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COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES)  
(SPORTING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES —  
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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

**PART 1****PRELIMINARY****Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 24 April 2021.

**General definitions**

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“approving authority” means the Senior Director (Operations), Ministry of Trade and Industry;

“associate”, in relation to any athlete or contestant taking part or competing in any sporting activity, means an individual who, in one or more of the following capacities, works with or treats one or more such athletes or contestants participating in, preparing for or competing in, the sporting activity:

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- (a) an individual who supervises the training or instruction of an athlete or a contestant or who accompanies an athlete or a contestant into or onto the reserved playing space to give advice or assistance during a sporting competition (called in these Regulations a coach or trainer);
  - (b) an individual who undertakes to represent the interests of an athlete or a contestant in procuring the engagement of the athlete or contestant as a participant or contestant in a sporting competition, or who directs or controls the sporting activities of any athlete or contestant (called in these Regulations a manager);
  - (c) an individual who assists an athlete or a contestant as advised by a coach or trainer and who assists a coach or trainer in the preparation of contestants (called in these Regulations a team staff member);
  - (d) a medical practitioner;
  - (e) a para-medical practitioner;

“athlete” means an individual participating in a sporting activity (whether or not in training for competition or otherwise) and where the sporting activity is engaged in or played in or as part of a sporting competition, includes a contestant in the sporting competition;

“audience participation”, for a sporting event, does not include applause or approval expressed —

- (a) by handclapping;
- (b) while seated; and
- (c) without any accompanying verbal exhortations, singing or whistling;

“building” includes part of a building;

“business” includes any business in Singapore, whether or not carried on for profit;

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“combat sport entertainment” means any combat sport that involves 2 or more individuals —

- (a) doing any or a combination of any of the following according to a pre-arranged or choreographed (but not improvised) sequence of movements:
  - (i) grapple with, punch, kick or throw each other (including light contact);
  - (ii) strike or hit each other, whether or not with a weapon; and
- (b) for the primary objective of entertainment or displaying the combat sport (even if scores are kept);

“contestant”, in relation to a sporting competition, means an individual —

- (a) who competes, or has been selected to compete, as a representative of Singapore in an international sporting event, or a series of international sporting events, either as an individual or as a member of a national team;
- (b) who competes in an international sporting event held in Singapore; or
- (c) who is included in a group of persons formed for the purpose of the selection of persons to compete, as representatives of Singapore, in an international sporting event or a series of international sporting events, either as individuals or as members of a national team;

“Control Order” means any of the following:

- (a) the Main Control Order;
- (b) these Regulations;
- (c) the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 927/2020);

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- (d) the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 278/2021);

*[S 618/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

“countable persons”, for a sporting event, means the following individuals:

- (a) any athlete or contestant taking part or competing in a sporting activity at the sporting event;
- (b) any associate of an athlete or a contestant mentioned in paragraph (a);
- (c) any official officiating at the sporting event;
- (d) any umpire or referee umpiring or refereeing the sporting activity;
- (e) any individual the principal purpose of his or her being in the sports venue is to provide services in connection with the conduct of the sporting event;

“crowd management period”, for a sporting event, means —

- (a) the period —
  - (i) starting 60 minutes before the time that the sporting event is stated will begin daily on any marketing material relating to the sporting event; and
  - (ii) ending 60 minutes after the time that the sporting event is stated will end daily on any marketing material relating to the sporting event; or
- (b) if the sporting event is a series of matches, games, competitions, displays or exhibitions of any sporting activity, the period —
  - (i) starting 30 minutes before the time that the match, game, competition, display or exhibition is stated will begin on any marketing material relating to the sporting event; and

- (ii) ending 30 minutes after the time that the match, game, competition, display or exhibition is stated will end on any marketing material relating to the sporting event;

“display”, for any sporting activity, includes a demonstration of the sporting activity for the purpose of —

- (a) promoting the sporting activity;
- (b) entertainment; or
- (c) determining an individual’s proficiency in the sporting activity;

“grandstand” means an indoor or outdoor, permanent or temporary, spectator viewing facility within a purpose-built sports facility, and includes seating accommodation, gangways, stairwells, concourses, barriers, access and egress points and ramps leading to and from the spectator viewing facility;

“Main Control Order” means the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 254/2020);

“major participation sporting event” means any participation sporting event as described in regulation 12(2);

“major spectator sporting event” means any spectator sporting event as described in regulation 12(1);

“major sporting event” means a sporting event to which Part 3 applies;

“marketing material”, for a sporting event, means any of the following:

- (a) a ticket for a sporting event that is a spectator sporting event;
- (b) any catalogue or price list of tickets mentioned in paragraph (a);
- (c) any advertisement (online or otherwise) or other publicity material promoting the sporting event;

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“martial art” does not include Chinese lion dancing;

“non-participant” means an individual who does not participate in any sporting activity at a sporting event during the crowd management period of the sporting event, being either —

