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To All Provincial Presidents
To All District Presidents
To All Membership

Dear Bowlers

Like all of you the Executive eagerly awaited the feedback from the Honourable Minister of Sport, Art and Culture on Saturday as to how Level 3 restrictions would impact our sport. Judging from the numerous conflicting interpretations that have found their way onto various social media platforms there appears to be a lot of areas that still need clarity.

To this end Bowls South Africa have directed a request to SASCOC to seek clarity on the following matters:

- The precise definition of a professional sportsperson and whether they view our sport as one contested by amateurs only. It is Bowls South Africa's opinion that, a professional sportsperson is one who derives their livelihood from playing the sport and as such is registered with the South African Revenue Services accordingly.
- That SASCOC and thereby the Department of Sport, Art and Culture recognise lawn bowls as a non-contact sport.
- Could they please provide clarity on the position of High - Performance athletes and this as refers to our Gold Squad and whether the concession announced that such persons can return to training has applicability to afore-mentioned pool of players? Furthermore, should this interpretation be correct can they please confirm that clubs needed to facilitate such training are allowed to open subject all health and safety protocols being in place.
- Could they please confirm that the proposed protocols we submitted on the 14th May 2020 about safety and health practices that need to be implemented at club level are acceptable to both the Department of Sport, Art and Culture and the Department of Health.

There have been reports in the media of various sports federations holding talks at Government level and questions asked why we have also not so engaged with this body. At the explicit request of SASCOC to all Federations we were asked to channel all communication on Covid-19 matters through them. In the last communiqué we detailed all such correspondence and do wish to repeat that content here.

To reiterate my previous statement Bowls South Africa is totally committed to pursuing all avenues for the speedy return of our sport to active participation and you may rest assured that we are working on this matter in your best interest as quickly as we can. We therefore, respectfully, request members to refrain from making statements on the various media platforms that have the impact of further confusing issues that are still subject to clarification.

Immediately on receipt of a response from SASCOC to our queries as set out above we will advise our membership of such outcome.

Kind regards and keep safe.

President
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