

6 May 2020

Dear Parents

We are deeply concerned about the impact of measures to curb the effect of the Corona virus on our Aquatics community. We acknowledge the financial impact on the lives of our community and the long-term effect. It is true that the longer the lockdown measures (specifically for sport and learn to swim) is in place, the more serious the financial effect will be. The corona crisis has rendered people powerless to direct the course of their lives. It is asking from us to do something quite out of character. It is separating us from the very people who in other times of stress are there to help us through – our family, our friends, our community. We know, however, that together we are going to get through this. Desmond Tutu once said: "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

Our Coaches and Instructors completed an Aquatics Gauteng survey. The results of this survey indicated to us the financial impact the lockdown has on our Aquatics Community. We were able to use these results to make submissions to all relevant Departments and Institutions. It is not only the income of the Coaches and Instructors that is affected, but also the rental of lanes, the businesses that provide chemicals, the cleaning staff, administrators, etc.

We are not only concerned about the financial side, but the fact that many young children could not continue with their water safety and/or learn to swim classes. These children can be a high risk during this extended time at home. For our competitive athletes, a long absence from proper training might have an influence on their progress. Some coaches were, however, able to continue with providing their athletes with land training programmes.

We are grateful for your support to our Coaches, Instructors and Community at large.

As Provincial and District Affiliates, we try our utmost best to support our Coaches, Instructors and Athletes. Unfortunately, we do have limited resources to our disposal.

We are aware that many of our parents have also not received any income or limited income during this period. Could we, however, request those parents that can afford it, to continue to support their Coach or Instructor by paying part if not all the lesson/coaching fees. If you know of anybody or yourself would like to sponsor an amount to be available to other members of the Aquatics Community, please contact us at [aquaticsgauteng@gmail.com](mailto:aquaticsgauteng@gmail.com) and/or [aquaticsgautengreg@gmail.com](mailto:aquaticsgautengreg@gmail.com).

As always, we thank you for your understanding and support

Kind regards



  
**Anton Jordaan, President of Aquatics Gauteng and NTS**  
**Marco Marchi, President: CGA**  
**Cheryl Knight, President EGA**  
**Glenda Henning, President: Sedibeng Aquatics**

