

Fuel to Go and Play Schools Tennis Classic 2026

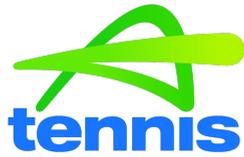
EVENT INFORMATION GUIDE



2026 DATES AND VENUES

EVENT (METROPOLITAN)	YEAR LEVEL	DATE
Academy Plate – Boys	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Thursday 5 th March
Academy Plate – Girls	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Friday 6 th March
Herbert Edwards – Boys	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Monday 9 th March
Herbert Edwards – Girls	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Tuesday 10 th March
Mursell Shield– Boys	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Thursday 12 th March
Mursell Shield – Girls	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Friday 13 th March
Slazenger Cup – Boys	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Thursday 19 th March
Slazenger Cup – Girls	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Monday 16 th March

EVENT (COUNTRY)	YEAR LEVEL	DATE	VENUE
Academy Plate – Great Southern	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Thursday 19 th February	Albany Tennis Centre
Academy Plate – Mid West	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Thursday 19 th February	TBC
Herbert Edwards – Mid West	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Friday 20 th February	TBC
Mursell Shield – Mid West	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Friday 20 th February	TBC
Herbert Edwards – Great Southern	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Friday 20 th February	Albany Tennis Centre
Mursell Shield – Great Southern	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Monday 23 rd February	Albany Tennis Centre
Academy Plate – Central Districts	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Monday 23 rd February	Beverley TC
Academy Plate – South West	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Tuesday 24 th February	Bunbury TC



Herbert Edwards – South West	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Wednesday 25 th February	Bunbury TC
Mursell Shield – South West	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Thursday 26 th February	Bunbury TC
Academy Plate – Upper Great Southern	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Friday 27 th February	Narrogin TC
Herbert Edwards – Central Districts	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Friday 27 th February	Cunderdin TC
Mursell Shield– Central Districts	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Friday 27 th February	Cunderdin TC
Academy Plate – Eastern Districts	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Wednesday 4 th March	Hyden TC
Academy Plate – Great Southern	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Monday 9 th March	Katanning TC
Academy Plate – Great Southern	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Tuesday 10 th March	Mount Barker Tennis Club
Country Academy Plate - Final	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Friday 20 st March	State Tennis Centre
BACKUP DATES	ALL YEARS	Week of 23 rd March	TBC

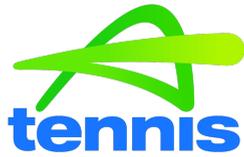
INTRODUCTION

The Fuel to Go and Play Schools Tennis Classic is the largest participation tennis tournament in Western Australia and has been running since 1935. All schools in Western Australia are encouraged to enter inter-school teams in the series of four major events that make up the Fuel to Go and Play Schools Tennis Classic.

The four major events are:

- Slazenger Cup
- Mursell Shield
- Herbert Edwards Cup
- Academy Plate

Tennis West and School Sport WA partner to deliver this tennis event and is the pinnacle of school teams events in WA.



EVENT INFORMATION

METROPOLITAN EVENTS		
EVENT	INFORMATION	YEAR LEVEL
Academy Plate Separate Boys & Girls Events	Singles and doubles team event for Primary School students, played with modified balls on a full-sized court.	Primary: Years 3 - 6
Herbert Edwards Separate Boys & Girls Events	Singles and doubles team event for Lower Secondary School students, played with yellow tennis balls on a full-sized court	Secondary: Years 7 – 9
Mursell Shield Separate Boys & Girls Events	<p>Singles and doubles team event for Upper Secondary School students. Played with yellow tennis balls, on a full-sized court.</p> <p><u>Mursell Shield</u> During school event Teams are made up of 4-6 players playing first to 21 points.</p> <p>NO PLAYER ID OR UTR NEEDED</p> <p>TEACHERS MUST SUBMIT PLAYER NAMES OF TOP 2 TEAMS TO TW WHEN REGISTERING FOR SEEDING PURPOSES USING UTR.</p> <p>This is a round robin tournament where the 1st of each pool plays off for the Mursell Shield while the runners up of each pool play off for the Division 2 Mursell Shield.</p>	<u>Secondary: Years 10 – 12</u>