- (a) a spectator at the sporting event;
- (b) an associate of an athlete or a contestant participating in the sporting activity;
- (c) an official of the sporting event; or
- (d) at work or otherwise lawfully present at the sports venue during the sporting event but is not participating in the sporting activity;

“occupier”, for a sports venue where a sporting event takes place or is to take place in, means a person who has —

- (a) the charge, management or control of the sports venue, either on the person’s own account or as agent of another person, during the crowd management period of the sporting event; or
- (b) the use temporarily or otherwise of the sports venue during that period for the purpose of the sporting event;

“official”, in relation to any sporting activity engaged in or played at a sporting event, means an individual who, in one or more of the following capacities, works with one or more athletes or contestants participating or competing in the sporting activity at the sporting event:

- (a) an individual who determines the points scored by each athlete or contestant in the sporting event (called in these Regulations a judge);
- (b) an individual who regulates the number and length of rounds, and the interval between rounds, of each round of competition or contests between particular athletes or contestants or particular teams of athletes or contestants (called in these Regulations a timekeeper);

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“other sporting event facilities” means any of the following areas within a sports venue for a sporting event:

- (a) a merchandise or souvenir shop or stall, or a commercial, franchise or entertainment facility, because of any sponsorship-like arrangement with the sporting event;
- (b) a broadcasting or media facility;
- (c) a storage area for sporting equipment or devices;
- (d) a ticketing area, turnstile or other entry and exit place, washroom or other like amenity for the convenience of spectators;
- (e) a timing facility or other facility for officiating or the administration of a sporting event;

“participating in a sporting activity” means engaging in or playing the sporting activity, but does not include the following:

- (a) coaching athletes involved in a sporting activity;
- (b) umpiring or refereeing a sporting activity in a substantially seated or stationary position;

“participation sporting event” means any of the following arranged or held in the course of business and that is not excluded by paragraph (3) and is not a spectator sporting event:

- (a) a type of match, game, competition, display or exhibition of any sporting activity;
- (b) a series of matches, games, competitions, displays or exhibitions of any sporting activity,

involving the engaging in or playing of one or more sporting activities (whether or not for competition) at a sports venue to which mainly athletes (but no spectators) are admitted on payment of a fee or charge, or after making a donation, or admitted free of charge, to take part in the sporting activity at the sports venue; and in the case of a sporting event that



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consists of matches, games, competitions, displays or exhibitions of any sporting activity (such as a tournament), includes any opening ceremony or closing ceremony, connected with that series;

*[S 307/2021 wef 08/05/2021]*

“place” includes —

- (a) an open space or area (whether indoor or outdoor);
- (b) an area of open water or a waterway;
- (c) a road or path; and
- (d) any part of a place;

“purpose-built sports facility” means a building or an enclosed area that is dedicated or built and suitable for the holding of specific sporting activities, such as a stadium, swimming pool complex or badminton hall;

“reserved playing space”, for any sporting activity, means a part of a sports venue set apart or reserved for the playing or conduct of the sporting activity at that sports venue (whether or not a sporting competition), or any building or place set apart or reserved for the playing or conduct of the sporting activity, and includes —

- (a) a playing field;
- (b) a track;
- (c) an arena;
- (d) a court or a rink;
- (e) a swimming pool or diving pool;
- (f) a road which is being used for a major sporting event;
- (g) an area of open water which is being used for a major sporting event;
- (h) any area delineated as sporting competition space for a major sporting event;
- (i) any area reserved for the official use of any of the following:

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- (i) athletes participating or contestants competing in the sporting activity;
  - (ii) associates of an athlete or a contestant mentioned in sub-paragraph (i);
  - (iii) officials officiating at, or umpires and referees umpiring or refereeing the sporting activity; and
- (j) for a combat sport contest, any area between the reserved playing space in which the combat sport contest takes place and any structure or other barrier between the contestants and spectators;

“spectator”, for a sporting event, means an individual who is entitled to be admitted to a sports venue where the sporting event is being or is to be conducted —

- (a) for the purpose of attending or watching any game or sporting activity played or conducted, or to be played or conducted, in the reserved playing space of that sports venue; or

*[S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*

- (b) to report on the sporting event,

and includes such an individual who is about to enter the sports venue or is in the spectators’ area, but excludes any countable person;

“spectator sporting event” means any of the following arranged or held in the course of business:

- (a) a type of match, game, competition, display or exhibition of any sporting activity;
- (b) a series of matches, games, competitions, displays or exhibitions of any sporting activity,

involving the engaging in or playing of one or more sporting activities (whether or not for competition) at a sports venue to which spectators are admitted on payment of a fee or charge, or after making a donation, or admitted free of charge, to view the playing of the sporting activity at the sports venue or

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to enter or remain at the sports venue; and in the case of a sporting event that consists of matches, games, competitions, displays or exhibitions of any sporting activity (such as a tournament), includes any opening ceremony or closing ceremony connected with that series;

“spectators’ area”, for a spectator sporting event, means an area (sheltered or otherwise) within the sports venue where the spectator sporting event is being or is to be conducted to which a spectator is admitted (whether or not by payment or otherwise) to view a game or sporting activity played or conducted in the reserved playing space of that sports venue, but excludes the following:

