



This document presents information necessary for you to complete your preparations for District High Schools' Country Week 2026.

Please be aware that the 2026 event will conclude on Thursday 24 September, no later than 4pm.

It is absolutely essential that all deadlines for information provision are adhered to and is equally important that schools carefully consider their team nominations prior to submission. Withdrawal after fixtures have been completed becomes a huge inconvenience to other schools and to the coordinators. If in doubt do not nominate!

Significant dates that all schools are required to adhere to are:

Note: All correspondence outgoing and incoming is to be through the SSWA website

Friday 22 May (Week 6):	Bulletin 1 published
Friday 29 May (Week 6):	Nominations due
Friday 31 July (Week 2):	Proposed grades to schools
Friday 7 August (Week 3):	Alteration requests due
Friday 14 August (Week 4):	Bulletin 2 published
Friday 21 August (Week 5):	Draft Fixtures on website

Friday 4 September (Week 7):	Final fixtures on website School returns Due
Friday 11 September (Week 8):	Electronic submission of Bona Fides

Wednesday 16 September (Week 9):	Webex Meeting for School Coordinators (3.30pm)
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Thursday 17 September (Week 9):	Team Officials Webex Meeting – Coaches / Managers (3.30pm)
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Note: Your committee has determined that all schools will need to schedule individual school organised activities for after 4.00pm on each competition day.

Further bulletins will follow closer to the event with updates. Congratulations and thanks to your steering committee for the time and work put in on your behalf. Please check all this information carefully and contact the School Sport WA office with any queries you may have, or any issues you would like to raise. School Sport WA looks forward to your attendance and participation in what is a terrific opportunity on the sporting calendar for District High Schools.

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1. PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

1.1 INDIVIDUAL

Participants must be full-time students up to and including Year 10. The maximum age of any participating student is under 17 years as of 30th June in the year of competition. i.e. students must be born after 30 June 2009.

1.2 SCHOOL

Nominating schools must have the official classification of District High School. Students enrolled at SIDE are also eligible. Other school participation will be considered on application.

1.3 BONA FIDES

All schools are required to forward, electronically, names of participating students by team(s) by the required date (**Friday 4 September 2026**)

- First name, second name,
- Date of birth;
- Each school is also required to provide:
 - A contact name for the allocated team official.
 - A contact number for the overall team manager.

*** Any contravention by participation of students outside these guidelines will incur the immediate sanction of game forfeit and further action at school level.**

2. BYLAWS

2.1 LEVIES

- The team levy is **\$55** per student, based on minimum team numbers, i.e. 5 in a basketball team and 6 in a volleyball team.
- School Sport WA will confirm this amount in early 2026.
- Schools will be invoiced prior to Country Week

2.2 UNIFORMS

- All schools will be required to wear a full team uniform.
- Team uniforms must be appropriate to the sport and include suitable footwear.
- It is essential that all schools take particular care over their presentation as this event acts as a showcase for best practice in sport.
- A team register will be developed that lists team colours.
- In the event of a colour clash schools should endeavour to bring alternate tops.

2.3 RESCHEDULING FIXTURES

- Draft fixtures will not be published until Friday 21 August, by which time, it is hoped, any alterations to nominations will be known.
- If, after perusing your fixtures, you identify any anomalies please contact the SSWA office, so that the problem can be addressed.
- SSWA has the right to reschedule any fixture due to unforeseen circumstances.

2.4 PARTICIPATION IN MORE THAN ONE SPORT

Students may only nominate in one sport. If necessary, in consultation with the Sport Coordinator and opposing coach/es, students may be included in a second sport on the proviso that no game is forfeited because of a double commitment. A student cannot play in 2 teams of the same sport (e.g. cannot play in two netball teams) unless there is no other option. Each situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with player welfare and participation being the main priority.

2.5 STUDENT IMAGE

Schools are reminded that unauthorised reproduction of a student or staff image is illegal. If schools are aware of any student who has indicated a restriction on photos or images, they are required to inform the SSWA office in writing and also indicate the situation to any SSWA official photographer.

