

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL SPORT AND RECREATION AMENDMENT BILL, 2020

(MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE)

[B —2020]

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTES:

[] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing enactment

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BILL

To amend the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998, so as to delete, amend and insert certain definitions; to provide for the promotion and development of sport or recreation; to establish a Sport Arbitration Tribunal to resolve disputes between sport or recreation bodies; to provide for and regulate combat sport and fitness industry; to provide for the procedure in bidding for and hosting of international sports and recreation events; to provide for the delegation of powers; and to provide for offences and penalties; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows: —

Amendment of section 1 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 1 of Act 18 of 2007

1. Section 1 of the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), is hereby amended—

(a) by the insertion before the definition of "high performance sport" of the following definitions:

" **'club'** means an organisation or professional body constituted for a particular code of sport affiliated either to a local, provincial or national federation;

'committee' means a committee of inquiry established by the Minister to investigate any matter that put sport or recreation in disrepute, financial mismanagement, good governance, but does not include any permanent commission, board, council, committee or similar body, whether appointed pursuant to any law or otherwise;

'department' means the national department of Sport, Arts and Culture;

'Director-General' means the Director-General responsible for Sport, Arts and Culture";

(b) by the insertion after the definition of "high performance sport" of the following definition:

" **'MEC'** means a Member of the Executive Council responsible for sport and recreation in the province;"

(c) by the insertion after the definition of "National Coaching and Accreditation Institute" of the following definitions:

"national colours" means green with gold used as part of a prescribed uniform or dress in connection with a national team participating in an international event;

'national colours board' means the board appointed by the Minister to award national colours in terms of section 11;

'national emblem' means the name, title or designation of King Protea or the word King Protea used as a badge or emblem or part thereof on, formal and informal clothing, including but not limited to sports clothing, replica;"

- (d) by the substitution for the definition of "national federation" of the following definition:

" **'national federation'** means a national governing body of a code of sport **[or recreational activity]** in the Republic with affiliate members of not less than five provinces recognised by—

(a) department responsible for sport as the only authority for the administration and control of the relative code of sport in the Republic; and

(b) the relevant international controlling body **[as the only authority for the administration and control of the relative code of sport or recreational activity in the Republic]** for that particular code of sport;"

- (e) by the insertion after the definition of "prescribe" of the following definition:

" 'recreational activity' means all forms of physical activity that contribute to physical fitness, mental wellbeing and social interaction

organised as a non-competitive sport or recreational activity, including but not limited to leisure sport;";

- (f) by the deletion of the definition of "recreation service";
- (g) by the deletion of the definition of sport and recreation South Africa;
- (h) by the insertion after the definition of "regulation" of the following definition:

" **'sport or recreation agent'** means a person, including a juristic person, who represents or negotiates the employment and endorsement of a contract for a sport or recreation person or body as contemplated in section 6A;"; and

- (i) by the substitution for the definition of "sport or recreation body" of the following definition:

" **'sport or recreation body'** means any national federation, agency, club or body, including a trust, professional league, or registered company of such a national federation, agency, club or body, involved in the administration of sport or recreation at local, provincial or national level;".

Amendment of section 2 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 2 of Act 18 of 2007

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:

"(2) The Sports Confederation may, in consultation with the Minister, from time to time, develop guidelines for the promotion and development of high performance sport."; and

- (b) by the addition of the following subsections:

"(7) The Sports Confederation contemplated in subsection (1) must, amongst others, perform the following functions:

- (a) Co-ordinate all activities relating to high performance sport in the Republic, including team preparation for the major international events as contemplated in subsection (4);
- (b) develop and implement guidelines for the promotion and development of high performance sport as contemplated in subsection (2);
- (c) provide training to sport and recreation leaders as contemplated in section 7(1);
- (d) develop an incentive policy for high performance sport achievers in consultation with the Minister;
- (e) provide incentives for high performance sport achievers and practitioners;
- (f) provide support to high performance athletes in relation to major international events;
- (g) comply with the guidelines or policies to promote equity, representivity and redress in sport and recreation as contemplated in section 13A;
- (h) monitor and submit recommendations for the bidding and hosting relative to an application to host international events to the Minister as prescribed; and
- (i) establish a National Coaching and Accreditation Institute that will ensure that standards are maintained and that will distribute

to prospective employers, a job placement list in respect of successful trainers.

