

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE 2025 NATIONAL HIGH/LSEN SCHOOLS ATHLETICS SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP: AUTUMN GAMES IN BLOEMFONTEIN

WESTERN CAPE CONTINGENT

The Autumn Games Championship catering for high/LSEN schools' athletics is confirmed to take place in Bloemfontein, Free State 02 – 05 April 2025.

Athletes competing in track and field events will participate at the championship.

Athletes have been selected in the athletics code by the respective district and regional federation and/or school sport structures. Talent identification and competitions took place at cluster/circuit, district, and provincial level, enabling athletes to be selected.

The final team is being registered with the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) and the national Department of Basic Education (DBE) and will be verified by DSAC. No additional replacements are allowed, as registrations have closed.

Managers and coaches have also been appointed by Western Cape Schools Athletics and the respective regional/provincial federation and/or school sport structures, including educators employed through the Western Cape Education Department (WCED).

Furthermore, six (6) support staff members have been appointed by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS), all serving on the Western Cape General Management Team.

The WCED have appointed two (2) officials to ensure that Monitoring & Evaluation takes place at the championship itself, and to complete the necessary reports.

They will also assist with safeguarding of the school – going athletes participating at the championship, as well as to ensure code of conduct compliance of educators.

VERIFICATION SCHEDULE

Further down below please find. Please note that the starting time for verification at the Western Cape Sport School on Thursday 27 March 2025 was amended to 14h30, as communicated earlier today by DCAS. The national DSAC officials responsible for verification missed their flights in Johannesburg due to unforeseen circumstances. Apologies are extended for any inconvenience caused.

Further, it is recommended and requested that participants be registered at the verification venue allocated to the respective districts. Where necessary, and due to extenuating circumstances, a participant can be verified at another venue in another district.

VENUE	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIMES
Western Cape Sport School, Kuils River	Thursday 27 March 2025	Verification of participants in the Metro District.	09h00 – 20h00; amended to 14h30 – 20h00 as mentioned
Dal Josaphat Stadium, Paarl	Friday 28 March 2025	Verification of participants in the Cape Winelands, Overberg and West Coast Districts.	10h00 – 17h00
Heatherlands High School, George	Saturday 29 March 2025	Verification of participants in the Central Karoo and Eden Districts.	10h00 -13h00 amended to end earlier at 13h00 as there are not many participants to verify

PROGRAMME:

Tuesday 01 April 2025:

- ❖ Participants travel from the respective districts across the Western Cape to Cape Town International Airport.
- ❖ As communicated with Western Cape Schools Athletics on 13 March 2025, DCAS is not able to procure transport from the respective districts and to back to the respective districts.
- ❖ Departure from Cape Town International Airport.
- ❖ Arrival at Braam Fisher Airport in Bloemfontein.
- ❖ Check in at accommodation.
- ❖ Supper will be the first meal served at the accommodation.

Wednesday 02 April 2025:

- ❖ Breakfast at accommodation venue.
- ❖ Briefing meetings.
- ❖ Practice sessions for athletes.
- ❖ Lunch provided.
- ❖ Opening ceremony @ 17h00.
- ❖ Supper at accommodation venue.

Thursday 03 – Saturday 05 April 2025:

- ❖ Participation at Free State Athletics Stadium.
- ❖ Lunch to be served at Free State Athletics Stadium.
- ❖ Western Cape departs from Braam Fisher Airport to Cape Town International Airport at various times on Saturday 05 April 2025, with athletes who are not competing on 05 April 2025 traveling with earlier flights.
- ❖ On arrival at Cape Town International Airport, participants travel to various districts in the Western Cape.

ATTIRE

DCAS was able to procure a backpack and a cap but was not able to procure attire through a tender process, due to the team and sizes only being finalized after the provincial competition ended on Saturday 15 March 2025. Western Cape Schools Athletics were able to procure attire. Parents/guardians were required to cover the costs of the attire.

ACCOMMODATION

DCAS covers all the costs of accommodation. Our provincial contingent will be accommodated at various accommodation venues in Bloemfontein. Due to limited accommodation in the city, as well as numerous other events taking place at the same time, there is no venue available to host our contingent totaling more than 440. The accommodation has been booked and paid for, and wasteful and fruitless expenditure is not permitted.

CATERING

DCAS covers all the costs of catering. Breakfast and supper will be provided by DCAS through the service provider at the hotel. Lunch will be provided at the competition venue a service provider appointed by DCAS. Meal preferences (normal, kosher, halaal, vegetarian etc.) have been submitted.

TRANSPORT

DCAS covers all the costs of air transport, as well as transport in Bloemfontein. We will fly with chartered flights procured via our travel agent arranged with Cemair. Eco Tours will provide bus transport in Bloemfontein itself. It is a reputable company with many years of experience providing bus transport for DCAS. The necessary compliance paperwork is in order (PDPs, public liability, roadworthy certificates etc.)

MEDICAL SUPPORT

DCAS covers all the costs of the medical support and have procured one doctor and two physiotherapists (one male and one female) to provide medical support to the athletes.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Please note that we will not be transporting any technical officials not on the list provided by DSAC, which has been submitted and endorsed by the respective national and provincial federation/school sport structures.

DCAS will **not** provide accommodation, meals, and transport in Bloemfontein for the technical officials. This will be the responsibility of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), supported by DSAC.

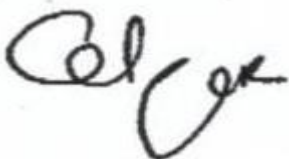
GENERAL

It is recommended and requested that each participant brings along a re-usable sport water bottle to ensure that they can travel each day with their own fresh water in order to remain hydrated.

In conclusion, it is kindly requested that the information in this communique be shared with all stakeholders and role-players including schools, managers, and coaches and if possible, with parents. For any further information, please feel free to liaise directly with Mr Mogamat Loet Groenewald at Mogamat.Groenewald@westerncape.gov.za

Please refrain from encouraging/allowing parents to contact us directly.

Kind regards



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