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Dear BBSA family and friends

UPDATE ON IFBB EVENTS IN 2021

I hope everyone is healthy and safe,

Thinking that 2021 was going to start with a reset button on the evening of 31 December 2020, was just not going to happen. We can clearly see that Covid is with us and even more aggressive than last year. It is evident that there is a lot of people taking this pandemic very lightly, and because of that, see more people have been affected by the tragedy of losing a loved one or close friend to Covid.

This is a reality we live with daily, and as stated last year at the beginning of the Covid pandemic, our federation still stand for the health and safety of all our officials and athletes. In our meeting with the BBSA National executive we again confirmed our position on this matter, as we are not willing to host events just for the sake of hosting events, and by so doing create a super spreader event, and place all at risk.

I know this is frustrating as we all are experiencing it in our planning, whether it be in business or show prep as an athlete. In 2020 we could not host any events until the end of year, when our Country went into a level 1 stage, allowing sport events under strict Covid regulations. Currently we find ourselves on Level 3 with special conditions, with no group gatherings at all, and if so with strict control on number of people attending such event. Under the status it is difficult to host a successful event without huge risks to the organizer, officials and athletes involved.

I honestly believe that running events under the current Covid conditions is reckless and not considering the safety of all involved, we even saw the President refer to funerals as "Death traps".



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With this said, Bodybuilding South Africa (IFBB SA) will be postponing all shows in the first two quarters of this year and begin a planned calendar for shows from July 2021 where, Covid permitting, we will host all our district and Provincial shows to qualify for IFBB SA Nationals Championship 2021. Venue and final date to be announced for the month of September. We trust at this event in September we will again be able to select our 4 IFBB World Teams to travel abroad and compete and represent South Africa in the IFBB World Championships 2021 during the months of October, November, and December.

Please keep in mind that Bodybuilding South Africa (BBSA) is and will always be proactive in its thinking and we are not going to waste the first half of the year. Please take note on the new calendar we will be releasing later in January, IFBB will be hosting new judges' courses, judge's refresher courses and athletes' workshops to equip our officials and athletes for the shows to come. The calendar will be loaded on our webpage and social media platforms. Please join us for these online zoom events in the safety and comfort of your home or office.

We also spoke to our dynamic team of IFBB Promoters and realize the Covid situation has a huge impact on each one of them to host events under the current conditions. One thing we are very sure off, our Promoters have passion for what they do, thus the reason we see in SA International standard events. These sanctioned events will also be directly affected by the Covid status and protocols thus we will work with the IFBB Promoters to ensure sanctioned events will happen under the Covid protocols for the safety of all involved.

In preparation for the coming year, we have appointed experienced safety and Covid officers assisting us to achieve safe and compliant events. Running events with no approval are reckless and the federation are not willing to risk the safety of officials and athletes. There is no grey area on this matter.

We will keep you updated of any changes on social media platforms.

Please stay safe and look after each other.

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