2.6 MOUTH GUARDS

All students are strongly advised to wear a mouthguard when involved in training and competition.

2.7 MERCY RULE

In keeping with the spirit of the event when a team is clearly dominating the opposition team the coach must employ strategies to ensure the game's margin does not increase excessively. See sport bylaws for suggested strategies. In the event that the Mercy Rule is invoked it must be indicated on the scorecard by the umpire and the maximum margin will be the specified margin for the respective sport, with the losing team's score being recorded and the mercy rule margin being added on and listed as the winning team's score, except for Volleyball where the recorded score will be 25-10.

2.8 LATE ARRIVAL TO GAMES

Teams will receive a 5-minute grace period with no penalty. After which penalties will apply. See specific sports for details. If a team arrives more than half way through the allocated fixture time re-scheduling or forfeit will be at the Sport Coordinator's discretion.

2.9 BADMINTON

Badminton WA Competition Rules:

<https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/District-High-School-Country-Week-Badminton-Competitions.pdf>

General Rules

- Teams consist of a minimum of 4 players.
- Teams may be any combination of gender.
- Serve is determined by the winner of the previous point.
- Feather shuttles will be used for this competition
- Players must be ranked according to ability and will hold that rank for the duration of the competition. Best player ranked #1.
- Late Arrival to Fixture - There will be a 5-minute grace period after which for every five minutes of being late, a set will be awarded to the opposing team.

Fixtured results, matches and games

- Each fixture will consist of four singles matches and two doubles matches.
- Grading matches will consist of doubles games to 21 points with 25 minutes allocated to each grading game.
- Graded cross-over games will be based on the best of three game format. This means that each player will play the best of three games in each of the singles and doubles matches.
- The games will be scored as rally point with the winner being the first to 21 points. If the score is 20 points each the next point will be 'sudden death' and will decide the winner of the game.
- 60 Minutes will be allocated for a "tie"
- Teams are required to play all six matches as the final placing results will involve the total number of games and points won in the event of a drawn place.

How are teams awarded the fixtured result.

- Teams will be awarded the fixture win if they have won the greatest number of matches.
- Should the match results be a draw for any reason, then the two schools will be awarded the fixture as a drawn result.
- Points for the fixtured matches competition will be allocated as
 - 5 points for a win
 - 3 points for a draw
 - 2 points for a loss

How are schools placed at the end of the tournament

Tabled placings will be determined by:

- Fixtured points
 - In the case of fixtured points being equal then team placings will be determined by the
 - Team total of games won across all fixtures.
 - In the case of the number of games being equal then team placings will be determined by the
 - Team total number of points won across all fixtures.

Please note: For schools concerned about allocation of a teacher to this activity badminton will be played at the same venue as basketball and this may allow an opportunity for cross-sport supervision.

2.10 BASKETBALL (BOYS, GIRLS AND MIXED)

- Teams will be required to provide a game ball.
 - Boys size 7 multi-purpose ball (not rubber).
 - Girls and Mixed size 6 (as above).
- Players to have numbered tops from 4 through to 15. Schools are reminded to provide an alternate, coloured top in the case of team colour clash.
- Teams shall consist of 5 players and a maximum of 5 substitute players.
- Teams may be nominated as boys, girls or mixed teams.
- Grading playing times - Two 10-minute halves, 3-minute half time break. One time out per half permitted with no time outs in the last 3 minutes of each half.
- Playing times – Two 20-minute halves, 5-minute half time break. No time outs permitted during the last 4 minutes of each half.
- Late Arrival to Fixture

There will be a 5-minute grace period after which two points for every one minute late will be awarded to the opposing team.
- **Mercy rule:** Will be invoked when a team is leading by 30 pts and the leading team **must** play half-court defense.