Slazenger Cup	<p><u>Slazenger Cup:</u> Afterschool event.</p> <p>Each team is comprised of 4-6 players playing best of 3 fast 4 SETS.</p> <p>To nominate players must have a tennis ID and UTR rating.</p> <p>This is a knockout tournament.</p>	<p><u>OPEN EVENT</u> <u>Secondary: Years 7 – 12</u></p>
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Country Events - Proudly supported by the D'Arcy Slater Foundation		
EVENT	INFORMATION	YEAR LEVEL
<p><u>Academy Plate Mixed Gendered Event</u></p>	<p>Singles and doubles team event for Primary School students, played with modified balls on a full-sized court.</p> <p><u>Country Final</u></p> <p>All winners and runner-up teams of regional Academy Plate play-off events are invited to compete at the Academy Plate Country Finals event in Perth, to be crowned overall Country Champion</p>	<p>Primary: Years 3 - 6</p>
<p><u>Herbert Edwards Separate Boys & Girls Events</u></p>	<p>Singles and doubles team event for Lower Secondary School students, played with yellow tennis balls on a full-full sized court.</p> <p><u>Metro Event Invitation</u></p> <p>The winner and runner-up teams from each regional Herbert Edwards Cup events are invited to play in the metropolitan equivalent events in Perth</p>	<p>Secondary: Years 7 – 9</p>



Mursell Shield Separate Boys & Girls Events	Singles and doubles team event for Upper Secondary School students. Played with yellow tennis balls, on a full-sized court.	Secondary: Years 10 – 12
	<u>Metro Event Invitation</u>	
	The winner and runner-up teams from each regional Mursell Shield events are invited to play in the metropolitan equivalent events in Perth (Mursell Shield)	

MATCH TIMES

Metro Events (DURING SCHOOL)

All matches will aim to be finished in school time. The aim is to start 1st round matches at 9:15am and have the event concluded by 2:45pm, which includes Finals. Please arrive by 8:30am on the day to check in at the tournament desk.

Slazenger Cup Events (AFTER SCHOOL)

All matches will be played outside of school hours at the State Tennis Centre. This event will be a knockout competition, limited to 8 teams. Teams will be accepted based on the average of the top 4 player UTR.

The format will be best of 3 fast 4 SETS.

Slaz Girls – Monday 16th March

Slaz Boys – Thursday 19th March

HOW TO ENTER

To nominate your school please visit the School Sport WA website:

Primary Schools - <http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interschool/primary/tennis/>

Secondary Schools - <http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interschool/secondary/tennis/>

General Nomination Process for ALL Regional Events and Metro Academy Plate events.

1. Complete School Sport WA expression of interest via 'Nominate' button on website – **Regional nominations are due by Monday 16th February 2026**
Complete School Sport WA expression of interest via 'Nominate' button on website – **Metro nominations are due by Monday 23rd February 2026**
2. Teachers to submit their teams through the Airtable form link [HERE](#)
Regional nomination are due by Monday the 16th February 2026
Metro nominations are due by Monday 23rd February 2026



3. Tennis West will then enter teams

General Nomination Process for all Metro Herbert Edwards and Mursell Shield events.

1. Complete School Sport WA expression of interest via 'Nominate' button on website – **by Monday 23rd February 2026**
 - Teachers to submit their teams through the Airtable form link [HERE](#)
2. Tennis West will then enter teams

General Nomination Process for Slazenger Cup event.

1. Complete School Sport WA expression of interest via 'Nominate' button on website – **by Monday 23rd February 2026**
 - Teachers to send all teams with student names, UTR, Tennis ID as well as, what competition they are entering and to Tennis West through the Airtable link [HERE](#).
2. Tennis West will then enter teams

For further information and inquiries please contact, Tennis West: schoolswa@tennis.com.au

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

All Metropolitan Events- **by Monday 23rd February 2026**
Country Events: **by Monday 16th February 2026**

ENTRY FEES

A fee of **\$80 (incl. GST)** is payable for each team and each event entered. School Sport WA will invoice all schools following nomination.

