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### RE: Cancellation of 2020 Inter Provincial (IPT) Cricket Events

We hope you are all safe, healthy and at home with your loved ones. Many of us are in lockdown situations and we hope you have ways of keeping fit and well during this time. It is hard to believe how quickly the COVID-19 crisis has engulfed the world.

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding, during this very difficult time. There were many factors we had to take into consideration before making this very difficult decision, but honestly feel it is in the best interest of the players and officials involved. While our team is working through the new challenges Covid-19 is presenting, we wanted to give you an update on where we stand and how we got here to provide better understanding of why these events are being cancelled.

- Social distancing for the near and foreseeable future in 2020, will pose massive challenges hosting these events. Players safety is paramount. Restrictions will detract from the “vibe” of these great events.
- Schools are under immense pressure to get the academic year re-started, to try and fit in a 10 day Junior tournament amongst all these unknowns is not viable and may create more inconvenience if we had to postpone again.
- Leave structures in 2020 going forward for players are going to be really challenged, and we feel this will impact the entries that make our tournaments such a success.

After considerable evaluation, we are able to confirm the following;

#### Little League and Juniors

1. Little League & Juniors IPT will be cancelled for 2020.
2. This IPT will be rescheduled for March/April 2021 (Depending on School Holidays)
3. This tournament will be hosted at Meyersdal Action Sports and dates will be confirmed as soon as the 2021 School terms are confirmed.
4. SA Squad selection for World Series 2021 will take place at this tournament.

#### Opens

1. Opens IPT will be cancelled for 2020.
2. This IPT will be rescheduled for May 2021
3. This tournament will be hosted at Bloemfontein Action Sports and dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.



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### Over 30, Under 30 & Under 23

1. Under IPT will be cancelled for 2020.
2. This IPT will be rescheduled for August 2021
3. This tournament will be hosted at Durban North Action Sports and dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

### Overs

1. Overs IPT will be cancelled for 2020.
2. This IPT will be rescheduled for September 2021
3. This tournament will be hosted at Rustenburg Action Sports and dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.
4. SA Squad selection for Masters World Series 2022 will take place at this tournament.

We will update everyone shortly concerning Super League for 2020.

We need to re-evaluate what our normal was and what the new normal is, please don't hesitate to contact us should you need any further assistance. Thank you once again for your understanding and patience, and we truly hope we will see you back again in 2021!

Kind Regards,

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