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Dear Mr. Ravenscroft

RE: RESUMPTION OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES DURING LEVEL 3 LOCKDOWN

An application for resumption of sporting activities from Bowls South Africa has reference.

I have pleasure to inform you that I have granted your organisation permission to resume sporting activities as outlined in your plans on a date determined by the sport body subject to its own measures.

- Non-contact sport is permitted to training and matches;
- Bowls SA must ensure that all Clubs are compliant and provide operational plans;
- Reduced number of players and participants in field;
- Training venues must be disinfected and cleaned every day;
- Control measures must be put in place;
- Monitoring and Compliance must be assured;
- Compliance Officer must be appointed;
- Clubs must also appoint Compliance Officers;

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- All training venues names and plans must be submitted within 24 hours after receipt of the permission;
- No spectators are allowed at training and matches.
- Attendance register must be kept by compliance officers for all people entering the sporting venue;
- All people entering the sporting venue must wear masks and be screened;
- Any person with high temperature may not be allowed to enter the sporting venue; and;
- Activities in hotspots must comply with the Directions of 6 July 2020.

In addition, please take note of the following measures that Bowls SA must abide by as indicated by the Health authorities:

1. *The revised plans they have submitted indicate that due consideration has been given to the issues addressed in my first mail:*
 - a. *Wearing of masks is now stipulated*
 - b. *Screening on entry is now required. [I cannot see 'Annexure E' which is the club record of attendance. It would be good to check that the two often omitted questions are included in addition to COVID-19 symptoms – namely:*
 - i) *'have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days'?*
 - and
 - ii) *'have you been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days'?*
 - c. *The vulnerability of persons over 60 is acknowledged and these members will be provided with additional support (health promotion)*
 - d. *The revised plan has also clearly articulated how Bowls SA will hold individual clubs accountable for implementation of these preventive measures.*
2. *The above interventions, together with the fact that bowls is an outdoor sport means that the COVID transmission risk is substantially reduced.*
3. *Whilst I recognise the inherent susceptibility of most members (due to age) I also recognise that the COVID pandemic has placed immense stress on this population group. The continuation of this sport is an important community activity that may alleviate some of these stressors.*

It is my opinion that Bowls should be allowed to continue under these revised and improved conditions."

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Note further that the Department may deploy officials to monitor compliance and such officials may be allocated a specific identity document.

Yours sincerely



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DATE: 2020/07/15