



Republic of Rwanda
Ministry of Sports

GUIDELINES ON RESUMPTION OF SWIMMING ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to Resolutions from Cabinet Meeting held Friday November 27th 2020 from which gyms and swimming pools shall resume operations upon assessment of compliance with COVID-19 preventive measures;

The Ministry of Sports is issuing the following guidelines which must be complied to for the resumption and reopening of swimming activities.

Guidelines for swimming pool owners

1. Public Notices on hygiene measures and COVID-19 measures and opening days/hours must be posted and visible for all customers to see;
2. Public notice on number of swimmers allowed in the pool must be posted and visible for all customers to see;
3. Public notice on cleaning procedures for the swimming pools (*water disinfection using chlorine and bromine, water drainage and refilling*) must be posted for customers's assurance;
4. To conduct pool testing every day before and after usage;
5. To avail outdoor showers for usage before entering the pool;
6. Public signage to direct entrance and exit of pool premises in respect of physical distancing;
7. To apply electronic/online booking methods for pool customers and have all payments done through cashless process. Pool owners are requested to have these instructions clearly explained to their customers.
8. Swimming sessions must not exceed a maximum of 2 hours and each session is planned according to the bookings made for customers;
9. To test temperature of all customers accessing the swimming pool and monitor compliance to COVID-19 preventive measures;
10. Swimming pool changing rooms are to be used only by customers cleared for a specific session. Physical distancing must be complied to when attending the changing rooms and only individual equipment are allowed in the room. After each usage, a changing room must be deep cleaned to allow the next user in.
11. Side pool spaces must be marked with signages showing physical distancing spacing between users;
12. To establish hygiene procedures for swimmers' safety equipment and have related public notices visible for all customers to see;

Guidelines for swimming pool users

1. Pool users must respect a 2,5 meters physical distancing when in the water;
2. Attendants not in the water must wear their respective face masks and only remove them when entering the water;
3. Swimming trainers are not allowed;
4. Every customer and/or pool attendant must have his/her own hand sanitizer and use it whenever necessary;
5. Individuals with symptoms of fever, coughing, headache, flu are not allowed at the pool side nor in the pool itself;
6. Clients and hotel tenants accommodated in facilities with swimming pools are allowed to swim whenever they want as per Management's guidelines and in compliance with COVID-19 preventive measures.

Guidelines for Staffs at Swimming pool facilities

1. Swimming pool staffs and personel must be trained for COVID-19 responsivness and monitoring, and should be in sufficient number to have a clear oversight on the facility's activities;
2. The Staff in charge of temperature testing must not be given any other assignment so that he/she remains focused on the testing of customers;
3. Swimming pool Staffs and personel must be given appropriate protective gears for their daily duties (*protective gloves, face masks, face shields, cleaning towels which are deinfected after every cleaning session*)

N.B: Swimming in open waters (*lakes, ponds, rivers*) is only allowed for professional clubs doing their trainings with official authorization.

- All swimming competitions are to be given authorization by the Ministry of Sports through a request from the National Swimming Federation;
- Facilities and venues with business oriented swimming programs and activities shall submit an official request for authorization to resume addressed to the Minister of Sports with Copy to the CEO of RDB. An inspection shall be conducted per request received, which shall determine the response to be issued.

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