



Monday 21 to Thursday 24 September

Draft Fixtures

Drafts for all sports are available on the website. Please take a look and let us know if you can see any issues.

Travel Grant

All Department of Education schools have access to the Travel Grant that is deducted from your invoice by SSWA. Information will be provided on your invoice advising the amount that your school will receive and what is remaining to be paid.

Country Week Assistance Payment

The Premier has made an election commitment to provide a cost-of-living benefit to all students attending Senior High School (SHS) or District High School (DHS) Country Week. This payment is intended to offset the cost of participation in these events.

- Students from schools located less than 300 km from Perth will receive \$250 each.
- Students from schools located more than 300 km from Perth will receive \$500 each.

Funds will be provided to schools and either passed directly to parents or as will be the case in most schools, incorporated into excursion charges to reduce the overall cost of attendance.

On the first day of DHS Country Week, School Coordinators will on Monday 21 September receive a link to an online form. They will be required to formally confirm the number of participating students. This information will be used to determine each school's allocation.

Once final numbers are confirmed:

- Public schools will receive reimbursement through a targeted initiative.
- Non-government schools will receive direct payments.

Any questions regarding the Country Week Assistance Payments please contact Geoffrey Hayes at Geoffrey.Hayes@education.wa.edu.au

Playing Venues

Please note the change of venues from 2025.

Badminton – Stirling Leisure – Mirrabooka (formally Herb Graham Recreation Centre)

Basketball (Boys, Girls & Mixed) – Warwick Stadium

Futsal – **Craigie Leisure Centre**

Hockey (Mixed) – Troy Pickard Hockey Centre (Next to Warwick Stadium)

Netball (Girls) – Kingsway Indoor Sports Centre and Outdoor Courts

Volleyball (Mixed) – **Arena Joondalup**

Active Achievers

Nominations are open. It would be fantastic to have all the schools represented. Information available on the SSWA website on the [DHS Country Week Active Achievers](#). Nominations will close on Friday 11 September.

School Information Forms

A reminder that this was due **Friday 21 August**. Thank you to the schools who have successfully completed this document. This document is available on the following link [School Information Forms](#)

Bona Fides

These are due by **Friday 4 September** and are available on the following link [Bona Fides](#)

Opening Ceremony MCs

The use of Student MCs for the Opening Ceremony is a valued part of Country Week and a great opportunity for students who are confident public speakers. Thank you to Wagin District High School students for agreeing to be MC's for the Opening Ceremony this year, Pemberton District High School for the National Anthem and Dongara District High School to perform the Acknowledgement of Country.

Service Awards

School Sport WA will use data provided on the [School Information Form](#) to identify Service Award recipients. Schools also have the ability to nominate staff using the nomination form on the following link [Service Awards](#).

SSWA Country Week Merchandise

School Sport WA has an agreement with Sports Centre for the provision of Merchandise items at key events. Details regarding the available apparel were circulated to all School Country Week Coordinators by SSWA and items are available for online pre-order until September 7th. Use this link, <https://shorturl.at/2zUYx> , to access the online store.

Invoices

The SSWA Finance team will be issuing invoices the week beginning Monday, September 7th or earlier if possible.