



## 2012 D'ARCY SLATER COUNTRY SCHOOLS TENNIS CLASSIC

### Entry Information / Fact Sheet

#### **PLAYOFFS**

##### ***Playoff Venues***

To be advised by your Regional Coordinator

##### ***Play offs to be held between***

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

##### ***Events held include***

Academy Plate (Years 1-7)  
Herbert Edwards Cup (Years 8-10)  
Mursell Shield (Years 8-12)

#### **FINALS**

##### ***Finals***

**FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2012**

##### ***Academy Plate***

State Tennis Centre

##### ***Herbert Edwards & Mursell Shield***

Nollamara Tennis Club

##### ***Time***

8.00am -5.00pm

***Please note: Funding is available to schools for bus hire, teacher relief and/or transportation costs for teams to attend the Final in Perth.***

*Please contact Elle Mazza on (08)6462 8303 / [emazza@tennis.com.au](mailto:emazza@tennis.com.au) for more information*

*For more information and online entry go to [www.schoolsportwa.com.au](http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au) (primary or secondary)*

### **Entries Close 22 February 2012.**

**Contact the Community Tennis Team  
to receive a gift pack for your school!**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Schools Tennis Classic (STC) is the largest participation tennis tournament in Western Australia. It is an inter-school teams event catering to both **Metropolitan** and **Country** schools across the State.

There are 3 major events contested in the Country SunSmart Schools Tennis Classic. They are the **Mursell Shield**, the **Herbert Edwards Cup** and the **Academy Plate**. These events provide a variety of age categories ranging from primary school to high school ages, and are open to teams of boys and girls.

<b>Academy Plate:</b>	Years 1 – 7	(mixed event)
<b>Herbert Edwards Cup:</b>	Years 8 – 10	(separate boys & girls events)
<b>Mursell Shield:</b>	Years 8 – 12	(separate boys & girls events)

Tennis West, in conjunction with and on behalf of School Sport WA, will conduct the 2012 Schools Tennis Classic.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Contacts:** Elle Mazza  
Tournament Director  
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**Venue:** Regional play-offs will be held at the following centres:

- Geraldton
- Cunderdin/Northam/Meckering/Kellerberrin
- Busselton
- Katanning
- Narrogin
- Albany
- Narembeen
- Mandurah

(The above venues are subject to change. Additional venues may be required, depending on entry numbers. Specific addresses of venues will be announced with draw and schedule)

Finals shall be held at the following venues:

State Tennis Centre Victoria Park Drive BURSWOOD WA 6100	Nollamara Tennis Club Kinda Way NOLLAMARA WA 6061
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**Surface:** \_\_\_\_\_ Determined by individual venue



Online Entry at: [www.schoolsportwa.com.au](http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au)

Once you have entered your school, you will need to download and fill in a team list for each team entered. Players listed in correct ranking order. Team 1 being the strongest. Then send to your relevant RDA contact.  
**Teams will not be accepted without completed lists.**

Entry Closing Dates: **Wednesday 22 February 2012**

Draw and Schedule: The Regional Coordinator will liaise with the school contact person prior to the event.

Entry Fees: The entry fees are \$55 per team.  
**Please note: After entering 3 teams, each subsequent team will be FREE of charge.**

Please **DO NOT** send in any entry fees!  
*School Sport WA will invoice the school after the event.*

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. Entry**

- 1.1. Schools nominating more than one (1) team in any given event must order their teams from strongest down. For example, Tennis West School Team 1 will be stronger than Team 2, which is subsequently stronger than Team 3.
- 1.2. Players may compete in only one (1) event in the 2012 SunSmart Schools Tennis Classic (STC). (e.g. a player playing in Herbert Edwards Cup may not compete in the Mursell Shield)
- 1.3. Entries may be limited at certain play-offs due to restrictions in courts. Schools will be notified by the event coordinator of teams accepted.
- 1.4. Schools may only enter teams into the playoff venue that is part of their school 'Zone'. In the instance where a school's zone is not hosting a playoff the school is entitled to enter a team into their next closest zone. See attachment for a map and list of country zones.

