

20 April 2020

To: Mr Simphiwe Mncube
Director National Federations
Sport and Recreation

Application for specific essential equine care to be included in the Government Guidelines for COVID-19

Dear Sir

The SAEF is acutely aware of the challenges that our country is faced with during the COVID-19 lockdown. The stringent guidelines have impacted on everybody and in our case in particular on the welfare of horses in the equestrian fraternity.

Whilst we were of the belief that horses could cope with the first 21 days of lockdown, the extension of the lockdown to the end of April 2020, has now raised massive concerns regarding the welfare of our horses.

Equestrian sport is completely different to any other sport as it has a second 'living being' involved, and it is with in mind that we are respectfully seeking relaxation of the regulations affecting our members and their horses, all of these falling under essential equine care for the welfare of the horse.

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Essential Equine Care is categorised as follows:

- Providing food, water, proper handling,
- Providing health care (veterinary and farrier services)
- Providing exercise necessary to an individual horse

Therefore, our application includes:

1. Allowing riders to work their horses for 1 hour per day Daily exercise is essential for the over-all health of your horse.
2. Allowing annual vaccinations to be administered by veterinarians
4. Allowing horse owners and riders to see to the necessary and essential care of their horse/s' wellbeing.
5. Allowing members who live in a neighbouring province to cross Provincial borders for the sole purpose of buying hay to feed horses as many members have suppliers of hay outside their province of residence.
6. Allow members to cross borders for the sole purpose to go and exercise their horse or horses stabled in a neighboring Province.

The application goes hand in hand with adhering to the SA Governments COVID-19 guidelines as well as:

- Schedule and stagger individual appointments at stable yards to avoid person-to-person contact.
- Limit time at these facilities to a maximum of 1 hour per horse daily.
- Sanitize commonly touched surfaces and shared equipment between users.
- Allow only owners/riders to the facilities.

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Please also find attached –

VITAL INFORMATION REGARDING EXERCISE, VACCINATION AND WELLBEING/WELFARE OF THE HORSE

We, therefore, respectfully request for the issuing of permits for our members and equestrian riders to perform essential equine care to their horse/s.

We look forward to your urgent response.

Kind regards



Mr Wessel Strauss

Secretary General - SAEF

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