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Chess SA Members
Chess SA Executive Members
2020 SAJCC Participants

Dear Members

RE: POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2020 SAJCC

By now you should be aware of the address by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa to the nation earlier this evening. Mr Ramaphosa announced a "National State of Disaster". The following measures were announced:

1. National state of disaster declared. Rapid effective response system
2. Limit contact with infected.
3. Travel ban on foreigners from high risk countries as of 18th March. Visas cancelled.
4. SA residents to avoid travel to high risk countries.
5. Travel alerts will be issued based in risk level.
6. SA citizens returning from high risk area self-quarantine.
7. Medium risk country travel to be subjected to testing.
8. 72 ports of entry. 35 to be shut down. 2 seaports to be closed.
9. Domestic travel discouraged.
10. Gathering of more than 100 prohibited.
11. Small gathering organizer must have a plan.
12. Schools to close on Wed till after Easter holidays.
13. Tertiary institutions to be consulted.
14. All businesses to ensure they intensify measure re hygiene control.
15. Shopping malls to ensure hygiene control measures.
16. Increase capacity of hospitals.
17. Monitoring system
18. Mass campaign to educate.
18. Minimize physical contact.
19. Funding available to reinforce the systems introduced.

20. National Command Council to meet 3 x per week.

In response to this national disaster Chess SA has no option but to postpone the 2020 SAJCCC until further notice as per the Government mandate. We would like to thank the players and parents who have registered and booked their accommodation and after consultation with the hotel we will be able to address the issue of accommodation refunds. In the unlikely event that the event is cancelled we will look at the proportional reimbursements of registration fees and levies. We will, unfortunately not be able to take responsibility of other accommodation booking and travel costs. Please contact your airline and accommodation supplier for any refunds.

With regards to International Participation for 2020, Chess SA will revise the Youth Selection Policy to accommodate the current changes.

Once we have further direction from our Government as well as FIDE, we will be able to give more clarity and direction on the way forward.

We have no doubt, that although this might not come as a surprise, there will be much disappointment as well as financial losses. Chess SA will do all in its powers to minimize these financial losses and create new opportunities for our players

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hendrik du Toit', written over a horizontal line.

Hendrik du Toit
President