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**TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
DISTRICT SECRETARIES  
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**CIRCULAR 03/2019.**

**SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DRUG FREE SPORT (SAIDS).**

It has been brought to our notice that a rumour is circulating that certain members of our Gold Squad have tested positive for banned drugs. The purpose of this circular is to silence this rumour and to inform our membership that no drug tests are conducted by SAIDS, within our federation, without our knowledge.

It is further confirmed that no drug tests have taken place within bowls since the 2017 South African Mixed Pairs. Should SAIDS decide to visit one of our events with the purpose of conducting tests they provide us with notice of their intentions.

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