Some other suggested strategies include:

 - Instruct players to dribble with non-preferred hand only
 - Instruct players to lay up and where possible shoot non preferred hand only
 - Play defense at least an arm length away
 - No double-teaming players
 - All players to handle the ball in offense prior to shooting
 - Sub and rest stronger players – this will allow other players to strengthen and improve
 - Playing 4 players when the opposition has 4 players
 - Select one player to sit out then rotate until all team has been on the bench
 - Most importantly – be a good sport and role model to not only your players, your school and yourself but to the others – you never know you may be coaching on the other side one day.
- Each team will supply a scorer.
- In mixed teams, there must be a minimum of **TWO** players of each gender on the court at any one time. Play short if condition cannot be met.
- Sanctions
 - any player may be excluded for an offence against the Codes of Conduct.
 - if issued with a yellow card then the player is to be taken immediately from the court for a minimum period of seven minutes and may only reenter the court after issuing an apology to the referee and gaining permission to resume.
 - a player on receipt of a red card will be excluded for the full game without replacement and an automatic suspension for the following game.
 - The referee must submit a written report to the coordinator.
 - The offending player and coach must meet with the coordinator as soon as possible after the game in which the offence has occurred.
- The competition will be decided in three parts:

A Grading Round Robin will take place over the first day and a half of competition, then Qualifying rounds to decide finals ranking:

 - most number of points;
 - the successful team in the previous encounter will receive priority; and
 - if still equal, percentage difference between teams will decide.

Finals result:

 - direct result; and
 - team who finished higher after qualifying rounds.

2.11 HOCKEY (MIXED)

- This competition will be a 9 a side competition (upon mutual agreement teams can play 11 a side).
- Teams must have a minimum of three players of each gender on the field at any one time. Play short if this condition cannot be met.
- Face masks must be worn by ALL defenders on a short corner
- NO tomahawks shots for goals in the circle (DHS only)
- Shin pads and mouth guards must be worn at all times.
- Goal Keepers must wear full protective equipment at all times.
- Drag flicking is not permitted.
- Every attempt will be made to use the artificial surface for all games.

- Each team to provide a standard white dimpled ball and present it to the umpire prior to the start of each game.
- During the games four (4) interchange players are allowed.
- Schools are reminded to provide a neutral coloured top in the case of a team colour clash.
- Playing times. Two 20 minute halves, 5 minute half time break.
- Exclusions will be decided under normal rules and conditions for hockey.
- Sanctions
 - Any player may be excluded for an offence against the Codes of Conduct.
 - If issued with a yellow card then the player is to be taken immediately from the field for a minimum period of seven minutes and may only re enter the field of play after issuing an apology to the umpire and gaining permission to resume.
 - A player on receipt of a red card will be excluded for the full game without replacement.
 - If a red card is issued then an automatic suspension will occur for the following game.
 - The umpire must submit a written report to the coordinator.
 - The offending player and coach must meet with the coordinator as soon as possible after the game in which the offence has occurred.
- The competition will be decided in two parts.
Qualifying rounds to decide finals ranking:
 - most number of points;
 - the successful team in previous clash;
 - if still equal goal difference will decide;
 - if still equal highest number of goals scored; and
 - if still equal flicks to decide.
 Finals result:
 - direct result; and
 - team who finished higher after qualifying rounds.
- Late Arrival to Fixture
 - There will be a 5 minute grace period after which one goal for every five minutes late will be awarded to the opposing team.
- Mercy Rule
 - To be invoked when the margin reaches 5 goals.
 Suggested strategies include
 - Substitute or remove dominant players.
 - Reposition players.
 - Modify game strategies and tactics.

2.11 NETBALL GIRLS

- Schools provide a netball for each game.
- Schools are reminded to have an alternative set of coloured bibs in case of a team colour clash.
- Each school must provide a scorer.
- Playing times: 4 x 10 minute quarters, 2 minutes at quarter and three-quarter times; 3 minutes at half time. [Grading Day: 2 x 10 minute halves, 3 minute half time]
- All games will be centrally timed.
- In recognition of the educational context of this event coaches may coach from the sidelines using player's names and direct play.
- Sanctions
 - Any player may be excluded for an offence against the Codes of Conduct
 - That player will be excluded for the full game without replacement;
 - Automatic suspension will follow for the following game; and
 - A report must be made to the coordinator.
- The competition will be decided in three parts.
 1. A grading Round Robin will take place over the first day and a half of competition, then
 2. Qualifying rounds to decide finals ranking:
 - most number of points;
 - the successful team in the previous encounter; and
 - if still equal, percentage difference between participating teams.
 3. Finals result:
 - direct result;
 - if direct result is a draw, then play an extra 5 minutes; and then
 - team who finished higher after qualifying rounds.