Country Schools are charged **\$80 per school, regardless of the number of teams*

TEAM COMPOSITION

In all events, teams must comprise a **minimum of 4 players per team**, with a **maximum of six (6)**.

DRAW & SCHEDULE

The complete draw and schedule for Academy Plate, Herbert Edwards and Mursell events will be sent to schools the week prior. They're not available online through match center or league manager.

Slazenger Cup events will display the draw online through the Match Centre website.

For enquiries relating to the draw please contact schoolswa@tennis.com.au.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ENTRY

Schools nominating more than one (1) team in any given event **must rank their teams from strongest ability to lowest ability**.

- *For example: Tennis West School Team 1 will be stronger than Team 2, which is subsequently stronger than Team 3.*

For all Regional events and Metro Academy Plate events click [HERE](#)



For all Metro Herbert Edwards and Mursell Shield events click [HERE](#)
For Metro Slazenger Cup Event click [HERE](#)

Nominations Due

All Metropolitan Events- **by Monday 23rd February 2026**
Country Events: **by Monday 16th February 2026**

Players CANNOT compete in more than one event!!

2. TEAM MAKEUP

Prior to the start of play, Teachers must rank players in order of merit based on ability level (e.g., Player 1 is the strongest, Player 2 is second strongest etc. It is recommended that teams list their players in UTR order where applicable*)

In all events, teams must comprise a **minimum of 4 players per team**, with a **maximum of six (6)**. In the case of a 5-6 player team, players can change mid-round and/or after each round. **In the case of an injury, a player may be replaced mid-round, but not mid match.**

If a substitute is required for a team this person will enter the team in the order of merit, as approved by the teacher. The rest of the team shall move up/down accordingly. A player playing as a substitute cannot be a player from another Fuel to Go and Play Schools Tennis Classic event. Once a player has played as a substitute, he or she may not enter any other Schools Tennis Classic event or team. Only those players involved in a match on court are allowed in the court during match play.

- The Slazenger Cup, Mursell Shield, Herbert Edwards Cup and Metropolitan Academy Plate events have a separate boys' and girls' competition, with teams comprising of four (4) to six (6) players.
- The Country Academy Plate is a mixed gender competition. Teams must comprise of a minimum of two boys and two girls*.
- Tennis West recommends/encourages that the singles component of all country academy plate events consisting of two boys and two girls where applicable.
- The Country Academy Plate doubles format is mixed gender comprising of 1 boy and 1 girl. In doubles the top singles players must play against the opposing teams top singles player.

*Applications may be made to Tennis West for dispensation to enter a mixed team in the Academy Plate Event with a team makeup outside of that stated above.

3. ORDER OF PLAY (ALL EVENTS)

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 double's pairings being as follows:

- **Academy Plate, Herbert Edwards and Mursell Shield (during school events)-** The no.1 doubles pair to consist of the no.1 singles player and his/her partner
- **Slazenger Cup (after school event)-** The no.1 Doubles pair consists of the no.1 highest Rank (UTR) doubles player and his/her partner
- The no.2 doubles pair to consist of the other two players (including substitutes)
- **The Country Academy Plate** is mixed gender doubles, with the number 1 players for each school playing in the number 1 doubles pair, and no.2 doubles pair to consist of the other two players (this can include substitutes)



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.

For Slazenger Cup teams must have all players ready to commence at the appointed time. Teams short at that time shall forfeit the first set. Then the second set after 20 minutes if there is a court available to start their match (at the discretion of tournament directors).

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (ALL Academy Plate, Herbert Edwards and Mursell Shield, EVENTS)

Matches will be played on a **timed basis with 10-minute matches** (may change at the discretion of the tournament director) and players shall finish the point when time is called. If the game score is a tied, players will play a sudden death point to determine a winner.

