

SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY UNION

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Mr Ball
Chairman
SACS School Governing Body

Dear Mr Ball, Mr Breetzke

I have been made aware of your advice to parents that SACS is to embark on a testing programme for anabolic steroids among your 1st XV squad, on the receipt of consent from the parents of boys in the squad.

On behalf of the South African Rugby Union I would like to commend the school and SGB on their determination to address this issue. The South African Rugby Union has no authority to test among schoolboys – unless they appear at our Coca-Cola Youth Week events – so we have no data to identify the scale of the problem. However there is anecdotal evidence that the use of steroids is becoming increasingly commonplace in schools, both for performance-enhancing and aesthetic reasons.

Your stance therefore is both timeous and much appreciated and I would be happy if you wished to communicate SARU's support for your approach among the school community if it is of assistance to you.

My best wishes for your rugby teams in the coming rugby season.

Yours sincerely


JURIE ROUX
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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