-contact sport is allowed to resume training and matches while contact sport is allowed to resume training only. All sports bodies must however first apply to the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture (“the Minister”) in writing for approval and may only resume training and matches once such approval have been obtained in writing.

Please take note that the Department will only grant access and usage of its relevant sporting venues to those sports bodies that have received written approval from the Minister, which must be provided to the City beforehand.

There are currently no staff deployed at any of the City’s sporting facilities and the users will have to access them in their current state with regard to maintenance and cleanliness. We reiterate, access and usage is subject to those sports bodies having the required written approval, complying with the Regulations and Directions. The Department reserves the right to terminate access and usage in the event of non-compliance by any sports body.

The said sports bodies must therefore consult and familiarise themselves with the content of the Regulations and the Directions to ensure compliance with all legislative, operational, health and safety protocols prescribed therein. In this regard, before access and usage will be granted, the users must complete the attached declaration and checklist, marked ANNEXURE 1.

Please take note that the Department does not accept any liability with reference to the users’ operations at the sporting venue in relation to any adverse consequences that may result from the COVID 19 Virus. The Department will also not be responsible for any sanitization or other related services that may be required at the sporting venue before or after use, which shall be the responsibility of the users.



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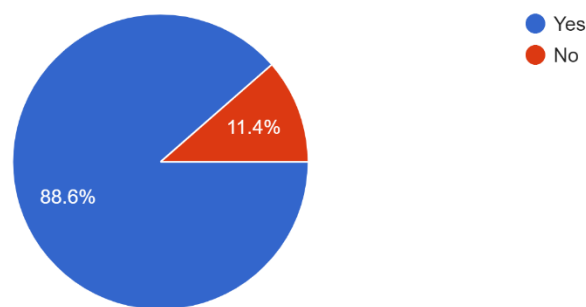
² Disaster Management Act (57/2002): Amendment of Directions issued in terms of Regulation 4 (10) of the Regulations made under Section 27 (2) of the Act: *Suspension of Sport, Arts and Cultural Events as measures to Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 issued under Gazette 43434 of 11 June 2020* **AND AMENDMENTS UNDER** Amendment of Directions issued in terms of Regulation 4 (10) of the Regulations made under Section 27 (2) of the Act: *Allowing sporting events, training and matches to resume, including opening of libraries, museums, cinemas, theatres, galleries and archives in compliance with measures to prevent and combat the spread issued of COVID 19 issued under Gazette 43507 of 6 July 2020*

CHC Executive has expressed safety concerns for the persons who will ultimately be responsible for facility compliance and consensus was reached that all hockey and/or associated activities at Vygieskraal Hockey Complex be deferred to 2021. However, the Club welcomes any person who is willing to take the roll of Compliance Officer to oversee any activities in the event that the facility is reopened.

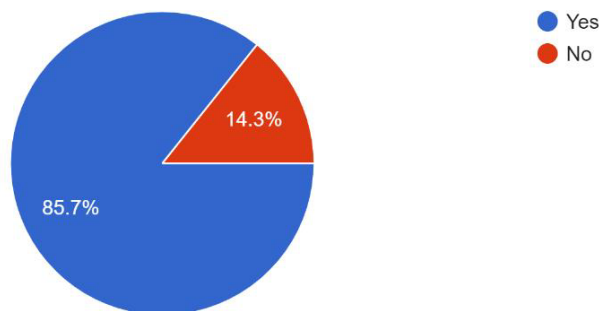
Player census

The Executive, under guidance from Lorenzo Rodriques, conducted a survey amongst players to ascertain if they are willing to return to training etc. The results are reflected below...

Availability for training with the prospect of games
35 responses



Availability for training only
35 responses



The information above indicates that of the 35 responses received; approximately 87% is willing to return to training. However, until written permission is obtained from the Minister accompanied by permission from the City, authorization cannot be given. CHC will be guided by SAHA and WPHU regarding this and inform members accordingly.

Executive Feedback

- a. The resumption of the 2020 AGM has been postponed to 2021.
- b. The current Executive and co-opted executive members remain in their positions and carry out their responsibilities until the election of a new Executive in 2021.
- c. The 2019 Executive Report has been adopted and is available on the Club's website.
- d. The 2019 Annual Financial Statements (AFS) was concluded by the Club's accountants, NTN Accounting Services and was adopted by the Executive. Registered members can peruse the AFS by contacting the Treasurer.
- e. A revised CHC 2020 budget was drafted and adopted. Available from the Treasurer.
- f. In light of servicing the Club's 2019 debt and ensuring financial sustainability it was decided that membership fees for 2020 will still be payable, but at a 50% reduction to the agreed fees at the start of 2020. Non-playing members and serving officials' (non-remunerated) fees will not be reduced. See Annexure for revised fees.

National Lotteries Commission Feedback

- a) NLC advised that applications received prior to COVID-19 pandemic has been declined. However, a new application was signed off by P Smith (Principal Officer) and was submitted on the 12th August 2020.

CHC Covid-19 Relief Fund

It was agreed to establish a CHC Covid-19 Relief Fund. This fund will be used to assist various communities in need during the Covid-19 pandemic. Donations from Club and members of the public will be deposited into the Club's bank account. The Treasurer will disburse the funds as and when required, keeping the Executive informed.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity to wish our entire membership good health during this trying period. Please adhere to the guidelines / regulations and stay safe.

Kind Regards

Dr J Cloete
President