



Mr G Hepburn

The Chief Executive Officer: Golf RSA

Dear CEO

## **NOTICE OF CONTRAVENTION OF THE REGULATIONS PUBLISHED ON THE 28 MAY 2020**

We wish to place on record our appreciation for the various engagements with you as we chart the way forward towards the return to play for the Sport sector.

It has, however been brought to the attention of the Department that some of the Golf estates have resumed play despite the fact that there has been clear communication about due processes regarding the return to play.

This action is in contravention with Regulations 37 (1) (e) read with 39 (2) (b) which provide as follows:

*That all gatherings are prohibited except a gathering at:*

*(e) a professional non -contact sports match, which may only include players, match officials, journalists and medical and television crew, as per directions issued by the Cabinet member responsible for sport after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health.*

*And Regulation 39 (1) (2) (b) provide that;*

*39. (1) A place or premises normally open to the public. Where cultural, sporting, entertainment, leisure, exhibition, organisational or similar activities may take place, is closed to the public and all gatherings at these places or premises are prohibited.*

*(2) The places or premises referred to in sub regulation (1)*

*include -*

*(b) sports grounds and fields and swimming pools, except for training of professional athletes and professional non -contact sports matches as referred to in regulation 37(1)(f);*

Hence, the contravention of the above Regulations in terms of Regulation 48 constitutes an offence, which may amount to fine or imprisonment.

Please take note that the directions as mentioned in terms of Regulation 37 (1) (e), have not been published as per the Regulations.

We therefore, kindly request that you notify all Golf estates to desist from resuming any Golf activities until such time as the directions from the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture are gazetted and the details therein are complied with.

Whilst we fully understand the impact that the pandemic is having on your code of sport and the sporting sector as a whole, we must, however be reminded, that the safety and protection of human life at this time is of paramount importance.

Yours sincerely



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