(8) If the Sports Confederation fails to comply with the provision of subsection (7), the Minister may by written notice to the Sports Confederation insist on compliance within 30 days as from the date of the said notice.

(9) If the Sports Confederation failed to comply with the compliance notice in terms of subsection (8), the Minister may—

(a) institute the enquiry in terms of section 13(5) of the Act;

(b) review the recognition of the Sports Confederation either by—

(i) suspending its recognition wholly or partially; or

(iii) withdraw its funding.

(10) Before issuing a notice under subsection (8), the Minister must—

(a) notify the Sports Confederation of his or her intention to issue the notice; and

(b) give the Sport Confederation a reasonable opportunity to respond to the notice.”

Amendment of section 4 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 4 of Act 18 of 2007

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion after subsection (3) of following subsection:

“(4) The Minister in consultation with sports Confederation and sports bodies may from time to time determine and publish policy

objectives to be achieved by department, the Sports Confederation and sports bodies."

Amendment of section 6 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 7 of Act 18 of 2007

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for the heading of the following heading:

"[National federations] Sport or recreation bodies";

(b) by the substitution for subsections (1) and (2) of the following subsections, respectively:

"(1) **[National federations]** Sport or recreation bodies must assume full responsibility for the safety **[issues]** and security of its members, participants, children, spectators who attend sport or recreation events and physical facilities where such events take place within their sport and recreation disciplines.

(2) **[National federations]** Sport or recreation bodies must actively participate in and support programmes and services of **[Sport and Recreation South Africa]** department and Sports Confederation **[, in so far as]** relating to high-performance sport [is concerned] and the promotion and development of sport."

(c) by the insertion after subsection (2) of the following subsections:

"(2A) Sport or recreation bodies must fulfil the obligations imposed on them by the relevant international controlling body for their respective codes of sport.

(2B) National federation must—

(a) ensure that—

- (i) selected players comply with any national call to participate in a sport;
 - (ii) the selection process for its national team is open and transparent;
 - (iii) all players, officials or managers selected for a national team must be vetted for any criminal offences; and
 - (iv) if a player, official or manager has been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine, he or she may not participate in an international sport event;
- (b) abide by the principles of good governance and ethical practices;
- (c) notify the Minister of its intention to—
- (i) lobby for candidates at an international body;
 - (ii) lobby for bidding and hosting of international events;
 - (iii) seek election to an international body;
 - (iv) vote in any elections of an international body; or
 - (v) vote in any matter dealt with by an international body;
- (d) act after consultation with the Minister and in a manner that does not bring the Republic into disrepute when any action contemplated in paragraph (c) is taken;
- (e) comply with the procedures and protocol for bidding and hosting of international sport events; and
- (f) comply with and support the following key government priorities as communicated by department:

- (i) Combating HIV and AIDS;
- (ii) anti-xenophobia;
- (iii) anti-crime;
- (iv) promotion of nation building and social cohesion;
- (v) promotion of national symbols and heritage;
- (vi) disaster management and environmental protection;
- (vii) educational promotion on issues of sports; and
- (viii) health related messages.”

(d) by the substitution in subsection (3) for the words preceding paragraph (a) of the following words:

"[National federations] Sport or recreation bodies must— "

(e) by the substitution in subsection (3) for paragraph (a) of the following paragraph:

"(a) before recruiting a foreign sport person to participate in formal and professional sport in the Republic [,]—

- (i) satisfy themselves that there are no other persons in the Republic suitable to participate in such a sport; and
- (ii) do vetting and criminal record verification in the foreign person's country of origin and any other country deemed necessary by the sport or recreation body concerned;"

(f) by the deletion in subsection (3) of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (c), the deletion of the full stop at the end of paragraph (d) and the insertion of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (d);

(g) by the addition to subsection (3) of the following paragraph:

"(e) ensure that the recruited foreign sport person has represented or coached his or her country in the manner as prescribed by the Minister."; and

(h) by the insertion after subsection (3) of the following subsections:

"(3A) The Minister must, after consultation with the Minister of Home Affairs, publish the procedure and compliance requirements for the recruitment of a foreign sport person in the Gazette.