- (a) the reserved playing space in that sports venue;
- (b) any ticketing area, turnstile or other entry and exit place, washroom or other like facilities for the convenience of spectators;

“sponsorship-like arrangement” means —

- (a) a right to associate a person or a person’s goods or services with —
  - (i) a sporting event;
  - (ii) a sporting event organiser of a sporting event;  
or
  - (iii) any activity associated with a sporting event; or
- (b) an affiliation or association (whether commercial or non-commercial) with —
  - (i) a sporting event;
  - (ii) a sporting event organiser of a sporting event;  
or
  - (iii) any activity associated with a sporting event;

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“sporting activity” means any sport, game, martial art, combat sport entertainment, fitness activity or recreation activity involving primarily the exercise of physical prowess or dexterity, physical strength, physical stamina or mental stamina and to the extent that —

- (a) human beings are the only contestants or participants who engage in or play the sport, game, martial art, combat sport entertainment or activity; or
- (b) it is a sport or game or an activity in which human beings compete or participate in —
  - (i) by riding animals or exercising other skills in relation to animals;
  - (ii) by driving, piloting, crewing any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other form of transport;
  - (iii) by competing with natural obstacles or natural forces, or by overcoming them; or
  - (iv) by using a computer on a computer monitor, television screen, mobile device or similar medium with electronically recorded data installed in to support an interactive computer game or computer-generated images,

but does not include any of the following:

- (c) any horse racing, harness racing, pony racing and greyhound racing;
- (d) any group fitness activity or group recreation activity that is not organised in the course of any business;
- (e) a game of chance, or a game that is presented as involving an element of chance;
- (f) [*Deleted by S 307/2021 wef 08/05/2021*]

“sporting competition” means a sporting event where at least one of the participants is competing for a monetary prize or other reward, and includes competitive ballroom dancing;

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“sporting event” means any of the following held in Singapore:

- (a) a participation sporting event;
- (b) a spectator sporting event,

whether or not also a sporting competition, and includes an international sporting event to the extent that part of it is held in Singapore;

“sporting event organiser” means a person who is responsible (whether fully or substantially) for —

- (a) the organisation and holding of a sporting event; and
- (b) the receipt of revenue from the sporting event (if any),

but does not include a person by reason only of being a party to a sponsorship-like arrangement connected with the sporting event;

“sports venue”, for any sporting activity, means any purpose-built sports facility, or any other building or place (but not an amusement centre) where —

- (a) the sporting activity is or is to be played or conducted; or
- (b) a sporting event involving that sporting activity is taking or is to take place,

and includes any reserved playing space, the grandstand (if any) and any other spectators’ area and any other sporting event facilities;

*Examples*

A golf course, golf driving range, tennis court, climbing wall, hardcourt, playfield and waterbody, lawn bowling green, outdoor swimming pool, equestrian centre, skateboard ramp, go-kart track, rifle range or water-ski centre.

A gymnasium, health studio, climbing wall, indoor hall, indoor swimming pool, indoor rifle range, indoor court or bowling alley.

“ticket”, for a spectator sporting event involving a sporting activity, means a ticket issued or offered for sale by a person

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authorised by a sporting event organiser of the spectator sporting event, to make the first supply of tickets entitling the purchaser of such a ticket or a holder thereof to enter the sports venue where the sporting activity is played or to be played, to attend or watch the spectator sporting event;

“unmasked”, in relation to an individual, means to be not wearing a mask and includes an individual wearing a face shield in lieu of a mask;

*[S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*

“unmasking concession for public speaking” has the meaning given by the Main Control Order.

*[S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*

(2) Unless expressly provided otherwise in these Regulations, any word or expression in these Regulations that is defined in the Main Control Order has the meaning given to it by the Main Control Order.

(3) For the purposes of these Regulations, any type of match, game, competition, display or exhibition of any sporting activity (or a series thereof) arranged or held in the course of business must not be treated as a participation sporting event if the individuals who engage in or play one or more of those sporting activities do so —

- (a) during the conduct of any lesson, coaching or instruction of the sporting activity provided by a person carrying on an education business; and
- (b) under the supervision of an instructor authorised by the person carrying on the education business.

*[S 307/2021 wef 08/05/2021]*

### **Meaning of physical distancing requirements**

3.—(1) The general physical distancing requirement for a sporting activity that is or is to be engaged or played in a sports venue means the requirement to ensure that, within any part of the sports venue, there is a distance of at least one metre —

- (a) between every individual who is not participating in any sporting activity and who is a member of any cohort of 5 or fewer such individuals from any other individual in the

sports venue who is not participating in any sporting activity —

- (i) who is alone; or
- (ii) who is a member of another cohort of such individuals in the sports venue; or

*[S 587/2021 wef 10/08/2021]*

*[S 307/2021 wef 08/05/2021]*

*[S 326/2021 wef 16/05/2021]*

*[S 369/2021 wef 14/06/2021]*

*[S 539/2021 wef 22/07/2021]*

*[S 587/2021 wef 10/08/2021]*

*[S 719/2021 wef 27/09/2021]*

*[S 891/2021 wef 22/11/2021]*

- (b) between any 2 individuals who are not participating in any sporting activity in the sports venue, in all other cases.

