

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment)
(National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 9)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health and Child Care has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020) made the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 9).

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020 (hereinafter called “the principal order”), is amended in section 4 (“National lockdown”) in subparagraph (v) by the deletion of “or in a group not exceeding fifty persons”.

3. Section 11E (“Interpretation”) of the principal order is amended—

(a) by the repeal of the definition of “low-risk sport” and the substitution of—

““low-risk sport” means any non-contact sport where compliance with the social distancing rule is possible, as described and classified by the Sports Minister (taking into account WHO guidelines) and notified in accordance with section 11F(2);”;

(b) by the insertion of the following definitions—

““enforcement officer” includes, for the purposes of section 11G, any person accredited by the Ministry as an enforcement officer responsible for monitoring compliance with this Part;

“Sports Minister” means the Minister responsible for the administration of the Sports and Recreation Commission Act [*Chapter 25:15*] and “Ministry” shall be construed accordingly;

“Sports and Recreation Commission” means the Sports and Recreation Commission established by the Sports and Recreation Commission Act [Chapter 25:15];”

4. The principal order is amended by the repeal of section 11G and the substitution of—

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11G. (1) The Sports Minister shall specify sport codes in which all sports are classified according to whether they are low-risk, medium risk or high-risk sports.

(2) When a specification of a sport codes is made, the Sports Minister shall cause notice of the sport codes to be given as soon as may be in such manner as he or she thinks necessary for bringing it to the attention of all persons who, in his or her opinion, ought to have notice thereof.

(3) Any person representing athletes and their associated sport staff who wish to train, exercise or compete in any low-risk sports must obtain the approval beforehand of the Sports Ministry for the competition to take place by applying in writing through the Sports and Recreation Commission to the Minister, giving—

- (a) all relevant particulars of the proposed event or events (including nature of the low-risk sport, the names of the persons, if any, officiating or presiding at the competition, the venue and times of the event or events, and names of the athletes and staff members) for approval; and
- (b) particulars of what measures (not inconsistent with those set forth in subsection (4)) will be taken to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 formidable epidemic disease during the competition; and
- (c) if it is proposed that spectators should be allowed at the competition, particulars of what measures

(not inconsistent with those set forth in subsection (5)) will be taken to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 formidable epidemic disease during the competition.

(4) Except for good cause shown in advance to an enforcement officer—

- (a) venues at which low-risk sports take place must not be open earlier than 0800 hours or later than 1630 hours;
- (b) if spectators are allowed at the venue as approved under subsection (6), no gathering in excess of fifty spectators is permitted at any venues at which low-risk sports events take place.

(5) The Sports Ministry shall give the approval applied for under subsection (3) (a) and (b) if it is satisfied that, at any venue where the low-risk sport event is to take place—

- (a) every athlete and member of the associated sport staff must, before training, exercising or competing, submit to temperature checks and, before, after and between completions, sanitise their hands;
- (b) every athlete, member of the associated sport staff must, and spectator must observe the social distancing rule and (in the case of spectators) wear face masks;
- (c) the following items must not be shared among or between athletes and members of the associated sport staff—
 - (i) personal and sports equipment and apparel, towels and other laundry;
 - (ii) consumables and receptacles thereof, such as water bottles and cups;
 - (iii) PPEs in the form of face masks, tissues or wipes;
- (d) PPEs in the form of face masks, tissues, wipes and alcohol-based sanitiser must be available for

distribution to athletes and members of the associated sport staff;

- (e) PPEs for distribution to athletes and members of the associated sport staff must be safely stored before use in closed containers and disposed of safely after use;
- (f) gloves must be worn by every member of the associated sport staff handling sports equipment and apparel, towels and other laundry, and by every athlete if there is any risk of physical contact with other athletes or members of the associated sport staff;
- (g) no liquor shall be served or offered for sale;
- (h) food may be offered for sale but only on a take-away basis;
- (i) the responsible authority at the venue shall keep a logbook of all athletes and associated sport staff entering and exiting the venue and keep such logbook for inspections by enforcement officers at any time within 30 days from the date the event to which it relates took place.

(6) The Sports Ministry shall give the approval applied for under subsection (3)(c) if it is satisfied that, at any venue where the low-risk sport event is to take place—

- (a) spectators will observe the social distancing rule, wear face masks, submit to temperature checks on entry to the venue and on such entry have their hands sanitised, and be afforded the facility of sanitising their hands at any location in the venue designated for that purpose; and
- (b) no liquor shall be served or offered for sale; and
- (c) food is offered for sale but only on a take-away basis.

(7) Persons training, exercising or competing in a venue where low-risk sports take place, or who are members

of the associated sport staff at that venue, shall comply with any direction of an enforcement officer—

- (a) to submit to screening and testing for the COVID-19 disease;
- (b) at all times to observe the applicable provisions of this section;
- (c) to disperse and return home where the applicable provisions of this section are not being observed.

(8) Any enforcement officer shall in the course of any low-risk sports event have free and unhindered access to the venue where it is taking place to ensure that the appropriate provisions of this order are being complied with.

(9) Any person who fails to comply with an order of an enforcement officer given under this section, or who hinders or obstructs an enforcement officer from having the access referred to in subsection (5), or who fails to keep or to provide for inspection by an enforcement officer the logbook referred to in subsection (5)(i), shall be guilty of an offence and liable to fine not exceeding level twelve or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both such fine and such imprisonment.”