(3B) No foreign person may participate in sport without complying with the procedures as contemplated in subsection (3A).

(3C) Any person who assists or allows a foreign sports person to participate in sport in the Republic without fully complying with the provisions of section 6 is guilty of an offence."

Insertion of sections 6A and 6B in Act 110 of 1998

5. The following sections are hereby inserted in the principal Act after section 6:

"Sport or recreation agents

6A. A sport or recreation agent must be registered and licensed as an agent in the prescribed manner.

Recognition of sport or recreation body

6B. (1) A sport or recreation body may apply in the prescribed manner for recognition as the only sport or recreation body for a particular sport code or recreation activity.

(2) The Director-General must issue a certificate recognising a sport or recreation body as the only sport or recreation body for a particular sport code or recreational activity—

(a) on the written recommendation of an advisory committee appointed in the prescribed manner and consisting of such members as may be prescribed; and

(b) subject to the sport or recreation body conforming to the definition in section 1 of a national federation and meeting the criteria prescribed by the Minister in terms of subsection (3).

(3) The Minister must prescribe criteria for the recognition of sport and recreation bodies as the only sport or recreation body for a particular sport code or recreational activity.

(4) The criteria contemplated in subsection (3) may differ for different sport bodies and recreation bodies.

(5) The Director-General may in the prescribed manner and by notice in the *Gazette* exclude a sport body from complying with the criteria contemplated in subsection (3) on receipt of a written application by a sport body containing good grounds for such exclusion.

(6) The regulations referred to in subsection (3) may provide for the withdrawal by the Director-General of an exclusion granted in terms of subsection (5) on reasonable grounds."

Amendment of section 8 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 9 of Act 18 of 2007

6. Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for the heading of the following heading:

"[Resources for sport and recreation] Sport or recreation infrastructure

(b) by the substitution for subsections (1) and (2) of the following subsections, respectively:

"(1) Department **[Sport and Recreation South Africa must]** may, in accordance with its funding policy and section 10, provide physical facilities for sports and recreation locally, provincially or nationally, as prescribed, depending on the availability of funds.

(2) The beneficiary **[of the provision]** of such facilities must ensure the maintenance of **[every]** each facility **[erected]** provided, by way of—

(a) a maintenance agreement; **[and]**

(b) the establishment of management structures to **[run]** operate such facilities **[in commercially viable ways]** efficiently and effectively; and

(c) ensuring that sport or recreational activities take precedence over any other activities as far as the use of such sport or recreational facilities are concerned."; and

(c) by the addition of the following subsections:

"(4) The Minister may from time to time publish norms and standards for the building of new sports facilities by means of a notice in the Gazette.

(5) The Minister may prescribe the procedures for the building of new sport and recreation facilities in terms of the published norms and standards contemplated in subsection (4).

(6) Department must—

(a) oversee the efficient and effective governance of any newly established facility that have been allocated to a municipality; and

(b) inspect sport and recreation facilities for compliance with the applicable norms and standards, including but not limited to the safety and security measures in terms of the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010)."

Insertion of section 8A in Act 110 of 1998

7. The following section is hereby inserted in the principal Act after section 8:

"Appointment and functions of sport and recreation facilities inspectors

8A. (1) The Minister may

deploy any official within the department as a facilities inspector; or

(2) Any person deployed under subsection (1) must perform his or her functions as sport and recreational facilities inspector subject to the direction and control of the Minister.

(3) The Minister must provide each sport and recreational facilities inspector with a signed certificate in the prescribed form, stating—

(a) that the person is a sport and recreation facilities inspector; and

(b) the function of the inspector.