(2) The participant physical distancing requirement for a sporting activity that is being engaged in or played means the requirement to ensure that, within the reserved playing space in the sports venue for that sporting activity, there is a distance of at least 2 metres between any 2 individuals when they are participating in the sporting activity.

(3) However, paragraph (2) does not apply to prevent physical contact between athletes and contestants participating in a sporting activity or a temporary shorter distance between athletes and contestants where the rules of the sporting activity require otherwise.

### **Meaning of segregation requirements**

4.—(1) The segregation requirement for a sports venue where a spectator sporting event takes place or is to take place means the requirement —

- (a) to establish one or more segregation zones in the spectators' area in the sports venue, with each zone providing for seating for not more than 100 spectators and no accommodation for standing spectators;

*[S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*

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- (b) to clearly delineate the boundaries of each segregation zone in a substantially unbroken manner by means of any of the following:
- (i) any wall or other non-porous partition or screen that is 1.8 metres or taller measured from the floor of the part of the spectators' area;
  - (ii) any stanchion with barrier rope or tape or other similar physical barrier, that is at least 2 metres away from the boundary of another segregation zone;
- [S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*
- (c) to allocate each spectator into not more than one segregation zone;
- (d) to ensure that any spectator who is allocated to a segregation zone does not, during the crowd management period of the sporting event, enter another segregation zone at that same sporting event; and
- (e) to establish and apply procedures or controls so as —
- (i) to ensure that a spectator allocated to a segregation zone does not physically interact with another spectator allocated to another segregation zone when they enter or leave each other's allocated segregation zone; and
  - (ii) to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 between spectators allocated to different segregation zones.

(2) However, instead of paragraph (1), an occupier of a sports venue where a sporting event is taking place or is to take place must take all reasonably practicable measures as follows in respect of spectators attending the sporting event:

- (a) establish and apply specially relating to the spectators' area in the sporting venue either —
  - (i) a digital contact tracing system with appropriate procedures and controls that record proximity information about every spectator who enters or



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remains in the spectators' area during the period of the sporting event; or

- (ii) appropriate procedures and controls that allocate every spectator a fixed seat in the spectators' area and record that information, and ensure that each spectator who is allocated to a seat does not, during the period of the sporting event, change his or her seat;
- (b) ensure that every spectator is seated during the period of the sporting event;
- (c) ensure that every spectator wears a mask during the period of the sporting event;
- (d) assist and cooperate with the sporting event organiser to ensure no audience participation during the period of the sporting event.

### **Meaning of capacity and participant cohorting requirements**

**5.—(1)** The spectator capacity requirement for a sports venue where a spectator sporting event takes place or is to take place means the requirement that limits the number of spectators who are or may be allowed to be present within the spectators' area of the sports venue at any one time during the crowd management period of the sporting event to the number of individuals which the spectators' area may accommodate if regulations 10B(1)(k), 12 and 13E(1)(d) and the First Schedule (where applicable) of the Main Control Order are complied with.

(2) The major spectator sporting event capacity requirement for a sports venue where a major spectator sporting event takes place or is to take place means the requirement that limits the number of spectators who are or may be allowed to be present within the spectators' area of the sports venue at any one time during the crowd management period of the sporting event to the lower of the following:

- (a) where the sports venue is a restricted place within the meaning of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering

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Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021), and every spectator who is present or may be allowed to be present within the spectators' area of the sports venue has a cleared status during the crowd management period of the sporting event — the lower of the following:

- (i) 1,000;
- (ii) the number of individuals which the spectators' area of the sports venue may accommodate if all the following are complied with:
  - (A) the segregation requirement in regulation 4(1);
  - (B) the general physical distancing requirement;
  - (C) the spectator capacity requirement;
  - (D) regulations 10B(1)(k), 12 and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order; or

*[S 618/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

(b) in any other case — the lower of the following:

- (i) 50;
- (ii) the number of individuals which the spectators' area of the sports venue may accommodate if all the following are complied with:
  - (A) the segregation requirement in regulation 4(1);
  - (B) the general physical distancing requirement;
  - (C) the spectator capacity requirement;
  - (D) regulations 10B(1)(k), 12 and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order.

*[S 618/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

(3) The major participation sporting event capacity requirement for a sports venue where a major participation sporting event takes place or is to take place means the requirement that limits the number of

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athletes, contestants and other individuals participating, or likely to be participating, in any sporting activity played or engaged in at the sporting event at any one time during the crowd management period of the sporting event to —

- (a) where every athlete, contestant or other individual participating, or likely to be participating, in any of those sporting activities has a cleared status during the crowd management period of the sporting event — 1,000; or
- (b) in any other case — 50.

