

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** SAGA Unions, SAGA NEC Members **From:** Naadir Agherdien  
**Subject:** Coronavirus Update - Cancellation of National Tournaments  
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To SAGA Constituents

With due consideration of the National Disaster pronounced by State President Cyril Ramaphosa on 15 March 2020, and with reference to our national events and gatherings, the South African Golf Association (SAGA) has resolved to implement the following:

1. All tournaments under management authority of SAGA scheduled to be held between 18 March 2020 and 30 April 2020 is cancelled.
2. All tournaments not under SAGA management (run by Unions) between 18 March 2020 and 30 April 2020 for which national ranking points are allocated, will officially have its ranking status removed and SAGA recommends that these be cancelled by Unions. We also strongly recommend that Inter-union triangulars, quadrangulars and hexangulars, Union Opens and Union Leagues be cancelled too.
3. Tournaments beyond April 2020 will be considered for continuation or cancellation on a rolling basis at least 30 days prior to the event with due consideration of the prevailing state of affairs around the Coronavirus National Disaster at that time.
4. Just as both SAGA and Womens Golf South Africa (WGSA) subserviently aligns itself to the prescripts of the state and our overarching governing bodies e.g. SASCOC, so do we encourage Unions and Clubs to align themselves to the prescripts of their regional sports governance bodies and confederations at local level.
5. Sub-committee and Exco meetings scheduled for April are postponed until further notice.
6. The 2020 AGM will continue on the date and time planned for in April as a **teleconference** to deal with constitutionally requisite matters except if there should be a need for elections, which up to now, is not on the table. If elections are required, then an alternative date and approach will have to be considered.
7. This pronouncement is made under the auspices of GolfRSA and WGSA aligns itself fully to these decisions.

We trust that this approach will have your support as we curtail the need for non-essential domestic travel and encourage behaviors in support of social distancing. As GolfRSA, SAGA and WGSA, we endeavor to remain responsible citizens in the battle against this pandemic.

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Kindly inform all your relevant stakeholders and constituents of this action.

Yours sincerely



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