



2nd March 2021

Dear Unions, Clubs and Golfers,

ALERT LEVEL 1: EFFECTIVE FROM 1 MARCH 2021

In accordance with the SA Government Regulations announcement of a move back to “Alert Level 1” as issued in terms of section 27(2) and published in the Government Gazette No 44201 on 28 February 2021, GolfRSA confirms that NO CHANGES will be made to the existing published documents and which all remain effective:

- GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines (v15),
- GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines – Practice Facilities/Driving Ranges (including Par 3/Mashie Courses) (v15)
- GolfRSA Good Golf Practice Guidelines (v20), and
- Golfer Safety Guidelines for Individual Coaching (v5)
- Golfer Safety Guidelines for Group Coaching (v6)

The current versions of each of these documents can be found under the COVID-19 Hub on the GolfRSA website (www.golfrsa.com).

Whilst the country continues to move in a positive direction relating to the transmission of COVID-19, GolfRSA appeals to clubs/facilities, their staff and golfers to ensure continued compliance with all Risk Mitigation Guidelines for the immediate future.

It is a concern that as society returns to a degree of normality, clubs/facilities, their staff and golfers may lapse in their vigilance and it is essential that we continue to enjoy the game in a safe and responsible manner.

In terms of Alert Level 1 – we remind clubs/facilities, their staff and golfers that all aspects of the GolfRSA Good Golf Practices Guidelines (GGPG) remain effective and clubs/facilities are asked to ensure that;

1) Bunker rakes remain removed from the course.

Clubs/facilities may assign an individual from the club/facility to rake bunkers or use the proposed Local Rules as per the GolfRSA GGPG.

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2) Flagsticks may not be removed or attended at any time. Refer to the GolfRSA GGPG.

3) Strict adherence to the SA Government Regulations relating to the wearing of face masks.

In addition, Clubs/facilities are advised to adjust their Risk Mitigation Plans to account for changes to other sectoral SA Government Regulations/Directions relating to:

- 1) the sale, dispensing and consumption of alcohol.
- 2) National curfews which will affect club/facility operating hours.

To ensure compliance, clubs/facilities are reminded to clearly display of the name and contact details of your Covid-19 Compliance officers.

GolfRSA urges all clubs/facilities, their staff and golfers to stand together as we continue to display the joint ability to self-regulate the sport allowing for employment and for members of our community access to a safe and effective means of exercise.



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