(4) The Minister may prescribe by means of regulations -

(a) the functions of a sport and recreation facilities inspector, which may include the power to enter and inspect any sport or recreation facility during business hours;

(b) that a sport and recreation facilities inspector may—

(i) question any person at a sport and recreation facility who the inspector believes to have information relevant to the inspection;

(ii) require the person in charge of such sport or recreation facility to produce any document or records for purposes of inspection;
and

(iii) take samples of any substance or photographs relevant to the inspection;

(c) provide that a sport and recreation facilities inspector may issue a compliance order to the owner of a sport or recreational facility requiring such owner to comply with that compliance order,

(5) The regulations referred to in subsection (4) must provide that any entry upon or search of any sport and recreation facility in terms of a provision of the regulations referred to in that subsection must be conducted with strict regard to decency and good order, including—

(a) the right of a person to dignity;

(b) the right of a person to freedom and security; and

(c) the right of a person to privacy."

Amendment of section 9 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 10 of Act 18 of 2007

8. Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsections:

"(3) The Minister may make regulations for vulnerable communities to participate in sport and to be protected from any sexual abuse and exploitation.

"(4) For the purpose of subsection (3), 'vulnerable community' means children under the age of 18, women or people living with disabilities."

Amendment of section 11 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 12 of Act 18 of 2007

9. Section 11 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

"(1) The **[Sports Confederation must with the concurrence of] Minister** after consultation with Sports Confederations must [,] establish a national colours board which **[will] must** consider all applications for the awarding of national colours."

(b) by the insertion after subsection (1) of the following subsection:

"(1A) Members of the national colours board must be appointed in the prescribed manner ensuring—

(a) the participation by the public and sport bodies in the nomination process;

(b) transparency and openness; and

- (c) that a shortlist of candidates for appointment is published and every appointment of a member is published in the *Gazette*; and
- (c) by the deletion of subsection (3).

Insertion of sections 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D in Act 110 of 1998

10. The following in sections are hereby inserted in the principal Act after section 11:

"Bidding and hosting of international sport and recreational event

11A. (1) The Minister must approve all applications for the bidding and hosting of major international sport and recreation events in accordance with the applicable regulations.

(2) The relevant Sport or Recreation body must apply in writing in the prescribed manner to the Minister to host a prescribed international event.

Prohibition

11B. No person may bid or host an international sport or recreation event in the Republic without the—

- (a) written submission of an application to the Sports Confederation;
- (b) support by the relevant municipality or metro; and
- (c) approval in writing by the Minister.

Combat sport safety measures

11C. (1) The combat sport body recognised in terms of section 6B must —

- (a) issue permits for the holding of event;
- (b) issue license for persons who participate in events;
- (c) establish a code of conduct for participants in the events;
- (d) ensure safety and security measures are complied with in terms of Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010); and
- (e) ensure that all participants including officials and promoters are registered prior to the hosting of the event.

(2) An application for an event permit must be submitted to the respective combat sport body within time prescribed by its constitution, on the prescribed form.

(3) An application for an event permit must contain following information-

- (a) the names and surnames of the participants;
- (b) contact details of the participants;
- (c) physical address of the participants;
- (d) the weigh in of the participants;
- (e) the details of the medical officer;
- (f) the details of the officials and promoters;
- (g) the events venue and capacity;
- (h) expected number of people attending; and
- (i) the safety and security plan in terms of Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. 2 of 2010).

(4) The combat sport body may require an applicant to submit the result of a criminal record check carried out on the application dated not more than three months before the date of the application.

(5) The combat sport body may condone application submitted after the expiration of the time prescribed, provided there is no increased risk to the health and safety of the persons participating in or attending the event.

(6) The holder of the event permit must pay to the combat sport body a fee in the amount determined by multiplying the amount of the gross gate receipts for the event by the percentage prescribed by its constitution.

(7) The percentage referred to in subsection (6) must not exceed 5%.

(8) The fee referred to in subsection (6) must be paid to the combat sport body within 14 days after the date the event is held.

(9) for the purpose of subsection (6), "gross gate receipts" means the revenue derived from admissions to an event in a combat sport and revenue derived from the sale of broadcast rights for the event, after the deduction of taxes".

