

South African National Paintball/Airsoft Association NPC

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After numerous discussions it was decided on 19 June 2020 to officially update the long name for the association to **South African National Paintball/Airsoft Association NPC**. The shortened name/logo **SANPA** will remain the same for now.

Although Airsoft has always been a part of **SANPA** since its inception in 2012, it became clear that even though most regulations and protocols relating to operating a Paintball and/or Airsoft venue were almost identical, there were very distinct differences between these sporting codes when it came to tournaments and players. The association name change will now allow both sporting codes equal weight as an association looking after both sporting codes and will allow us even more weight when dealing with government and relevant stakeholders.

We would also like to welcome **Alan Muller** from the Western Cape as the Executive member in SANPA that will look after Airsoft in South Africa under SANPA. Alan, combined with several dedicated airsoft players, have done amazing work relating to safety regulations and protocols for Airsoft and we believe he is the right person to join SANPA in heading the **Airsoft Committee. Player Membership** information will also be available on the website within the next week and we encourage Airsoft as well as paintball players to join SANPA to keep growing a safe and inclusive sport.

Since April 2020 **SANPA** has engaged with the government on various occasions to get our industry back up and running as soon as possible within the current lockdown regulations. We have also worked with several international as well as local organizations and stakeholders to make sure we comply with all regulations and protocols and making sure we set the standard for the safe return of our players and customers to venues around the country.

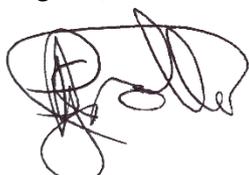
We have made amazing progress and have compiled our protocol and related documents that will be submitted to the Department of Sport, Art and Culture (DSAC) on Monday 22 Jun 2020 for final consideration to allow our industry to resume as soon as possible.

We would also like to thank everyone that have already completed the pledge and survey to assist us in allowing the sport to continue under current lockdown regulations and to gain extremely valuable input relating our sport relating to tourism. The process was done in conjunction with **Youth Tourism South Africa (YTSA)** and the **Tourism and Events department of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)**. We thank them for their valuable contribution towards our industry. If you can contribute to the **YTSA** project relating to the protocols, pledge and survey, please visit the website <https://www.paintballprotocols.com> where you can scan their QRCode to contribute to their work.

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Regards,



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