Within the **Round Robin Phase** of the competition, students will play:

- First to 21-point match
- Players serve for 2 points then change
- Change of ends occurs every 10 points
- If scores are tied at 20-all, players will alternate serve every point until a two-point advantage is achieved or the match time runs out (in which case a sudden death point is played if scores are tied).

Due to time constraints or delays, the scoring format for finals may change at the discretion of the tournament director and agreed upon by both school / team managers.

ACADEMY PLATE (ALL REGIONS)

This event will be played using Tennis Hot Shots LOW COMPRESSION **Green Balls**. A drop or bounce serve will be allowed for a student's second serve if they require.

SLAZENGER CUP

The tournament is held at the State Tennis Centre, with the QF and SF rounds to be played on one afternoon after school (pending number of entries). The draw will be a knockout draw with a maximum of 8 teams. Matches will be played in a format best of 3 fast 4 sets. Team acceptance is based on average UTR of top 4 players.

Coaching is allowed during each change of ends ONLY by the nominated team captain.

5. DETERMINING A MATCH WINNER

ROUND ROBIN & FINALS (ALL Academy Plate, Herbert Edwards and Mursell Shield EVENTS)

The winning team will be determined in the following way:

- A round shall be decided by the number of rubbers won. If the rounds are tied at 3 rubbers each, points from all matches will be added together, and the winner will be the team with the highest ratio of points-won to points-lost.
- In the event of a tie, the last doubles pair will play a Fast 4 Tiebreaker (first to 5) to determine the winner
- Final standings from the pool round robin is determined by match wins. In the event of a tie, the team with the most rubbers won is deemed the winner of the pool.



TEAM POINTS CALCULATION (ALL EVENTS)

Points will be award on the following basis:

- 1 point per Rubber won
- There is a total of 6 points on offer per Round.

FINALS QUALIFICATIONS (Academy Plate, Herbert Edwards and Mursell Shield EVENTS)

Following the Round Robin Pool matches, the winner of each pool will be entered into elimination finals draw.

Mursell Shield, Herbert Edwards and Academy Plate

The winning teams of each pool will be drawn together and compete in an elimination finals event for the Mursell Shield/Herbert Edwards/Academy Plate.

Mursell Shield Div 2 and Herbert Edwards Div 2

The teams that finish 2nd in their pool play-off, will be drawn together to compete in an elimination finals event for the Mursell Shield/Herbert Edwards Div 2.

INJURED PLAYERS & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- If a team is unable to field a team of 4 players but has enough to field 3 eligible players, the tie will still take place. The fourth singles rubber and the second doubles rubber will be awarded to the opposing team 21-0 (4-0 in Championship Match).
- Therefore, it remains possible for a team of three to win if all three players win their respective singles and doubles: for example (4 rubbers to 2).

6. SCHOOL RESONSIBILITY

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 disrupt play.

7. WEATHER POLICY & CANCELLATION

Junior Competition involving players under 16 years of age:

(a) If the forecasted WBGT exceeds 32.5 degrees or ambient temperature exceeds 36.0 degrees up to one hour before play is due to commence, play may be cancelled and communicated as broadly as possible to all participants.

(b) Where, during play the WBGT exceeds 32.5 degrees or the ambient air temperature exceeds 36.0 degrees, play must be suspended on completion of the current game.

(c) After suspension of play, the WBGT remains greater than 32.5 degrees or ambient temperature remains 36.0 degrees for more than 90 consecutive minutes, play maybe cancelled by the relevant official, administrator, team captain or club representative.

(d) Play can also be cancelled by mutual agreement of both teams within the 90-minute period outlined in 5.10(c).

All competitions and matches must be conducted in accordance with the Tennis Australia Weather Policy, which can be found [Here](#).

In the event that play is abandoned on the day (prior to finals) the competition will be cancelled with no result. If play is abandoned during finals teams are encouraged to independently reschedule their matches on another day. This is not mandatory. If teams are not available to reschedule there's no result.

8. TENNIS AUSTRALIA PRIVACY POLICIES

All competitions and matches must be conducted in accordance with the Tennis Australia Privacy Policy, which can be found <https://www.tennis.com.au/privacy>