(11) The combat sport body may require the holder of event permit to provide with additional medical information, including the results of medical test, for a person who intends to participate in an event as contestant.

(12) The combat sport body may not issue an event permit if –

(a) the application does not comply with all terms and conditions;

(b) applicant is acting dishonestly when applying for event permit;

(c) applicant failed to provide information as requested;

(d) it is in the interest of public; and

(e) the applicant has unreconcilable criminal record.

(13) The combat sport body may not refuse to issue an event permit in terms of subsection (1), paragraph (a) without giving an applicant an opportunity to be heard.

(14) The combat sport must issue following licences-

- (a) a promoter's license;
- (b) a contestant's license;
- (c) a corner-person's license;
- (d) a judge's license;
- (e) a referee's license;
- (f) a room-supervisor's license; and
- (g) a timekeeper's license.

(15) A contestant's license authorizes the holder to participate

- (a) in professional bouts; or
- (b) in amateur bouts.

(16) No person may participate in any of the following activities unless the person holds the relevant license prescribed in terms of subsection

(14)-

- (a) acting as a promoter for an event in a combat sport;
- (b) participating as a contestant in an event in a combat sport;
- (c) acting at an event in a combat sport as -
 - (i) a corner-person,
 - (ii) a judge,
 - (iii) a referee,
 - (iv) a room supervisor, or
 - (v) a timekeeper.

(17) The application for license must be submitted in the prescribed form provided by combat sport body.

(18) The combat sport body may, when issuing a license, or by written notice at any time, impose on the license any terms and conditions the body considers appropriate and may among other things, restrict the license to -

(a) a particular combat sport;

(b) a particular skill level within a combat sport;

(c) events in which one or more professional bouts take place; or

(d) events in which one or more amateur bouts take place.

(19) A person must have attained the age of 18 years to be eligible to hold a contestant's license in terms of subsection (14), paragraph (b).

(20) Despite subsection (19), if the body is of the opinion that a person has the skills and experience necessary to participate as a contestant in professional bouts in a combat sport based on his or her record as a contestant in amateur bouts in a combat sport, the body may issue a license to a person who has not attained the age of 18 years."

Fitness Industry

11D. (1) The Minister must recognise in writing fitness centre controlling body which must oversee, administer and govern a safe environment for the fitness centre and gyms to perform following responsibilities -

(a) The establishment, objects, functions and governance of the Fitness centre and gyms;

- (b) the registration of fitness controlling bodies and fitness professionals and accreditation and requirements of fitness establishments;
- (c) the constitutions and powers of fitness controlling bodies;
- (d) the inspection of fitness establishments;
- (e) the issuing of sanctions against fitness establishments; and
- (f) the provision of offences, penalties and dispute resolution mechanisms.

(2) The Fitness centre and gyms controlling body must award licences to fitness professionals and accredit fitness establishments in accordance with prescribed procedures.

(3) The Fitness centre and gyms controlling body may—

- (a) determine the subscription fee payable by fitness establishments and fitness professionals on an annual basis in accordance with an appropriate grading system; and
- (b) issue grading certificates in accordance to the size and capacity of a fitness establishment.

(4) Fitness centre and gyms controlling body must ensure that all safety measures are in place at a fitness establishment before issuing a grading certificate."

Amendment of section 13 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 13 of Act 18 of 2007

11. Section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) by the substitution in subsection (4) for the words preceding paragraph (a) of the following words:

"[The Sports Confederation] The Minister in consultation with Sport Confederation may, at any time, **[of its]** on his or her own accord, cause an investigation to be undertaken to ascertain the truth within a sport or recreation body, where allegation of—

(a) any malpractice of any kind, including corruption, in the administration;

(b) any serious or disruptive divisions between factions of the membership of the sports or recreation body; or

(c) continuation or maintenance of any institutionalised system or practice of discrimination based on gender, race, religion or creed, or violation of the rights and freedoms of individuals or any law, have been made, and **[may ask the Minister to approach the President of the Republic to 20 appoint a commission of inquiry referred to in section 84 (2) of the Constitution.]** may appoint a Ministerial Committee of Inquiry in terms of subsection (9)."

