



## RECCE RACE COVID-19 EASTER UPDATE

**Monday, 13 April 2020**

Dear **Recce Race** participant, sponsor, service provider, partner, landowner or other stakeholders

We trust that you all had a blessed Easter weekend and that your loved ones are all safe.

As we are all aware, the **Covid-19** lockdown has been extended for another 2 weeks until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Based on current feedback from Government the extended lockdown may be lifted by then. However, if the daily community transmissions and the daily infection rates exceed certain boundary values in the weeks to come the lockdown might even be extended for a longer period of time.

Some perspectives to prepare for what lies ahead:-

- South Africa has a unique **Covid-19** infection curve, which indicates that Government's early interventions to flatten the curve has been successful.
- This has bought Government some time to prepare for the inevitable exponential growth in **Covid-19** cases that will hit South Africa in the coming months; currently it is expected that the **Covid-19** peak will occur towards September 2020.
- It is not clear yet how fast the coronavirus might take to disappear thereafter; internationally experts start leaning towards the herd immunity model, implying that infections will start decreasing once herd immunity has been reached. Based on historic data, this might require an infection rate of anything between 40% and 75%.
- The **Covid-19** pandemic will therefore be with us for a considerable period of time, i.e. not weeks and perhaps not months, but potentially one or two years until transmissions stopped.

This will require a re-thinking of what a 'New Normal' will look like, noticeably so from a sport events management and participation perspective. We have applied our minds on what the structure, format and other features of Recce MTB and Trail Run (and other) events will entail in future.

As previously indicated, the **Recce Race** event will not take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>. It is currently too early to make any predictions on the event insofar as potential alternative dates are concerned. These and several other event hosting parameters might be affected by new National Disaster Management Regulations pertaining to sport events and by the effect that the **Covid-19** pandemic will have on our daily lives once we hit the high number of cases and mortality in South Africa. Expect communication from us again early in May 2020 once Government has provided sufficient guidelines and regulations in this regard.

We trust that all of you will stay fit and physically, mentally and emotionally healthy during this challenging period.

**Recce Race** regards

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**Recce Race Director**