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Dear Equestrians

Firstly, we would like to thank our members for being so well disciplined and acknowledging the severity of the situation the country is facing with COVID-19. Your patience and understanding are highly appreciated.

Whilst the SAEF Executive committee fully comprehends your eagerness and desperation to get back to exercising your horse/s, it is up to the decision of the Government whether this will be allowed or not.

And it was with this in mind that the SAEF prepared the documents to the Director for National Federations at SRSA to present our case with the authorities.

Mr Simphiwe Mncube, Director for NF, was very understanding when I spoke to him on the phone regarding our request. He confirmed at 16:00 on Thursday that our request was submitted and that he will revert back to the SAEF when a decision has been made. So we await the outcome which we will communicate the minute it has been received.

We wish to remind you that the application to exercise your horse/s does not include any form of coaching by your relevant coaches.

In President Cyril Ramaphosa's address to the nation last night, he made it quite clear in his address that South Africa will go into level 4 of the lockdown as from the 1st May with strict measurements to keep on containing the virus.

We are of the opinion that exercising will be allowed as from the 1st of May but under very strict regulations which will be announced by the various Ministers in due course.

We are of believe that we will not receive a final reply from the Department of Sport and Recreation regarding our request, until the Ministers have discussed it amongst each other and stipulate what may or may not be done.

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We therefore request our members please bear with us and wait patiently for an official reply for the way forward.

Should we not receive a positive reply from Government we will work on other possibilities to allow members to work their horses.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Wessel Strauss

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