*[S 618/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

(4) The participant cohorting requirement for a sporting activity played or engaged in at a participation sporting event means the requirement that limits the number of individuals allowed at any one time during the crowd management period of the sporting event —

- (a) to 100 individuals participating in the sporting activity per match, game, contest, display or exhibition of the sporting activity, in the case of a major participation sporting event; and

*[S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*

- (b) to the following number of athletes to engage in or play a sporting activity:
  - (i) 5 athletes per match, game, contest, display or exhibition of the sporting activity, if the sporting activity takes place indoors;

*[S 511/2021 wef 12/07/2021]*

*[S 527/2021 wef 19/07/2021]*

*[S 587/2021 wef 10/08/2021]*

*[S 719/2021 wef 27/09/2021]*

*[S 891/2021 wef 22/11/2021]*

- (ii) 5 athletes per match, game, contest, display or exhibition of the sporting activity, if the sporting activity takes place substantially outdoors.

*[S 539/2021 wef 22/07/2021]*

*[S 587/2021 wef 10/08/2021]*

*[S 719/2021 wef 27/09/2021]*

*[S 891/2021 wef 22/11/2021]*

*[S 377/2021 wef 21/06/2021]*

### **Meaning of contact tracing requirement**

**6.—(1)** The contact tracing requirement for a sports venue where a sporting event takes place or is to take place means the requirement to establish and apply, so far as is reasonably practicable, (jointly with another or otherwise) appropriate procedures and controls specially relating to the sporting event —

- (a) that enable or facilitate contact tracing of every one of the following who enter the sports venue:
  - (i) a spectator;
  - (ii) any athlete or contestant taking part or competing in a sporting activity at the sporting event;
  - (iii) any associate of an athlete or a contestant mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii);
  - (iv) any official officiating at the sporting event;
  - (v) any umpire or referee umpiring or refereeing the sporting activity;
  - (vi) any individual the principal purpose of his or her being in the sports venue is to provide an authorised service in connection with the conduct of the spectator sporting event; and
- (b) that comply with every direction under regulation 19(3) addressed to the occupier in relation to that sporting event.

(2) The contact tracing requirement in these Regulations is in addition to the requirement in regulation 10B(1)(c) of the Main Control Order.

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**Meaning of entry controls**

7.—(1) The basic entry controls for a sports venue where a sporting event takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement —

(a) to refuse entry to the sports venue by any individual —

(i) whom the occupier of the sports venue knows or has reason to believe is subject to a movement control measure; or

(ii) who refuses to comply with any contact tracing measure established or applied by the occupier of the sports venue in order to comply with the contact tracing requirement; and

*[S 618/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

(b) *[Deleted by S 618/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

(c) to refuse entry to the sports venue by any individual whom the occupier of the sports venue knows or has reason to believe to be seeking entry for any purpose other than as follows:

(i) a spectator;

(ii) any athlete or contestant taking part or competing in a sporting activity at the sporting event;

(iii) any associate of an athlete or a contestant mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii);

(iv) any official officiating at the sporting event;

(v) any umpire or referee umpiring or refereeing the sporting activity;

(vi) any individual the principal purpose of his or her being in the sports venue is to provide an authorised service in connection with the conduct of the spectator sporting event.

(2) The enhanced entry controls with respect to a sports venue where a sporting event takes place, or is to take place, means a requirement to establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the sporting event, all reasonably practicable procedures

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and protocols that ensure that only the following enter or remain within the sports venue during that crowd management period:

- (a) a spectator or countable person with a cleared status;
- (b) a spectator or countable person who is an uncleared junior, unless there are also present, in the sports venue during that crowd management period, other spectators and countable persons who are uncleared juniors and are not below the maximum permissible number of uncleared juniors for the sports venue during that crowd management period.

*[S 587/2021 wef 10/08/2021]*

(2A) The maximum permissible number of uncleared juniors for a sports venue during the crowd management period of the sporting event taking place in that sports venue is —

- (a) for a spectator sporting event — 20% of the total number of spectators present or who may be present within the sports venue during that crowd management period, rounded down to the nearest whole number; or
- (b) for a participation sporting event — 20% of the total number of countable persons present or who may be present within the sports venue during that crowd management period, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

*[S 587/2021 wef 10/08/2021]*

(3) Any word or expression in paragraph (2) that is defined in the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021) has the meaning given to it by those Regulations.

