

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



MINISTRY OF SPORTS



Dear All Athletes, Officials from All Sports Federations and Members of the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee,

On this 2nd April 2020, we hope that you and your families are in good health and safe during this difficult period as the whole world and our country is fighting the New Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

It comes as one of the most dramatic periods of this century and this pandemic not only affects the global society but has also impacted negatively the sports sector due to preventive measures taken which implied cancellation, postponement of sports calendars across the world and lockdown measures taken by Governments including ours, to keep its citizen safe and stop the spread of the COVID-19.

National Leagues, International Championships as well as the Olympic Games qualifiers have not been spared. The current circumstances have compelled the set preventive measures to also refrain from practicing individual outdoor sports activities, which have been traditionally helping men and women of all ages to maintain a healthy life.

The Ministry of Sports encourages all athletes to practice and maintain self-conditioning and remain healthy so as to be prepared for whenever the postponed games will resume.

The Government of Rwanda commends the decision made by All International Sports Federations to prioritize the health and security of athletes by postponing or cancelling planned sports events to avoid the spread of COVID-19 infections. We appreciate and acknowledge the decision by both the Government of Japan and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to postpone the “2020 Tokyo Olympic Games” until July next year (2021).

Dear All Athletes,

While you Stay Safe at Home, we believe this is an opportunity for those who have already qualified for the Olympic Games to keep preparing and training hard and for those who are not yet qualified to prepare for the qualification.

As we await confidently for the National leagues to resume, we exhort you to continue practicing individually and follow the instructions of your trainers during this period.

We encourage you to remain good examples of responsible behavior by respecting the measures taken by the Government of Rwanda to prevent the spread of Covid-19. **Stay at Home, Stay Safe and Stay Active!**

I thank you for all your efforts to make Rwanda proud through sports.

Yours in sports,

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