- Late Arrival to Fixture
 - There will be a 5-minute grace period after which one goal for every one minute late will be awarded to the opposing team.
- Mercy Rule
 - To be invoked when the margin reaches 15 goals.
 Suggested strategies include
 - Substitute or remove dominant players.
 - Reposition players.
 - Modify game strategies and tactics.

2.12 FUTSAL (MIXED)

- This competition will be a 5 a side competition
- Teams must be mixed, and there must be a minimum of 2 players of each gender on the field at any one time. Play short if this condition cannot be met.
- Each team provides a size 4 reduced bounce soccer ball.
- During the games **5** interchange players are allowed.
- Shin pads are compulsory for all players.
- Schools are reminded to provide a neutral coloured top in the case of team colour clash.
- Playing times. Two x 20-minute halves, 5-minute half time.
- It is compulsory for all players to wear shin guards
- Sanctions
 - Any player may be excluded for an offence against the Codes of Conduct.
 - If issued with a yellow card, then the player is to be taken immediately from the field for a minimum period of seven minutes. This player can be replaced.
 - Any player, on receipt of a red card, will be excluded for the full game without replacement and will receive an automatic suspension for the following game.
 - A report must be made to the coordinator.
 - The offending player and coach must meet with the coordinator as soon as possible after the game in which the offence has occurred.
- The competition will be decided in two parts.

Qualifying rounds to decide finals ranking:

 - most number of points;
 - the successful team in previous clash;
 - if still equal goal difference will decide;
 - if still equal highest number of goals scored; and
 - if still equal penalties to decide.

Finals result:

 - direct result; and
 - team who finished higher after qualifying rounds.
- Late Arrival to Fixture
 - There will be a 5 minute grace period after which one goal for every five minutes late will be awarded to the opposing team.
- **Mercy Rule**
 - To be invoked when the margin reaches 5 goals.
 Suggested strategies include
 - Substitute or remove dominant players.
 - Reposition players.
 - Modify game strategies and tactics.

2.13 VOLLEYBALL (MIXED)

- Teams must be mixed, and there must be a minimum of **TWO** players of each gender on the court at any one time. Play short if conditions cannot be met.
- Schools will provide the leather volleyballs to be used at the carnival (Mikasa MVA310 recommended).
- Teams to have uniforms with numbers.
- Each school will be required to be the duty team during the carnival at some stage.
- Each duty team is required to have a minimum of 5 players for their rostered duty. A duty team consists of net umpire (preferably a coach/adult), 2 scorers and 2-line people. Duty members must be present 5 minutes prior to game commencement time. Lines people are to wear supplied vests.
- Net height: 2.35m.

- Players are permitted to serve off the hand.
- Substitutions - All players must rotate sequentially, going off at position 2 and back on through position 1, this must be maintained for the entire game.
- A match will consist of three compulsory games, rally point. The first two games will be to 21 points (capped) and the third game to 15 points (capped), rally point. The third set will only be counted if one team has scored 8 or more points. In the event of a tie in the third set one more point will be played.
- The competition will be centrally timed, and each game will progress no more than 40 minutes.
- Warm-up period will be 5 minutes and commence as soon as the whistle to finish the previous match is sounded. The first scheduled match will start at the designated time so warm-up must be completed before this time. Team warm-ups other than the designated 5 minutes on court are to be conducted elsewhere.
- 2 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw.
- Sanctions
 - Any player may be excluded for an offence against the Codes of Conduct.
 - That player will be excluded for the full game without replacement.
 - Automatic suspension will follow for the following game.
 - A report must be made to the coordinator.
 - The offending player and coach must meet with the coordinator as soon as possible after the game in which the offence has occurred.
- The competition will be decided in three parts:
A grading Round Robin will take place over the first two days of competition, then
Qualifying rounds to decide finals ranking:
 - most number of match points;
 - total number of sets across the competition.
 - total number of points across the competition.
 - the successful team in the previous encounter;

