



RECCE RACE COVID-19 CRYSTAL BALL

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

At last we are moving closer to the post-lockdown period in a week's time where some level of freedom will enable people to start economic activities and to exercise again outside the confines of their homes. By now we trust that most people are aware of the **Covid-19** Level 1-5 restrictions that await us in the coming months. It will be really tough on some sectors, especially for event hosting and hospitality businesses that might only be able to trade in months from now. These, together with the informal sector, will probably be the hardest hit. For the **Recce Race** the hospitality businesses are also our biggest partners and supporters, together with landowners.

While the finer detail has yet to be revealed from Government's side on the restrictions that will be in place until the coronavirus does not pose a public health threat anymore, allow me a moment to look into the crystal ball ...

- Government has moved from a containment strategy to a risk-adjustment strategy – we should assume that if Government errs on its coronavirus strategy, it will be on the conservative side!
- **Covid-19** infections are expected to increase substantially in the months to come – the **Covid-19** peak is still expected to hit us towards the latter part of September 2020.
- New restrictions will limit travel between provinces and a potential curfew will be in place at night until we are at Level 1 restrictions. Limitations on public gatherings of more than 10 (?) people will remain in place until all restrictions have been lifted.
- For any sport event to take place a SAPS clearance certificate is required. My personal view is that the SAPS will not issue any clearance certificates until all restrictions have been lifted.

Not even a look into the crystal ball can tell when these restrictions will be lifted. We will have to patiently wait for government to amend the current (and new) **Covid-19** regulations to allow for public gatherings and mass participation sporting events to take place. This may, however, only happen in the distant future, i.e. 2021.

Due to the nature of the **Recce Race's** MTB and Trail Running event we can re-start in a relative short period of time as all the necessary organization and structures were already in place when the national lockdown was announced in mid-March 2020. Nevertheless, none of these can commence without the necessary approvals and sanctions from the relevant authorities.

We trust that all of you will stay physically, mentally and emotionally healthy until the **Recce Race!**

Recce Race regards

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Recce Race Director