## SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DRUG-FREE SPORT AMENDMENT BILL, 2023

**11 March 2024** 

FREE STATE

ACADEMY OF SPORT

## Background

The Free State Academy of Sport (FSAS) is mandated according to the South African Academies Strategic Framework and Policy Guidelines of 2013, by both SASCOC and the Department of Sport, Arts & Culture (DSAC), formerly known as SRSA

The role of Provincial Academies of sport is to support the development of High Performance- and Elite athletes within their respective provinces.

The FSAS is a registered NPO and operates under a Board comprising of elected members from Free State Provincial Sport Federations. Provincial Sport Federations affiliates and are members of their respective Provincial Sport Confederations as well as their respective National Federations.

The FSAS receives funding to carry out its mandate from 1) Voted Funds (DSACR – Provincial) and 2) DORA Conditional Grant (DSAC – National).

The FSAS utilizes the Free State Sport Science Institute (FSSSI) in Bloemfontein as its High-Performance Sport Science service provider for athlete support (Testing, Conditioning, Rehabilitation and Nutrition).

The FSSSI is the only Government Funded Sport Science Institute in South Africa, with full time staff appointed by Government. FSSSI Staff (Sport Scientists and Biokineticists) abide by the FSSSI ethical code on Drug Free Sport. The FSSSI endorse the rules of SAIDS and WADA to promote fair and ethical play.

Provincial and National athletes utilizing services from the FSSSI via the FSAS, signs consent & indemnity forms whereby the rules and regulations pertaining to Anti-doping are clearly stipulated.

## SAIDS BILL - FSAS COMMENTARY

Current Draft	Comment
Amendment of Section 1 of Act 14 of 1997 Substitute section 1 of the principal Act in its entirety	<ul> <li>Consider the inclusion of reference to the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (POPI Act no 4 of 2013)</li> <li>SASCOC name change?</li> <li>SRSA →DSAC</li> </ul>
Amendment of Section 2 of Act 14 of 1997	<ul> <li>In agreement</li> </ul>
Replace "Corporate Body" with "Public Entity"	
Amendment of Section 10 of Act 14 of 1997 Substitute paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and substituting subsection (2)	<ul> <li>In agreement</li> <li>Sub section 2: The Institute shall operate independently but may co- operate with SASCOC and <u>DSAC</u> from time to time as the need arises in order to achieve the <u>objectives</u> of the Institute as contemplated in the Act.</li> </ul>
	Consider including "Sport Performance Institutions" – reason will be: specialists and experts in the field, may reside within these Institutions and be of value to the collective national effort to keep sport clean and fair

Current Draft	Comment
Amendment of Section 11 of Act 14 of 1997	<ul> <li>In agreement</li> </ul>
Deleting paragraphs b & c and substituting paragraphs f, l & n	
Deleting wording <i>International Standard for testing</i> in paragraph f and <i>Registered Testing Pool</i> in paragraph l	
Provision for subsection 2 n is deleted and captured in subsection 2A a & b after subsection 2 of section 11 of principal Act	
Amendment of Section 11 of Act 14 of 1997 Repeal sections 11A – 11C of the principal act	<ul> <li>In agreement</li> </ul>
Amendment of Section 17 of Act 14 of 1997	<ul> <li>Clarity on par 17 A 2 b Will athletes be allowed to partake independent from their Federation in the event that a Federation is barred from administering its sport</li> </ul>

## **Thank You**