### **Meaning of cleaning requirement**

8. The cleaning requirement for a sports venue in which a sporting activity is or is to be engaged in or played means the requirement —

- (a) to ensure that any common area, furniture or fittings within the sports venue which are not for the exclusive use of any individual participating in the sporting activity or non-participant (or any of them in combination) in the

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sports venue, or are used by any of these individuals to move through the sports venue (commonly called high-touch places and surfaces) —

- (i) are periodically cleaned and disinfected within each day, following appropriate procedures and at an appropriate frequency so as to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 from the use of the same area by several such individuals at the same time or different times; and
  - (ii) are, as far as is reasonably practicable, at all times provided with easily accessible disinfecting agents like hand sanitisers, disinfectant sprays, paper towels and wipes, for the free use of such individuals in the sports venue;
- (b) to ensure that any sporting equipment or device or any article or thing, being an equipment or a device, or an article or a thing which is shared or may be shared by, or used or may be used by or on, more than one individual participating in the sporting activity or non-participant (or any of them in combination) during the sporting event —
- (i) is periodically cleaned and disinfected after each use, following appropriate procedures and at an appropriate frequency so as to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 from the sharing or common and continuous touching of the equipment, device, article or thing by or on several such individuals; and
  - (ii) is not easily accessible for use by more than one such individual (or any combination of them) at the same time or different times, by applying appropriate procedures and controls that minimise such sharing or use and the physical interaction between these individuals;

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- (c) to ensure that a reasonable period of time elapses —
- (i) since the end of an earlier sporting event to allow for cleaning as described in paragraph (a) or (b) or both, in between the earlier sporting event and the start of the next sporting event; or
  - (ii) if the sporting event is a series of matches, games, competitions, displays or exhibitions of any sporting activity, since the end of an earlier match, game, competition, display or exhibition to allow for cleaning as described in paragraph (a) or (b) or both, in between the earlier match, game, competition, display or exhibition and the start of the next match, game, competition, display or exhibition, as the case may be; and
- (d) to ensure that the sports venue is cleaned and disinfected at the end of daily business, and before re-opening after any closure of business or undertaking (voluntarily or otherwise) at the sports venue.

## PART 2

### SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ORDINARY SPORTING EVENTS

#### **Application of this Part**

**9.** This Part applies to and in relation to any sporting event held or conducted on or after 24 April 2021 in Singapore where —

- (a) for a spectator sporting event — the total number of spectators and countable persons present or likely to be present at any time during any crowd management period of the sporting event, or all those crowd management periods in a day is not more than 50; or  
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- (b) for a participation sporting event where any sporting activity is engaged in or played at the sporting event, the total number of —



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- (i) athletes, contestants and other individuals participating, or likely to participate, in any of those sporting activities during any crowd management period of the sporting event, or all those crowd management periods in a day; and
  - (ii) countable persons present or likely to be present at any time during any crowd management period of the sporting event, or all those crowd management periods in a day,

is not more than 50.

### **Approval needed for ordinary sporting events**

**9A.** A sporting event organiser for a sporting event to which this Part applies and that takes place on or after 8 May 2021, must not intentionally or negligently cause or allow the sporting event to take place without the prior approval of the approving authority.

*[S 307/2021 wef 08/05/2021]*

### **Requirements for occupier of sports venue**

**10.—(1)** An occupier of a sports venue where a sporting event to which this Part applies takes place, or is to take place, must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to comply with the following during the crowd management period of the sporting event and with respect to the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place:
  - (i) the general physical distancing requirement;
  - (ii) the participant physical distancing requirement;
  - (iii) the contact tracing requirement;
  - (iv) the basic entry controls;
  - (v) the cleaning requirement;
  - (vi) the spectator capacity requirement where the sporting event is a spectator sporting event; and

(b) to ensure that during the crowd management period of the sporting event —

- (i) no food or drink is supplied or consumed at the participants' area where the sporting event takes place or is to take place; and
- (ii) no singing and no playing of a musical instrument are engaged in or provided by any one in the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place.

(2) However, paragraph (1)(b) does not apply to prevent the consumption of a drink in an emergency where the drink is necessary to preserve life or prevent injury or further injury.

### **Requirements for sporting event organiser**

**11.—**(1) A sporting event organiser for a sporting event to which this Part applies must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to ensure no audience participation during the crowd management period of the sporting event;
- (b) to comply with the participant cohorting requirement in regulation 5(4)(b) during the crowd management period of the sporting event and with respect to the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place; and
- (c) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the sporting event, between any individual participating in the sporting activity played or conducted at the sporting event and any non-participant within the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place.

(2) In addition, a sporting event organiser for a sporting event to which this Part applies must take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that at all times during the crowd management period of the sporting event —

- (a) every individual participating in the sporting activity played or conducted at the sporting event and non-participant in the sports venue is wearing a mask if

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the individual or non-participant (as the case may be) is not authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she does not have a reasonable excuse to be unmasked; and

- (b) the number of individuals who are unmasked in the sports venue where the major sporting event is taking place does not exceed the maximum number permissible under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 if those Regulations apply to elements present during the sporting event.

### PART 3

#### SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS

##### **Application of this Part**

**12.**—(1) This Part applies to and in relation to any spectator sporting event held or conducted on or after 24 April 2021 in Singapore where the total number of spectators and countable persons present or likely to be present at any time during any crowd management period of the sporting event, or all those crowd management periods in a day, is more than 50.

