

Important Update - COVID-19



Member Update on Coronavirus

Hello << Test First Name >>

We write in relation to and in response to, an increasing number of member queries regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation. A situation which continues to escalate and from which SAFA and our members are not immune. Like all sectors of the Australian community, we must play our part by taking appropriate steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our members, our staff and those members of the public who use our services.

Our sport has the potential for accidents that may require medical and

emergency assistance, drawing valuable personnel away from COVID-19 tasks. For this reason, some countries have banned flying altogether. At this stage, we do not intend to follow suit. However, it is crucial that everyone applies extra vigilance and caution to their flying activities.

It is equally crucial that everyone implements extra health & hygiene measures which follow the guidelines set out by our governing authorities. Our goal is to minimise the burden placed on healthcare & emergency service workers to ensure we can continue to fly.

The following information is provided to assist in protecting yourself and others.

Flying Safe

- Members should not fly unless they are certain that conditions are well within their skill level. This will avoid or minimise accidents that may occur and not place an undue burden on the healthcare and emergency services sectors.
- Please don't fly in marginal conditions.
- We **HIGHLY** recommend discontinuing any recreational tandem activities. The close proximity of a passenger may aid in transmission if one or other party is infected.
- Commercial Tandem Operators and Paragliding Schools should review their practices in line with the government recommendations as outlined in the link below.**
- The following link is a letter from the Minister for Sport, Richard Colbeck, that is relevant to event organisers and government expectations of sporting bodies. https://www.safa.asn.au/images/pdfs/governance/COVID-19_Community_Sport_Guidelinespdf.pdf

Hygiene

- Members should maintain the hygiene practices publicised by the government authorities. **
- If you have any of the Coronavirus symptoms** – self-isolate and consult your medical practitioner by phone.
- Please maintain social distancing when on the hill - Some may think this is overstated, however our older members and those with pre-existing medical conditions will thank you for it.
- If returning from overseas, please refer to the guidelines as per the link

below, including the need for self isolation as outlined.**

(** Refer to the following Australian Govt website for full details of symptoms and other important Covid-19 information <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers>)

Admin

Our office is open and its business as usual, with our team carefully following all social distancing and hygiene recommendations from the government. The office will continue to trade as normal, processing memberships, certificates, endorsements and general administration, as well as respond to any questions or concerns you may have.

FTF Audits

All FTF audits currently scheduled for the next 3 months are immediately suspended. The OP's Team will be in contact to reschedule at an appropriate time.

In Summary

This email is not intended to cause panic but rather to encourage our members to remain vigilant and safe. Under the circumstances, these are simply prudent and responsible measures aligned with the expectations of our communities and to minimise pressure on our healthcare workers, who are working hard to keep our communities healthy.

Please stay abreast of the situation and current advise, adjusting your practices as needed.

Until next time, please stay safe and well!

- Paul Green - President.
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