Finals result:

- direct result; and
 - team who finished higher after qualifying rounds.
 - Late Arrival to Fixture
 - There will be a 5-minute grace period after which two points for every one minute late will be awarded to the opposing team.
 - **Mercy Rule**
 - To be invoked when the margin reaches 15 points (Play out the set if the winning team is already 20 points or above). If the mercy rule is invoked the final set score will be 25-10.
- Strategies include
- Substitute or remove dominant players.
 - Modify game strategies and tactics.
 - Underarm serving only.
 - No spiking or blocking.

3. SPORT SPECIFICS

Note: All game balls must be clearly marked and presented to the umpire prior to the games' commencement.

MIXED HOCKEY

- 2 x 20-minute halves
- 1 Game ball suitable for playing on synthetic surfaces
- Teams are also advised to bring a standard white ball(s) for practice purposes
- Teams must have a full Goalkeeper set

NETBALL GIRLS

- 4 x 10-minute quarters, 2-minute quarter time and 3-minute half time.
- Grading Day: 2 x 10-minute halves, 3-minute half time
- 1 x Standard League Netball
- Scorer

BASKETBALL

- 20-minute halves [Grading Day: 2 x 10-minute halves, 3-minute half time]
- 1 x Match Ball (no rubber) Size 6 for mixed. Size 7 for boys
- Scorer (see Bylaws)

MIXED VOLLEYBALL

- 40-minute games centrally timed (Grading 40 minutes, centrally timed)
- 1 x Leather Volleyball (Mikasa MVA310 recommended)
- Officials x 4 (see duty team Bylaws)

MIXED FUTSAL

- 2 x 20-minute halves
- 1 x Size 4 Soccer ball (reduced bounce)

BADMINTON

- Grading: 25-minute Ties (Doubles only)
- Qualifying rounds and Finals: 60 minutes allocated (Doubles and Singles)
- Feather Shuttlecocks supplied by Badminton WA
- Time restrictions may apply

SPECIAL NOTE ON UMPIRING

SCHOOL SPORT WA will attempt to supply umpires at all times. In some cases, this may not be possible. Coaches need to be prepared to offer their services when required.

4. SANCTIONS, DISPUTES AND PROTESTS

4.1 SANCTIONS PROCEDURES ALL SPORTS

Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Badminton and Volleyball.

- Misdemeanor processes and sanctions will be applied in keeping with the rules and guidelines of the sport. (i.e. application of cards will apply in keeping with accepted parent body rules and guidelines).

Futsal

- First misdemeanor will automatically earn a yellow card. This does not preclude a red card and automatic exclusion for a serious offence.
- Yellow card will necessitate removal from the playing area for coach counseling for a period of not less than seven minutes.

Universal procedures

- Red card means automatic exclusion for the rest of that game, the next game and an appearance before the sport coordinator immediately at the end of the game. Umpire to report name of offender and school to the sport coordinator.
- If any student receives two red cards, it will result in exclusion from participation for the rest of the carnival.
- Any two red cards presented to an individual, coach or player at any time leading up to, during, or after any game, including finals, will result in loss of game.

4.2 DISPUTES PROCEDURES

This will follow line management guidelines in the following order:

1. Sort out **amicably** at coach-to-coach level.
2. Discuss problem with sport coordinator.
3. Discuss with tournament manager.
4. Protests panel if unresolved.

Note: The event coordinator has the right to re-schedule games in cases of misadventure. Should this reschedule take place then it is done with the best interests of all participants in mind. The game will be rescheduled through negotiation with each team and take place accordingly. The team who does not appear at the rescheduled time will forfeit the match.

