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**TO: DISTRICT SECRETARIES  
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**DRUG FREE SPORT**

During various recent National Sporting events (eg National Chess Tournament) the Institute for a Drug Free Sport has been in attendance and in accordance with their mandate have conducted random testing on individual participants.

In terms of our Constitution Bowls South Africa accepts and agrees to abide by the spirit and terms of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport (SAIDS) Anti-Doping programme and the Anti-Doping rules, including the application of its sanctions to individuals and shall accept the authority of and co-operate with SAIDS and the hearing bodies in all anti-doping matters.

In accordance therewith this serves to remind all Districts that in the event of any intervention by SAIDS at any of our National tournaments Bowls South Africa will comply in every respect with the wishes of SAIDS.

It follows that it is incumbent on every District to ensure that all participants, managers and coaches of teams are made aware of their obligations and need for compliance with regard to this matter. Bowls South Africa will simply enforce the outcomes of any testing as decided by SAIDS.

Players, administrators and coaches are reminded of their obligation to this in terms of the SASCOC Code of Conduct. Districts and persons involved in management and coaching roles within District teams are advised to visit the SAIDS website '[www.drugfreesport.org.za](http://www.drugfreesport.org.za)' to obtain more information around compliance issues and ensure team players under their control are advised of their obligations accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ravenscroft".

**JOHN RAVENSCROFT  
OPERATIONS MANAGER**