- (b) by the addition of the following subsections:

"(9) The Minister may, if he or she deems it fit, appoint a Ministerial Committee of Inquiry to investigate matters contemplated in subsection (4)(a) (b) or (c), (5) (a) (ii) in relation to directive or any matter that may bring a sport or recreational activity or body into disrepute.

(10) (a) The Ministerial Committee of Inquiry appointed by the Minister in terms of subsection (9) may investigate, make findings and recommendations and must report its findings and recommendations to the Minister.

(b) The report to the Minister may include information relating to—

- (i) compliance with all relevant safety and security measures in place for a sport or recreational event in terms of the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No. of 2010);
- (ii) any failure to comply with the provisions of section 13A of this Act and the Transformation Charter as endorsed and approved by the Minister; and
- (iii) any failure to comply with the principles of good governance by a sport or recreation body.

(11) The Ministerial Committee of Inquiry must be chaired by a retired judge and assisted by any members appointed by the chairperson in consultation with the Minister.

(12) At any time during an investigation being conducted in terms of subsection (1) the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry may issue a summons to any person who is believed to be able to furnish any information on the subject of the investigation, or to have possession or control of any book, document or other object that has a bearing on that subject—

(a) to appear before the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry to be questioned at a time and place specified in the summons; or

(b) to deliver or produce to the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry any book, document or other object referred to in this subsection at a time and place specified in the summons.

(13) A summons contemplated in subsection (12)—

(a) must be signed by the chairperson, or by a member of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry designated by the chairperson; and

(b) may be served in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case issued by the magistrate's court.

(14) The chairperson may require a witness, before giving his or her evidence, to take an oath or to make an affirmation which oath or affirmation must be administered by the chairperson or such member of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry as the chairperson may designate.

(15) Any person who has been summoned to appear before the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry as a witness or who has given evidence before the Committee is entitled to the same witness fees from public funds in the same manner as in criminal proceedings.

(16) Any person who—

(a) willfully interrupts the proceedings of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry; or

(b) willfully hinders or obstructs the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry in the performance of its functions,

is guilty of an offence."

**Insertion of sections 13D, 13E, 13F, 13G, 13H, 13I, 13J, 13K, 13L, 13M and 13N
in Act 110 of 1998**

12. The following in sections are hereby inserted in the principal Act after section 13C:

**"Establishment, composition and appointment of Sport Arbitration
Tribunal**

13D. (1) There is hereby established an independent Tribunal known as the Sport Arbitration Tribunal to hear disputes in the first instance and decide upon appeals against decisions made in terms section 13: Provided that notwithstanding anything contained otherwise in any provision in the Act dealing with any dispute procedure, the Minister may participate as a party in any proceedings before the Tribunal, in the prescribed manner.

(2) The Tribunal consists of at least five members appointed by the Minister.

(3) The members of the Tribunal must be appointed in a manner ensuring—

(a) participation by the public in a nomination process;

(b) transparency and openness;

(c) that a short-list of candidates for appointment is published in the *Gazette*; and

(d) that every appointment of a member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal is published in the *Gazette*.

(4) At least one member appointed by the Minister must be a retired judge or senior Advocate with relevant experience in sport matters.

(5) The members of the Tribunal must, when viewed collectively, be persons who—

(a) possess special knowledge and expertise relating to sport and legal matters; and

(b) are committed to fairness, openness and accountability on the part of those holding public office.

(6) A member of the Tribunal is appointed for a period of two years, but is eligible for re-appointment.

Functions of Sport Arbitration Tribunal

13E. The Sport Arbitration Tribunal may—

(a) adjudicate on any conduct prohibited in terms of this Act, to determine whether prohibited conduct has occurred and, if so, to impose any remedy provided for in this Act;

(b) adjudicate on any other matter that may, in terms of this Act, be considered by it, and make any order provided for in this Act;

(c) hear appeals from, or review any decision of, a sport and recreational body or Sport Confederation that may in terms of this Act be referred to it; and

(d) make any ruling or order necessary or incidental to the performance of its functions in terms of this Act.