(2) This Part also applies to and in relation to any participation sporting event where any sporting activity engaged in or played at the sporting event —

- (a) that is held or conducted on or after 24 April 2021 in Singapore; and
- (b) where the total number of —
- (i) athletes, contestants and other individuals participating, or likely to participate, in any of those sporting activities during any crowd management period of the sporting event, or all those crowd management periods in a day; and

- (ii) countable persons present or likely to be present at any time during any crowd management period of the sporting event, or all those crowd management periods in a day,

is more than 50.

### **Approval needed for major sporting events**

**13.** A sporting event organiser for a major sporting event to which this Part applies must not intentionally or negligently cause or allow the major sporting event to take place without the prior approval of the approving authority.

### **Requirements for occupier of sports venue for major sporting event**

**14.—(1)** An occupier of a sports venue where a major sporting event to which this Part applies takes place, or is to take place, must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to comply with the following during the crowd management period of the major sporting event and with respect to the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place:
  - (i) the general physical distancing requirement;
  - (ii) the participant physical distancing requirement;
  - (iii) the contact tracing requirement;
  - (iv) the basic entry controls;
  - (v) the segregation requirement in regulation 4(1);
  - (vi) the cleaning requirement;
  - (vii) the major spectator sporting event capacity requirement in regulation 5(2) where the sporting event is a spectator sporting event;
- (b) to ensure that during the crowd management period of the major sporting event —

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- (i) no food or drink is supplied or consumed at the participants' area where the sporting event takes place or is to take place; and
  - (ii) no singing and no playing of a musical instrument are engaged in or provided by any one in the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place;
- (c) to establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the major sporting event, enhanced entry controls with respect to the sporting event where —
- (i) the sports venue is a restricted place within the meaning of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021; and
  - (ii) the approving authority gives a direction under regulation 19(3) requiring enhanced entry controls with respect to that sporting event;
- (d) to ensure that any spectator attending the major sporting event is at least 2 metres away from any reserved playing space of the sports venue where the sporting activity is taking place;
- [S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*
- (e) to ensure that the spectators' area is at least 2 metres away from the boundary of any reserved playing space of the sports venue where the sporting activity is taking place;
- [S 860/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*
- (f) to ensure that every spectator during the period of the crowd management period of the major spectator sporting event —
- (i) is seated in the spectators' area, either alone or in a cohort that consists of 5 or fewer individuals in total who are either —
    - (A) all uncleared juniors all from the same household;
    - (B) all individuals each with a cleared status; or

(C) a mix of uncleared juniors (all from the same household) and other individuals each with a cleared status;

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(ii) is at all times at least one metre away from any other individual in that spectators' area or another cohort; and

(iii) is at all times at least 2 metres away from any athlete when participating in a sporting activity at the sporting event when measured from the edge of the reserved playing space on which the sporting activity takes place or is to take place; and

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(g) to ensure that every direction given under regulation 19(3) with respect to that sporting event is complied with during the crowd management period of the sporting event.

(2) However, paragraph (1)(b) does not apply to prevent the consumption of a drink in an emergency where the drink is necessary to preserve life or prevent injury or further injury.

### **Requirements for major sporting event organiser**

**15.—**(1) A sporting event organiser for a major sporting event to which this Part applies must take all reasonably practicable measures —

(a) to ensure no audience participation during the crowd management period of the major sporting event;

(b) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the major sporting event, between any individual participating in the sporting activity played or conducted at the sporting event and any non-participant within the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place;

(c) to ensure that the total number of countable persons within the reserved playing space in the sports venue where the

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major sporting event takes place or is to take place does not exceed —

- (i) 50 where the major sporting event is a spectator sporting event; or
- (ii) 100 where the major sporting event is a participation sporting event;

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(d) to comply with —

- (i) the major participation sporting event capacity requirement in regulation 5(3) where the sporting event is a participation sporting event; and
- (ii) the participant cohorting requirement in regulation 5(4)(b) during the crowd management period of the sporting event and with respect to the sports venue where the sporting event takes place or is to take place;

(e) to provide temporary barriers along a route in a public place where the sporting activity takes place so as to prevent people from falling as well as to retain, separate, control, guide and protect the athletes participating in the sporting activity, and stop other people from joining or viewing the sporting activity; and

(f) to ensure that every direction given under regulation 19(3) with respect to that sporting event is complied with during the crowd management period of the sporting event.

(2) In addition, a sporting event organiser for a major sporting event to which this Part applies must take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that at all times during the crowd management period of the major sporting event —

- (a) only an athlete or a contestant engaged in or playing the sporting activity at the sporting event is unmasked;
- (b) every other athlete or contestant wears a mask when not engaged in or playing the sporting activity at the sporting

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event where he or she is not authorised under any Control Order or has no reasonable excuse to be unmasked;

- (c) every individual in the sports venue where the sporting event is taking place is each wearing a mask if the individual is not authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she does not have a reasonable excuse to be unmasked; and
- (d) the number of individuals who are unmasked in the sports venue where the major sporting event is taking place does not exceed the maximum number permissible under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 if those Regulations apply to elements present during the sporting event.

