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To whom it may concern

Good morning

As per the Government Gazettes, GN44044 dated 29 December 2020 and GN44066 dated 11 January 2021, the following is stated:

Gatherings 36(17). Sporting activities, including both professional and non-professional matches by recognised sporting bodies are allowed, subject to strict adherence to the times of operation.

Swimming South Africa (SSA) is a recognised sporting body, and a confirmation of membership (permit) is issued to all individual members of SSA. This means that every athlete who have a valid permit can continue to train under above-mentioned regulation.

Included in the sporting activities for Swimming South Africa (as per plans submitted and approved by the Ministry of Sport, Arts and Culture) are all club and swim school activities for aquatics (including swimming, diving, artistic swimming, water polo and learn to swim). This was confirmed in a Media Statement dated 26 June 2020 and a letter to the President of Swimming South Africa dated 1 July 2020.

According to the WHO, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death (based on 2015 statistics). It is thus of importance that learn to swim activities as was included in the plans submitted to the Ministry, continues.

Places and premises closed to the public 39(1). The following places are closed to the public: (b) swimming pools, except for (i) the training of professional athletes; and (ii) swimming contests as referred to in regulation 36(17)

Any Club or Swim School that uses a pool for sporting activities cannot be deemed to be public. SSA issues a venue compliance certificate to each venue which is found to be compliant. SSA further issues confirmation of membership (permits) only to athletes that are eligible to continue with training. It is thus our understanding that public, school, and other swimming pools should be available for training purposes for those athletes that have valid permits.

All clubs, swim school, coaches and instructors are following strict health and safety protocols since SSA could resume activities on 1 July 2020 resulting in a very low percentage of COVID-19 positive cases among our athletes.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anton Jordaan'.

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