Qualifications of members of Sport Arbitration Tribunal

13F. (1) The Chairperson and other members of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal, viewed collectively, must—

- (a) represent a broad cross-section of the population of the Republic; and
- (b) comprise sufficient persons with legal training and experience to satisfy the requirements of section 13D(5)(a).

(2) Each member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal must—

- (a) be a citizen of South Africa, who is ordinarily resident in South Africa;
- (b) have suitable qualifications and experience in economics, law, commerce, industry or public affairs; and
- (c) be committed to the promotion and development of sport and recreation in the Republic enunciated in section 2.

(3) A person may not be a member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal if that person—

- (a) is an office-bearer of any party, movement, organisation or body of a partisan political nature;
- (b) is an unrehabilitated insolvent;
- (c) is subject to an order of a competent court holding that person to be mentally unfit or disordered; or

(d) has been convicted of an offence committed after the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 (Act No. 200 of 1993), took effect, and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Term of office of members of Sport Arbitration Tribunal

13G. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Chairperson and each other member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal serves for a term of five years.

(2) The Minister may re-appoint a member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal at the expiry of that member's term of office, but no person may be appointed to the office of the Chairperson of the Tribunal for more than two consecutive terms.

(3) The Chairperson, on one month written notice addressed to the Minister, may—

(a) resign from the Sport Arbitration Tribunal; or

(b) resign as Chairperson, but remain as a member of the Tribunal.

(4) A member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal other than the Chairperson may resign by giving at least one month's written notice to the Minister.

(5) The Minister, on the recommendation of the tribunal —

(a) must remove the Chairperson or any other member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal from office if that person becomes subject to any of the disqualifications referred to in section 13F; and

- (b) other than as provided in subsection (a), may remove the Chairperson or a member from office only for—
- (i) serious misconduct;
 - (ii) permanent incapacity; or
 - (iii) engaging in any activity that may undermine the integrity of the Tribunal.

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Sport Arbitration Tribunal

13H. (1) The Minister must designate the member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal referred to section 13D(4) as Chairperson of the Tribunal and another member as Deputy Chairperson.

(2) The Deputy Chairperson performs the functions of Chairperson whenever—

- (a) the office of Chairperson is vacant; or
- (b) the Chairperson is for any other reason temporarily unable to perform the functions of Chairperson.

Sport Arbitration Tribunal proceedings

13I. (1) The Chairperson is responsible to manage the caseload of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal and must assign each matter referred to the Tribunal to a panel composed of any three members of the Tribunal.

(2) When assigning a matter in terms of subsection (1), the Chairperson must—

- (a) ensure that at least one member of the panel is a person who has legal training and experience; and

(b) designate a member of the panel to preside over the panel's proceedings.

(3) If, because of withdrawal from a hearing in terms of section 13J, resignation, illness or death, a member of the panel is unable to complete the proceedings in a matter assigned to that panel, the Chairperson must—

(a) direct that the hearing of that matter proceeds before any remaining members of the panel subject to the requirements of subsection (2)(a); or

(b) terminate the proceedings before that panel and constitute another panel, which may include any member of the original panel, and direct that panel to conduct a new hearing.

(4) The decision of a panel on a matter referred to it must be in writing and include reasons for that decision.

(5) If the Sport Arbitration Tribunal may extend or reduce a prescribed period in terms of this Act, the Chairperson of the Tribunal or another member of the Tribunal assigned by the Chairperson, sitting alone, may make an order—

(a) extending or reducing that period; or

(b) condoning late performance of an act that is subject to that period.

(6) A decision of the Chairperson or other person contemplated in subsection (5), or of a majority of the members of a panel in any other matter, is the decision of the Tribunal.

Conflicts and disclosure of interest by members of Sport Arbitration Tribunal

13J. (1) A member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal may not represent any person before a panel of the Tribunal.

(2) If, during a hearing, it appears to a member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal that a matter concerns a financial or other interest of that member, that member must—

(a) immediately and fully disclose the fact and nature of that interest to the Chairperson and to the presiding member at that hearing;

and

(b) withdraw from any further involvement in that hearing.

