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Dear everyone,

In light of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases that has prompted the IATF to revert to a heightened Alert Level 3 for NCR, the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP) has decided to postpone the National Stroke Play Amateur Championship until further notice.

We had been preparing and looking forward to this event, which was scheduled for January 4 to 7 at the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club. Our host venue had all the necessary health protocols in place. However, we cannot ignore the warning signs that the latest IATF advisories indicate. We would rather err on the side of caution and not contribute to any risk of transmission at our event. The NGAP Board has therefore determined that the most responsible course of action to take at this time is to defer the tournament until the situation has improved.

Our golf courses do remain open and, under the mandated precautions, we can continue to engage in our sport. Golf is widely acknowledged as one of the safest outdoor exercises, with benefits that help us maintain our physical and mental wellbeing, not to mention its economic impact on the thousands who rely on our clubs for livelihood.

NGAP shares everyone's hope that, with increased vigilance and cooperation, we can do our share to defeat this pandemic. We will post updates on our tournament schedule as details become available. Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Very truly yours,

Valeriano L. Floro II  
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