### **2. Team Make-Up**

- 2.1. Teams in the **Academy Plate** shall be **mixed** (comprising 2 boys and 2 girls) in **ranked ability**. **MLC Tennis Hot Shots LOW COMPRESSION Green Balls** will be used.
- 2.2. The **Mursell Shield and Herbert Edwards Cup** have **separate boys and girls** events.
- 2.3. In all events, teams must comprise a **minimum of 4 players per team**, with a **maximum of 6**. In the case of a 5/6 player team, only 4 players will compete per round. Teams can



change players after each round (or after each new school team they compete against) but must remain in ranked order. In the case of an injury, a player may be replaced mid round, but not mid match.

- 2.4. The names of the members of each team shall be entered on the scorecard in the approved order of merit by their respective captains before play commences. Doubles combinations may be entered following the singles matches. This order of play shall be maintained throughout the tournament without change.
- 2.5. In the event that a substitute is required for a team this person will enter the team at the lowest ranked or number 4 position. The substitute player must be of an equivalent or lesser standard to the number 4 player in the team. The rest of the team shall move up accordingly. A player playing as a substitute cannot be a player from another STC event. Once a player has played as a substitute he or she may not enter any other STC event in 2012.

2.6. Children from small schools (70 students or less) or home schooled children can combine to make a team with children from another small school and/or home schooled children.

### 3. Order of Play

- 3.1. The order of play shall be no.1 and no.2 singles followed by no.3 and no.4 singles. Doubles matches will follow at the completion of singles matches, with the doubles pairings being as follows:
- 3.2. The no.1 doubles pair to consist of the no.1 singles player and his/her partner  
The no.2 doubles pair to consist of the other two players
- 3.3. In all competitions the team singles order must remain the same throughout the entire competition as those listed by the team captain on the first fixture card.
- 3.4. Teams must have all players ready to commence at the appointed time. Teams short at that time shall forfeit the relevant match after 15 minutes if a court is available.

### 4. Tournament Format

All events will be played in a Round Robin format initially, with teams placed into pools of up to 6 teams. The Round Robin format will then be followed by a knockout event (if required) for those teams winning their pool.

### 5. Match Format

Matches in all events will be played using the **FASTENNIS** format. In **FASTENNIS** a match is played to 21 points with service changing every five points. If scores are tied at 20-all, players will alternate serve every point until a two-point advantage is achieved. Change of ends occurs every 10 points.



#### 5.1. Determining a Match Winner – FASTENNIS format

In events being played in the Fastennis format, the winning team will be determined in the following way:

- A match shall be decided by the number of rubbers won. If matches are tied at 3 rubbers each, points from all matches will be added together to determine the winner.
- In the event of a tie, one sudden-death doubles Match Tie-breaker (First to 10 points with a minimum 2 point advantage) will be played. The team captain or manager may nominate any pairing of players for this tie-breaker.

### 6. State Finals Event

The winning teams from each regional play off will be invited to take part in a Country Finals Event held in Perth on **Friday 30 March 2012**. Once all regional play offs are complete, the winning schools will be contacted and invited to take their position at the finals event.

#### 6.1. Funding

The **D'Arcy Slater Foundation** have proudly announced that they will part-sponsor the Country Schools Classic in 2012. All teams who have qualified for the Finals event in Perth will be eligible to apply for funding to go towards either:

- a) School Bus transportation to the Finals Event in Perth;
- b) Teacher relief costs associated with supervising the team/s attending the final
- c) Other transportation costs associated with students attending the final

For more information or to make a funding request, please email Elle Mazza at Tennis West on 6462 8303 / [emazza@tennis.com.au](mailto:emazza@tennis.com.au) .

**Please Note: Venues, Dates and times are subject to change.**  
**Schools are responsible for ensuring they have the most up to date information from the website.**

### **SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY**

Schools are responsible for ensuring:

- A teacher / supervisor is provided as specified for each event
- They obtain the most up to date information from Tennis West and School Sport WA
- Communication of the rules, dates and any important information to players and parents
- Students are informed of the alternative dates of play should rain or some other unforeseen circumstance disrupts play
- Students have lunch, adequate water, hat and sunscreen

## ***FURTHER INFORMATION***

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