Acting by member of Sport Arbitration Tribunal after expiry of term of office

13K. If, on the expiry of the term of office of a member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal, that member is still considering a matter before the Tribunal, that member may continue to act as a member in respect of that matter only.

Remuneration and benefits of members of Sport Arbitration Tribunal

13L. (1) The Minister may determine the remuneration, allowances, and other benefits of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and other members of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal.

(2) The Minister may not during the term of office of a member of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal, reduce the member's salary, allowances or benefits.

(3) The Minister may determine any other conditions of appointment not provided for in this section.

Offences and penalties

13M. (1) Any person who—

(a) contravenes or fails to comply with section 6(3)(a)(i) or (ii) and

(e);

(b) contravenes or fails to comply with sections 11A and 11B,

is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who—

(a) manipulates the outcome of a sport or recreational match event;

(b) accepts, agrees or offers to accept any gratification from any other person, whether for the benefit of himself or herself or for the benefit of another person;

(c) gives, agrees or offers to give any person any gratification,

whether for the benefit of another person in return for—

(i) engaging in any act which constitutes a threat to undermine the integrity of any sporting event, including in any way, influencing the run of play or outcome of sporting event; or

(ii) not reporting the act contemplated in this section to the authority or to any other person holding a senior position

in the sport and recreation body or to the Minister or
delegated person or at his or her nearest police station;

or

(d) gives effect to any scheme which constitutes a threat to or
undermine the integrity of any sporting event, including, in any
way, influencing the run of play or outcome of a sporting event,
is guilty of an offence.

(3) A person convicted of an offence in terms of—

(a) subsection 13(16) (a) or (b) is liable to a fine or imprisonment for
a period not exceeding one year, or both a fine and such
imprisonment; or

(b) this section is liable to a fine or imprisonment for a period not
exceeding 2 years, or both a fine and such imprisonment.

Delegation of powers

13N. (1) The Minister may delegate any power conferred,
or assign any duty imposed, by this Act, excluding the power to make
regulations, to any official or employee of department holding the rank
of at least a Deputy Director-General.

(2) Any delegation or assignment contemplated in
subsection (1)—

(a) is subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine;

(b) must be in writing; and

(c) does not divest the Minister of the power delegated.

(3) The Minister may at any time withdraw a
delegation or assignment in writing.

(4) The Director-General may, subject to the conditions that he or she may deem necessary, delegate any power conferred on him or her by this Act, to any officer or employee of the department, but the delegation does not divest the Director-General of the power delegated."

Amendment of section 14 of Act 110 of 1998, as amended by section 15 of Act 18 of 2007

13. Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for the words preceding paragraph (a) of the following words:

"The Minister may, **[after consultation with the Sports Confederation in so far as high-performance sport is concerned,]** make regulations—";

(b) by the substitution for paragraph (jC) of the following paragraph:

"(jC) as to procedure for the hosting of and bidding for major international sports events"; and

(c) by the deletion of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (jI) and the insertion after that paragraph of the following paragraphs:

"(jJ) as to the school sport development programme;

(jK) as to the fees for a sport or recreation agent;

(jL) as to the training of sport coaches; and".

Amendment of the long title of Act 110 of 1998, d as amended by Act 18 of 2007

14. The following long title is hereby substituted for the long title of the principal Act:

"To provide for the promotion and development of sport and recreation and the co-ordination of the relationships between Sport and Recreation South Africa and the Sports Confederation, national federations and other agencies; to provide for measures aimed at correcting imbalances in sport and recreation; to provide for the dispute resolution mechanisms in sport and recreation; to provide for the appointment of the Sport Arbitration Tribunal; to create offences; to provide for and regulate combat sport and fitness industry; to provide for the procedure in bidding for and hosting of the international sports and recreation events; to provide for the delegation of powers; to empower the Minister to make regulations; and to provide for matters connected therewith."

Short title and commencement

15. This Act is called the National Sport and Recreation Amendment Act, 2020, and comes into operation on a date to be fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.