### **Cooperating with sporting event organiser and occupier**

**16.** Each of the following individuals present in a sports venue in which a major sporting event is taking or is to take place must cooperate with the sporting event organiser of the major sporting event and the occupier of the sports venue to enable the sporting event organiser and the occupier to comply with their respective requirements under this Part in relation to the sporting event:

- (a) any athlete or contestant taking part or competing in a sporting activity at the sporting event;
- (b) any associate of an athlete or a contestant mentioned in paragraph (a);
- (c) any official officiating at the sporting event;
- (d) any umpire or referee umpiring or refereeing the sporting activity;
- (e) any individual the principal purpose of his or her being in the sports venue is to provide services in connection with the conduct of the spectator sporting event.



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**Mask wearing**

**17.—(1)** During the crowd management period of a major sporting event taking place in a sports venue —

- (a) an athlete or a contestant not engaged in or playing a sporting activity at the sporting event must not be unmasked; and
- (b) every spectator in the spectators' area and every non-participant in the sports venue must not be unmasked where he or she has no reasonable excuse to be unmasked.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not prevent an individual to be unmasked where he or she is authorised under the Main Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she has some other reasonable excuse to be unmasked.

**Maintaining distance between participants and spectators**

**18.** An individual participating in a sporting activity at a major sporting event must, when engaged in or playing the sporting activity, remain as far as practicable at least 2 metres away from any spectator attending that sporting event when measured from any edge of the reserved playing space where the sporting activity takes place.

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**PART 4****ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS****Alternative arrangements**

**19.—(1)** The approving authority may specify a higher number for any requirement in regulation 4(1)(a), 5(2)(a), (3) or (4), or for any requirement in regulation 7(2)(b) so far as it relates to a participation sporting event, or waive (in whole or part) any requirement in regulation 14(1)(b), (d), (e) or (f), 15(1)(c) or (2), 17 or 18, in respect of a particular major sporting event only —

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- (a) on the application of the person who is the organiser of the major sporting event or the occupier of the sports venue where the major sporting event is taking place or both; and
  - (b) if the approving authority is personally satisfied that all of the matters in paragraph (2) apply.

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*[S 618/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

(2) The matters the approving authority must be satisfied about are as follows:

- (a) the person who is the organiser of the major sporting event or the occupier of the sports venue where the major sporting event is taking place or both —
  - (i) have adequately identified the significant risks to the incidence and transmission of COVID-19 in the community in Singapore associated with the matter applied to be specified or waived;
  - (ii) have established a plan on how to manage or control those risks; and
  - (iii) each has the relevant knowledge, competency, experience and suitable compliance record connected with safe management measures for sporting events of the same nature as the particular sporting event;
- (b) there are requirements in other written law or there are other means that help minimise the public health risks associated with the matter to be specified or waived, besides the Main Control Order and these Regulations;
- (c) the granting of the application is necessary or desirable to facilitate resumption of business or to avoid unnecessary restrictions on commerce having regard to the incidence and transmission of COVID-19 in the community in Singapore when the application is made;
- (d) there are applicable international practice or customs for holding the sporting event in a particular way.

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(3) Any number specified or any waiver by the approving authority of an application under paragraph (1) in respect of a particular major sporting event may be accompanied by directions addressed to the person who is the organiser of the major sporting event or the occupier of the sports venue where the major sporting event is taking place or both, containing —

- (a) variations of any requirements in these Regulations in relation to that particular sporting event, which may include more stringent requirements than in these Regulations;
- (b) a requirement for enhanced entry controls to be established and maintained at the sports venue, during the crowd management period of the major sporting event; or
- (c) other measures in respect of that major sporting event that satisfy the objectives and performance requirements in the Main Control Order and these Regulations for preventing, protecting against, delaying or otherwise controlling the incidence or transmission of COVID-19 in Singapore, having regard to the nature of the sporting event,

so as to mitigate the significant risks to the incidence and transmission of COVID-19 in the community in Singapore associated with the matter specified or waived.

### **Interface with Main Control Order**

**20.**—(1) The requirements specified in these Regulations are in addition to the requirements in the Main Control Order, and these Regulations prevail if, and to the extent, there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the requirements in the Main Control Order insofar as those requirements in the Main Control Order may apply in connection with any sporting activity or sporting event.

(2) These Regulations do not apply to prevent or restrict —

- (a) the Government or any public body doing or omitting to do anything in the performance of any function, the exercise of any power or the discharge of any duty of the

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Government or public body (as the case may be) under law; or

- (b) any individual acting under the authority or direction of the Government or any public body in the performance of any function, the exercise of any power or the discharge of any duty of the Government or public body (as the case may be) under law.

(3) Without limiting the meaning of “reasonable excuse” in section 34(7) of the Act, it is a reasonable excuse for a person doing or omitting to do any act in contravention of any provision of these Regulations if the act is done or omitted to be done in good faith and for the purpose of complying with or giving effect to —

- (a) any other written law; or
- (b) any order or requirement of the Government or a public body, or an individual mentioned in paragraph (2)(b), given in the performance of any function, the exercise of any power or the discharge of any duty of the Government or public body (as the case may be) under law.

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