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Dear Member,

PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA'S DECLARATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER

As you will be aware, President Ramaphosa declared a State of Disaster on Sunday the 15th of March 2020. It is required of the Club to comply with this declaration, and we must do our part in ensuring we reduce the possibility of the spread of COVID-19.

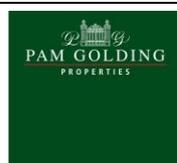
WPCC is an extremely busy Club, with a number of events, practice sessions, league matches and tournaments occurring across our six sporting sections on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. In the last 72 hours, league, tournament and event cancellations have been advised from WP Cricket, WP Squash, WP Bowls, WP Athletics and WP Hockey, World Over 50 Cricket and bridge clubs amongst others. All the local schools are in the process of closing, and all school sport has been cancelled with immediate effect. This includes school sport festivals and tours during the upcoming school holidays. WPCC has a responsibility to do its part in assisting with the containment of COVID-19, as well as a responsibility to look after the well-being of its staff.

We want the Club to continue to operate and be a meeting place, but in a responsible manner. We understand this will cause much inconvenience, but at the same time we need to be proactive.

As such, and with immediate effect, your Executive Committee has decided to implement the following:

- All Happy Hours and Attendance Draws will be cancelled until Friday the 17th of April 2020. These are the regular Club events that routinely attract more than 100 attendees;
- Any other Club event or function that is scheduled during this period and where there are 100 or more attendees will be cancelled or postponed;
- No scheduled practices or matches falling outside provincial structures will take place for our sporting sections in order to avoid large groupings of people, especially socially after practice;
- We have asked our cleaning service provider to increase the quantity of hand sanitisers around the Club, so that members and their guests can routinely clean their hands. It is anticipated that a shipment will be arriving on Wednesday the 18th of March, and these will be installed as soon as possible at all entrance points to the Club;
- We shall be erecting signs around the Club urging people to clean their hands on a regular basis, not to shake hands, and if they are to cough to cough in to a tissue or flexed elbow;
- We ask that any member (or their guest) who has been to a high-risk area (defined as Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom and China) in the last 20 days self-isolates themselves and refrains from using the Club until the self-isolation period has passed;
- If you are displaying flu-like symptoms (i.e. fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing) or have had direct exposure to a known case of COVID 19 that you also refrain from utilising the Club during this period;
- We have a responsibility to our staff, the vast majority of whom use public transport to get to work. If we can reduce the shift requirements, we reduce the requirement to access public transport;

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- As such, and with no formal practice sessions taking place, the Club will be operating from 7am to 8:30pm each day, with the bar operating hours from 12 midday to 8pm;
- The Club will provide flu vaccines to all staff members once the vaccine becomes available, which is expected towards the end of March.

Social sport will still continue, meaning members are free to utilise the facilities to participate in the sport of their choosing. We are merely looking to limit large groupings of people, in line with the declaration from government.

We are in a difficult space, as we understand that these measures are disruptive and potentially impact negatively on our members' enjoyment of our facilities, and some members may see this as an over-reaction. At the same time, we need to do our bit in attempting to control the spread of this virus in line with the guidelines set by government, along with providing as safe a working environment as possible to our staff members. The broad stroke of cancellations from most sporting bodies has indicated the seriousness with which most people are addressing COVID-19, and we need to be in line with this.

We trust members and their guests will understand the rationale behind these precautions, and we look forward to being able to return to normality as soon as possible, once this pandemic has passed.

Yours sincerely

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Club Chairman

Per: WPC Executive Committee
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