4.3 PROTESTS PANEL

This will follow line management guidelines in the following order:

1. School Sport WA Sport Coordinator
2. School Sport WA Carnival Coordinator
3. District High Schools' Country Week Committee

Note: If protest is not solved by (1), then it will be taken to (2) and finally to (3).

5. ALLOCATION OF GRADES

- The grading committee reserves the right to place schools where it is believed the best interests of the competition are served.
- SSWA will place teams into appropriate divisions/pools based on the size of the school and previous results.
- Any requests for modification will be looked at but not guaranteed.
- Where possible up to two days of play will be used as grading days, schools will be allocated into pools from these results schools will be placed into divisions. The sport coordinator, in consultation with the affected teams, can adjust the final grade allocations at their discretion.
- Rescheduling of fixtures because of late withdrawals or “no shows” will be the responsibility of the sport coordinator. That decision will be final. The onus is on schools to provide correct information in the first instance.

GRADING GUIDELINES

Background

The principle purpose of this event is to provide country students with the opportunity to participate in peer competition in an educational context. It is not the event philosophy to “win at all costs” but rather to compete in a friendly environment that provides equity of opportunity for all.

Special Notes:

- Badminton, Basketball, Netball and Volleyball teams are required to nominate their anticipated grade. Teams will be placed in pools for grading purposes. The grading days will be used to confirm final grades [A, B, C, D, E – subject to nominations]

6. VENUES

BADMINTON	Stirling Leisure Centre - Mirrabooka 38 Ashbury Cres, Mirrabooka	(4-8 Courts)
BASKETBALL	Warwick Stadium Cnr Warwick Rd & Wanneroo Rd, Warwick	(6 Courts)
HOCKEY	Troy Pickard Hockey Centre 86 Lloyd Dr, Warwick	(2 Fields)
NETBALL	Kingsway Indoor Stadium 130 Kingsway Rd, Madeley	(4 Indoor Courts) (2 Outdoor Courts)
FUTSAL	Craigie Leisure Centre 751 Whitfords Ave, Craigie	(2 courts)
VOLLEYBALL	Arena Joondalup Kennedy Drive, Joondalup	(6 Courts)

7. OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONY INFORMATION

7.1 OPENING

TIME: Monday 21 September (Day One) arrival from 8:15am start 9.00am

VENUE: Warwick Stadium, Cnr Warwick Rd & Wanneroo Rd, Warwick

FORMAT:

- Students are to be seated **no later than 8.50 am**. Schools are asked to fill the stands from the back.
- School captains are requested to assemble in the Foyer of the Basketball Centre in alphabetical order from the designated school **(Cunderdin District High School)**
- Active Achievers are to be seated out the front in the seat allocated by their certificate.
- Official opening will take place, including student pledge which is read out by a student from a nominated school, and the national anthem will be sung by a student representative. All schools are requested to encourage students to participate in singing of the National Anthem.
- Schools are asked to remind all students that their standard of dress and behaviour is to be of the highest standard (School uniform & appropriate footwear).
- School Delegates meeting is to be held on Thursday prior to travel.
- A coaches meeting will be held at 9.50am at the game venues. Attendance is compulsory as it is here any last-minute changes will be advised.
- After the opening ceremony students will be dismissed and the carnival program will begin from 10.30am (approximately) depending on sports venue location

7.2 **CLOSING (SPORT SPECIFIC)**

TIME: Thursday 24 September (Final Day) – After Grand Final Game

VENUE: At each sport specific venue

FORMAT:

- **Sport Coordinators** will make all coaches aware of where the Sport Specific Closing Ceremony will be held.
- **All students** to be seated in the allocated area **10 minutes after the Grand Final Game**.
- State Sporting Organisation Executive Officer or their representative will be in attendance.
- School team captains of successful teams are requested to station themselves in the designated court area adjacent to the presentation area.
- Trophies will be presented and the championship will be officially closed.

Special Note: All schools are reminded that the Sport Specific Closing Ceremony is an integral part of the week's proceedings. It is essential that ALL schools attend each ceremony.

