



# Annexure H: Requirements to SA Sailing registered athletes

## Member Covid Code of Conduct

The enactment of Regulations under the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 relating to COVID-19 has necessitated SA Sailing requiring event organisers, officials, parents, coaches and participants to subscribe to a COVID-19 code of conduct and amended SA Sailing event rules and regulations in order to permit SA Sailing events to take place under these special Disaster Management Regulations.

The COVID-19 Code of Conduct is in addition to the existing SA Sailing Code of Conduct and Rules of Racing, which is applicable to clubs, staff, members, parents, coaches, and officials.

The COVID-19 Code of Conduct refers to all health and safety regulations that are in place by National Government and as per the SA Sailing COVID 19 Training and Event Regulations and Procedures.

1. The responsibility lays with each SA Sailing professional athlete to act responsibly and do their part to curb the spread of the Covid virus.
2. All SA Sailing regulations as laid out and applied by and at Affiliated Institutions for the purpose of training or allowed competition events must be adhered to at all times.
3. An athlete shall ensure that the requirements as laid out are completed before the return to training (20 June 2020) or commencement of racing (not before 1 August 2020) as being Ref **Annexure C**
4. All Professional/Elite athletes will be required to be registered paid up members of SA Sailing for the 2020/2021 season.
5. As set out in the rules of sailing, the responsibility of the wellbeing of the crew is that of the skipper, thus the decision to sail, regardless of the phase level will ultimately be the responsibility of the skipper.
6. Readiness planning of boats and equipment must be conducted. Boat owners, are to implement their own plans and processes in line with DMA Regulations and the World Sailing Guidelines to the sport as well as the Government required regulations and guidelines to ensure the following are provided for:
7. Owner/Skipper must ensure that a proper COVID-19 risk assessment has been conducted and mitigating measures put in place for the vessel
8. Social/Physical distancing must be maintained in line with the requirements at least 1.5 meters apart
9. Rules relating to the relevant Health and Safety protocols for disinfectants, sanitizer's and personal hygiene, pre-screening, reporting, and contact tracing to be adhered to
10. Owner/skipper to ensure that there is adequate PPE for all onboard and that this is used at all times. Use of masks are mandatory for all craft with more than one person on board. Sailors may only remove masks/buffs when on the water and must put on the mask before leaving the vessel or in the event of seeking assistance in the water.



11. Over and above the wearing of required PPE, the wearing of PFD and weather suitable sailing gear is compulsory while out on the water.
12. Owners/Skippers to implement communication, training and information strategies with crew.
13. In all cases the interpretation and decision of the Event Covid Official and Chairman will be final, and if escalated SA Sailing and ultimately compliance to the DMA and its regulations shall be binding as final.
14. No exceptions will be made for any person onsite to not wear a mask. This applies to participants, parents, coaches, event organizers, club staff and officials.
15. Training in groups of more than 5 persons is prohibited. Time allocations may apply at venues/clubs
16. No Spectators are allowed at training or events
17. As per the Department of Sport Regulations 6B(4), as was gazetted on 11th June and based on the feedback as received for action from the Department of sports 29 June. SA Sailing member note that event activities shall be held in areas that have been declared a Hotspot and agree to abide by the City By Laws that are applicable to the club/Venue

### **In the Instances of Non-Compliance: Individuals**

1. The COVID-19 Confirmation of Membership and SA Sailing Covid Commencement Certificate form part of Government legislation and is therefore non-compliance constitutes a criminal offence, which is also covered by the general SA Sailing Covid Training and Event Policy and Procedures and Code of Conduct.
2. Any person found to have broken the COVID 19 Code of Conduct or training and event regulations/procedures will face disciplinary action with the following consequences:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Offence:

Warning to follow the COVID 19 procedures. This can be issued the Event Organising Chairman, Race Officer or Covid Officer.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence:

Non-compliance following the Warning provided from the 1<sup>st</sup> Offence will result in the person being asked to leave the venue immediately. In the case of a member, the member will be defaulted immediately from the event, regardless if a participant, staff, official or coach. In the event of an accompanying person (parent, guardian etc) being asked to leave the venue and refusing to leave will result in the participant being defaulted from the event.

In both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offence, these are criminal offences and the Club, Event organizer or Race Official are obliged to report such criminal offence to the South African Police Service, in which case the club shall immediately suspend the persons rights to attending any further Sailing events or training at a club/sailing venue or suspend the sailors access or membership until the outcome of the case.