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ADDENDUM TO ADVISORY ON SAFE RESUMPTION OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE & ACTIVITY FOR PHASE THREE (“SAFE NATION”) – INFORMATION ON ORGANISING SPORT EVENT PILOTS¹

1. As part of efforts for the gradual and safe resumption of sport events, several sport event pilots have been allowed to take place since October 2020. These include the Singapore Premier League in December 2020, the Singapore Tennis Open in February 2021, as well as hybrid participation events for the general public such as the MetaSprint series aquathlon in March 2021.
2. On 24 March 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced that with effect from 24 April 2021, live sport event pilots with spectators, are allowed to have up to 750 spectators if pre-event testing is implemented, or to have up to 250 spectators without testing.
3. This addendum provides sport administrators, organisers of sport events and venue operators with information to organise sport events in a safe and controlled manner under the latest guidelines.

SPORT EVENT PILOTS

4. For the purpose of this addendum, sport event pilots are categorised under a) Live Spectator Sport Events, b) Mass Participation Sport Events and c) Sport Competitions & Tournaments.

- a) **Live Spectator Sport Events** refer to live sporting events with seated spectators at a venue such as the Singapore Tennis Open and the upcoming Singapore Badminton Open. For these events, up to 250 spectators in zones of up to 50 persons are allowed at the venue without the need for attendees to undergo pre-event testing. Should the organiser implement pre-event testing², the number of spectators can be increased to 750, in zones of up to 50 persons.

Event organisers can apply to Sport Singapore not to implement zoning for live spectator sport events, if they can ensure compliance with all other safe management measures (SMMs), including that: (i) spectators remain seated and masked throughout the event; and (ii) Trace Together (TT)-only Safe Entry (SE) is implemented for all spectators.

- b) **Mass Participation Sport Events** refer to sporting events that are typically mass runs, open-water swims, cycling and triathlon events. For these events, up to 250 participants in waves of up to 50 persons are allowed per session, with different sessions adequately separated by time³ to avoid the congregation of participants at the venue. At this juncture, mass participation sport events will not be allowed to accommodate more than 250 participants per session, and will not be allowed

¹ This is an addendum to the [Advisory On Safe Resumption Of Sport And Physical Exercise & Activity For Phase Three \(“Safe Nation”\) updated on 29 January 2021](#), focusing on Sport Events.

² Please refer to <https://go.gov.sg/pet> for MOH’s latest requirements and guidelines on pre-event testing.

³ Organisers may propose the number of sessions and time interval between sessions to ensure safe participation, which may vary depending on context.

to have invited spectators. Organisers are to put in place measures to prevent the spontaneous gathering of onlookers for such events.

- c) Sport Competitions & Tournaments (without spectators⁴)** refer to competitions involving timed races or head-to-head matches where there could be multiple heats or qualifying rounds (“sessions”). They must not exceed 50 persons per session in each facility⁵, with different sessions adequately separated within a day or across multiple days, to avoid congregation. Each match is capped at 8 persons (which includes the referees if they need to be in the field of play). If there are multiple matches, close contact must not exceed 50 persons a day for each participant. For example, if a team plays multiple matches a day, each team member shall not play more than 49 others (including teammates) in a day.

5. As part of the pilot, all sport events that involve more than 50 persons (including participants, spectators, officials, event crew and support staff) will need to be endorsed by Sport Singapore before they can be implemented. Organisers will have to submit an application to Sport Singapore using the form in [Annex A](#), emailing it to SPORT_Covid@sport.gov.sg at least 30 days prior to the start of the event to give time for evaluation and discussion. Organisers are advised not to carry out related marketing/publicity efforts before receiving endorsement from Sport Singapore, as the event may require modifications before it may proceed.⁶

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

6. Organisers of endorsed sport event pilots are to ensure that SMMs are in place and ensure compliance by all attendees of the sport events. These include, but are not limited to:

- a) Wearing Masks & Ensuring Hygiene. Organisers will have to ensure that all attendees don masks at all times, in accordance with the prevailing national policy.

Hand sanitisers should be placed in close proximity of the facility entrance and high-touch surfaces like door handles. Attendees should be encouraged to sanitise their hands before entering and upon leaving the facility.

- b) Reducing Physical Interaction and Ensuring Safe Distancing. Organisers will have to:
- i. Adhere to the safe capacity of the event venue and safe distancing requirements, which may result in fewer than the permitted maximum number of spectators or participants allowed on the premises mentioned in [para 4](#);
 - ii. Organise human traffic flow and space management to ensure that the mixing of groups is minimised to transient contact;

⁴ Sport tournaments and competitions with spectators will be treated as Live Spectator Sport Events (under para 4a).

⁵ Per Sport Singapore’s [Advisory On Safe Advisory For Resumption Of Sport And Physical Exercise & Activity For Phase Three \(“Safe Nation”\) updated on 29 January 2021](#), no facility shall admit more than 50 persons without specific approval by Sport Singapore. Requests for such approval may be considered for large facilities that can be organised into separate facilities, each with its own limit.

⁶ Organisers will be responsible for the costs of the event (including the additional costs of modifications), and/or compensation to participants arising from event postponement or cancellation.

- iii. Put in place measures to minimise crowding or mixing at common facilities e.g. registration counters, common corridors, toilets. Where possible, specific common facilities should be designated to specific zones so that attendees from different zones do not mix when using such facilities;
 - iv. Conduct temperature screening⁷ and checks on visible symptoms⁸ for visitors, and turn away those with fever and/or who appear unwell. SafeEntry must be implemented for participants and visitors. All participants and staff are encouraged to use either the TraceTogether app or the TraceTogether Tokens for SafeEntry;
 - v. Ensure the prevailing safe distancing requirement (i.e. at least 1 metre apart between individuals in general) and social gathering group size limitation (i.e. group of 8 persons) apply;
 - vi. Refrain from providing food and beverages to spectators within the event venue;
 - vii. If pre-event testing is implemented, to ensure that attendees have a valid negative pre-event COVID-19 test result, or are exempted from the pre-event testing requirement⁹, before allowing them to enter/remain in the facility; and
 - viii. Ensure that attendees at live spectator sport events remain in their assigned seats throughout and refrain from talking or cheering loudly.
- c) Technical Officials and Coaches. These persons must wear masks and comply with safe distancing rules. If an official such as a referee needs to be in the field of play, then he/she is considered part of the social gathering group size.

7. The SMMs detailed in Sport Singapore's [advisory on 29 January 2021](#), as well as the safe capacities for each venue, continue to apply. For more information, please refer to these [FAQs](#) or visit sportsingapore.gov.sg.

8. MOH will be releasing further information and tools to support the implementation of pre-event testing, which will be made available at <https://go.gov.sg/pet> when ready.

ENFORCEMENT

9. Sport Singapore will conduct on-site inspections to ensure compliance with SMMs. Enforcement action(s) under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act will be taken against (i) organisers/operators who hold sport events without approval and/or who fail to comply with SMMs, as well as (ii) spectators/participants who fail to comply with SMMs.

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⁷ Individuals with temperatures 38 degrees celsius and above are considered as having a fever.

⁸ Notable visible symptoms to look out for include: (a) coughing; (b) sneezing; (c) breathlessness; and (d) a runny nose.

⁹ Please refer to <https://go.gov.sg/pet> for MOH's latest requirements and guidelines on pre-event testing.