8. **TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded to each divisional winner in each of the sports the highest division will also be awarded the perpetual trophy. All team Captains are asked to be seated in the front rows

9. **COMMUNICATION**

All schools will be required to supply an accommodation address and an after-hours contact number so that any necessary communications or late changes to fixtures may be notified.

A School Coordinators *WhatsApp* group will be set up for speedy dissemination of information in a timely manner during the week.

Please complete the School Information Form on the website by Friday 4 September 2026, at the latest.

10 **SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**

This team award acknowledges good sportsmanship in each sport. The team will exemplify the spirit in which Country Week competitions should be played. It is not the event's philosophy to "win at all costs" but rather to compete in a friendly environment that provides equity of opportunity for all. It is an award to acknowledge a school team who leads by example and demonstrates through their attitude and behaviour the qualities and conduct of fair play. The award will recognise teams that display fairness, honesty, politeness, respect for the rules and for other players during the week of competition.

Sport Coordinators, Umpires and Coaches will vote for the schools they deem to have displayed Sportsmanship behaviour for the week. An award will be presented in each grade for each sport at the Closing Ceremony.

11. **MEDICAL PROVISION**

Schools will have access to a qualified sports trainer to cater for injuries sustained. This person is not an all-purpose strapper unless there is a genuine need for injury treatment. Schools are requested to adequately provide for their own immediate ongoing medical needs by the provision of first-aid equipment, including ice. Provide your own strapping. Emergency strapping will be available (approximately \$4 per treatment) for injuries sustained during the course of games. Should you require additional strapping it must be purchased from the medical station. A coach/team manager must accompany competitors when they attend the on-site sports trainer. St. John's Ambulance has been notified of the event.

Team coaches are responsible for the wellbeing of their team, and all minor injuries are to be handled by the team coach. Should the need arise, all arena managers will consider medical problems a priority and have phones to arrange further treatment or to call an ambulance. All sport managers will have contact numbers for local practitioners (as included in this bulletin). Please ensure all team managers and coaches have a copy.

Schools are required to provide their own ice sufficient for their own needs. Sports medicine will have ice available for injuries that are attended to at their location.

12. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

SSWA will produce a comprehensive risk management document that will cover the conduct of the event and satisfy DoE excursion policy requirements. Schools will be able to state in their excursion documentation that the event risk management will be provided by SSWA.

13. EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONTACTS (TBC)**HOSPITALS**

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS
Perth Children's Hospital	15 Hospital Ave, Nedlands	6456 2222	24 Hours
Fiona Stanley Hospital	11 Robin Warren Drive, Murdoch	6152 2222	24 Hours
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	Hospital Avenue, Nedlands	6457 3333	24 Hours
Royal Perth Hospital	197 Wellington St, East Perth	9224 2244	24 Hours
St. John of God – Midland	1 Clayton St, Midland	9462 4000	24 Hours
St. John of God – Subiaco	12 Salvado Rd, Subiaco	9382 6111	24 Hours
St. John of God – Murdoch	Barry Marshall Pde, Murdoch	9438 9000	24 Hours
Joondalup Health Campus	Shenton Ave, Joondalup	9400 9400	24 Hours

DENTAL TRAUMA

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS
Life Care Dental Forrest Chase	1 st Floor, Forrest Chase, Shop 55 / 419 Wellington Street, Perth	9221 2777	8am - 8pm (M-F)

Doctor (General Practitioner)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS
Warwick Medical Centre	Shop 8, 639 Beach Road, Warwick	9448 9880	Mon to Fri 8am – 6pm
Kingsway Medical Centre	168-182 Wanneroo Road, Madeley	9409 1155	Mon to Fri 7am – 5.30pm
Mirraboooka Medical Centre	22 Sudbury Place, Mirraboooka	9349 6611	Mon to Fri 7am – 6pm

