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From: Chief Executive

TO: Affiliate Presidents
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CC SSA Executive Committee Members
Committee Convenors

RE: CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) – SSA ACTIVITIES UPDATE

At the Extraordinary SSA Executive Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2020, the SSA Executive Committee reviewed and considered feedback and recommendations from the various SSA Technical Committees, Senior Coaches and Public Health Specialists in relation to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Following the review of the presentations from the coaches and medical experts, the SSA Executive Committee have made the following decisions:

1. With Immediate effect, all activities related to coaching and teaching of aquatic activities, including Learn To Swim, under the jurisdiction of SSA must cease. Noting the rapid developing situation the SSA Executive Committee will review coaching and teaching activities on 16 April 2020.
2. Rescheduling of the following events:
 - 2.1. S A National Aquatic Championships – Swimming 21- 26 June 2020 Durban
 - 2.2. S A National Junior Age Group - Swimming 27 June – 1 July 2020 Durban
3. Reschedule the Level 2 and 3 Swimming Age Group Competitions to October 2020 or November 2020 after further consultation.
4. The Cancellation of the S A National Aquatic Championships for Water Polo, Diving and Artistic Swimming.

5. SSA will engage with the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) with regard to preparations for the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and will revise selection criteria for the Games accordingly.

The SSA Executive Committee will continue monitoring the evolving environment related to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak and update all members accordingly.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support for these extraordinary measures and we appeal to members to remain calm and diligent.

Yours Sincerely



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Chief Executive