

# **Fuel to Go and Play**

# **Schools Tennis Classic**

# **2025**

**EVENT INFORMATION GUIDE**





## 2025 DATES AND VENUES

EVENT (METROPOLITAN)	YEAR LEVEL	DATE
Academy Plate – Boys	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Academy Plate – Girls	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Herbert Edwards – Boys	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Herbert Edwards – Girls	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Mursell Shield – Boys	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Mursell Shield – Girls	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Slazenger Cup – Boys	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Slazenger Cup – Girls	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March





EVENT (COUNTRY)	YEAR LEVEL	DATE	VENUE
<b>Academy Plate – Great Southern</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Albany Tennis Centre
<b>Academy Plate – Great Southern</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Mount Barker Tennis Club
<b>Herbert Edwards – Great Southern</b>	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Albany Tennis Centre
<b>Mursell Shield – Great Southern</b>	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Albany Tennis Centre
<b>Academy Plate – Central Districts</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Beverley TC
<b>Academy Plate – South West</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Bunbury TC
<b>Herbert Edwards – South West</b>	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bunbury TC
<b>Mursell Shield – South West</b>	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bunbury TC
<b>Academy Plate – Upper Great Southern</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Narrogin TC
<b>Herbert Edwards – Central Districts</b>	Secondary: Years 7 – 9	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Cunderdin TC
<b>Mursell Shield– Central Districts</b>	Secondary: Years 7 – 12	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Cunderdin TC
<b>Academy Plate – Eastern Districts</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Hyden TC
<b>Academy Plate – Great Southern</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Katanning TC
<b>Country Academy Plate - Final</b>	Primary: Years 3 - 6	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	State Tennis Centre
<b>BACKUP DATES</b>	ALL YEARS	Week of 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 schoolteams 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
Slazenger Cup & 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><b><u>Slazenger Cup:</u></b> Afterschool event. Each team is comprised of 4-6 players playing 2 FULL SETS with a match tie break at 1 set all. To nominate players must have a tennis ID and UTR rating. This is a knockout tournament.</p> <p><b><u>Mursell Shield</u></b> During school event Teams are made up of 4-6 players playing first to 21 points. <b>NO PLAYER ID OR UTR NEEDED</b> This is a round robin tournament where the 1<sup>st</sup> 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>	Secondary: Years 7 – 12



**Country Events - Proudly supported by the D'Arcy Slater Foundation**

EVENT	INFORMATION	YEAR LEVEL
<p><b>Academy Plate</b> <b><u>Mixed Gendered Event</u></b></p>	<p>Singles and doubles team event for Primary School students, played with modified balls on a full-sized court.</p> <p><b><u>Country Final</u></b> 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><b>Herbert Edwards</b> <b>Separate Boys &amp; Girls Events</b></p>	<p>Singles and doubles team event for Lower Secondary School students, played with yellow tennis balls on a full-sized court.</p> <p><b><u>Metro Event Invitation</u></b> 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>
<p><b>Mursell Shield Separate Boys &amp; Girls Events</b></p>	<p>Singles and doubles team event for Upper Secondary School students. Played with yellow tennis balls, on a full-sized court.</p> <p><b><u>Metro Event Invitation</u></b> 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)</p>	<p>Secondary: Years 7-12</p>

**MATCH TIMES**

**Metro Events (DURING SCHOOL)**

All matches will aim to be finished in school time. The aim is to start 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2 Full Sets with a MTB at 1 set all Teams will play QF and SF rounds on one day and finals on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of 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 nomination are due by Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**
2. Complete School Sport WA expression of interest via 'Nominate' button on website – **Metro nominations are due by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**
3. Teachers to submit their teams through the Airtable form link [here](#)  
**Regional nomination are due by Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**Metro nominations are due by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**
4. 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 24<sup>st</sup> February 2025**
2. Teachers to submit their teams through the Airtable form link [here](#)
3. 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 24<sup>st</sup> February 2024**
2. 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](#)
3. Tennis West will then enter teams

For further information and inquiries please contact, Tennis West: [schoolswa@tennis.com.au](mailto:schoolswa@tennis.com.au)





## NOMINATIONS CLOSE



All Metropolitan Events- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
Country Events: **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon**

## ENTRY FEES

A fee of **\$55 (incl. GST)** is payable for each team and each event entered. School Sport WA will invoice all schools following nomination.

*\*Country Schools are charged \$55 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 centre 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](mailto: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 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- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
Country Events: **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

***Players CAN compete in both Herbert Edwards and Mursell Shield but players CANNOT compete in both the Mursell Shield and Slazenger Cup events*** of the Fuel to Go and Play Schools Tennis Classic.



## 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.**

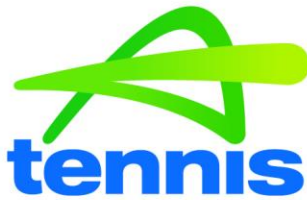
If a substitute is required for a team this person will enter the team in the order of merit, as approved by the teacher. The rest of the team shall move up/down accordingly. A player playing as a substitute cannot be a player from another Fuel to Go and Play Schools Tennis Classic event. Once a player 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.

**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 there is a court available to start their match.**

### 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. The draw will be a knockout draw with a maximum of 8 teams. Matches will be played in a format of 2 Full sets with a MTB at 1 set all. Team acceptance is based on average UTR of top 4 players.

## 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 Tie-Breaker (first to 5) to determine the winner

### TEAM POINTS CALCULATION (ALL EVENTS)

**Points will be award on the following basis:**

- 1 point per Rubber won
- 4 points for the Overall Winner of the Round
- 1 point for the Loser of the Round
- There is a Total of 11 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).
- The team must have commenced the day with four eligible players.



- If in the Country Academy Plate, a team does not meet the minimum player requirement, any additional players will be regarded as an ineligible player.

## 6. 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 disrupt play.

## 7. 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>