Physiotherapist

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS
Lifecare Kingsway Physio	Kingsway Medical Centre 168 Wanneroo Rd Madeley	9409 3993	Mon to Fri 7am - 7pm
Avanti Physio	4/3 Doncaster Rd Mirraboooka	6477 9899	Mon to Fri 8am – 6 pm
Darch Physio	Shop 16 Darch Plaza, 225 Kingsway, Darch	9303 4111	Mon to Fri 7am – 7:30pm
Life Ready Physio	585 Beach Rd Warwick	6168 8564	Mon to Fri 7am - 7pm

14. COACHING CLINICS

Coaching clinics may be organised for badminton, futsal, volleyball and hockey early in the week. It is an expectation that coaches will assist the presenters. Games will commence after the clinics.

Note: There will not be a clinic for netball and basketball.

15. MEETINGS**School Delegates Meeting**

Wednesday 16 September, 3.30pm (WebEx)

All country week coordinators

Coaches Meeting

Thursday 17 September 3.30pm (WebEx)

All coaches / managers this is a compulsory meeting

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATES POST COUNTRY WEEK MEETING

Date: Thursday 15 October 2026.

Place: Webex Meeting

Time: 3:30pm

- All schools must be represented.
- Delegates will be elected and a meeting time for committee set.
- Opportunity will be given for discussion.

Note: Your elected committee will make decisions; the meeting is for discussion and not decision making.

COUNTRY WEEK REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Date: Thursday 26 November Week 7 Term 4, 2026

Place: Webex Meeting

Time: 3:30pm (TBC)

16. OTHER EVENTS

ACTIVE ACHIEVERS' COUNTRY WEEK AWARD:

All schools will be invited to submit nominations for the Active Achievers Award. The award is designed to recognise outstanding contributions in sport and other contributory contexts at the school and local community level. A maximum of 4 students are to be nominated for this award from each school.

All schools are encouraged to enter worthy students for this prestigious award.

Active Achiever Nominees will be acknowledged at the Opening Ceremony.

The award procedure is as follows:

1. Each school involved in DHS Country Week has the opportunity to nominate a maximum of 4 students.
2. The nominated students should:
 - Portray positive images about health and wellbeing,
 - Be actively involved in school and/or community activities,
 - Be attending District High Schools Country Week.
3. Each student nominated will be individually congratulated and receive a certificate of recognition at the Opening Ceremony.

Further details are available on the following link https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interschool/country/country-week/district-high-schools/#active_achievers

17. SSWA COUNTRY WEEK CODES OF CONDUCT

Players' Code of Conduct

- Be a good sport.
- Play for enjoyment.
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Treat all teammates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- Play by the rules.
- Cooperate with team and game officials.
- Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.

Coaches/Teachers' Code of Conduct

- Set a good example for your players.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills.
- Teach a wide range of team skills.
- Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development level of the players involved.
- Teach your players to be friendly towards officials and opponents.
- Give all interested students a chance to participate in training and in games.
- Remove from the field of play any of your players whose behaviour is not acceptable.
- Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the development of the game up to date.
- Abide by School Sport Australia policy which prohibits smoking and consumption of alcohol by team officials at any time whilst in the direct supervision of students.

Parents' Code of Conduct

- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.

Spectators' Code of Conduct

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.

Administrators' and Officials' Code of Conduct

- Ensure rules, equipment, training schedules and games are safe and match the needs and skill level of the children involved.
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are available for all children.
- Involve children in planning, evaluation and decision making.
- Ensure everyone involved, including parents, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate behaviour.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards children's sport
 - i) emphasise fun and enjoyment
 - ii) encourage both teams
 - iii) set a good example
- Be consistent, courteous and helpful toward all participants.
- Use common sense to ensure that the 'spirit of the game' for children is not lost by overcalling violations.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique, and that these officials are given the opportunity to improve their coaching and officiating.
- Remember that children play for enjoyment, downplay the importance of rewards.
- Avoid allowing children's sports programs to become primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the participants rather than the enjoyment of the spectators.
- Distribute a Code of Behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and take other positive steps to ensure people understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in children's sport.