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Western Cape Schools Athletics  
Boland Athletics  
SWD Athletics  
WP Athletics  
School Principals  
Parents/Guardians

Dear Sir/Madam

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE 2026 SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL HIGH/LSEN SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP IN RUSTENBURG**

The South African National Schools Athletics Championship catering for High/LSEN schools' athletics is confirmed to take place in Rustenburg, North West Province 08 – 11 April 2026.

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

Athletes have been selected by the respective district and regional federation/school sport structures. Talent identification and competitions took place at cluster/circuit, district, and provincial level, enabling athletes to be selected to represent the Western Cape Province.

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

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

Furthermore, ten (10) support staff members have been appointed by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS), to serve on the Western Cape General Management Team.

The WCED have appointed three (3) officials to ensure Safeguarding of Children in Sport as well as to ensure that Monitoring & Evaluation takes place at the championship itself, and to complete the necessary reports. These WCED officials will also ensure that educators comply with the relevant code of conduct of educators.

Mr Brandon Du Plessis, WCSA Chairperson, will serve as WCSA Head of Delegation and will be on duty in Rustenburg, accompanied by Mr Clarence Combrink, who will serve as Team Western Cape General Manager.

## **PROGRAMME:**

### **Monday 06 April 2026:**

- ❖ Participants travel from the respective districts across the Western Cape to Rustenburg.
- ❖ Please refer to the transport schedule in the table further down below.
- ❖ Supper in Beaufort West en route to Rustenburg.

### **Tuesday 07 April 2026:**

- ❖ Arrival in Rustenburg and breakfast.
- ❖ Lunch provided.
- ❖ Check in to accommodation.
- ❖ Supper at accommodation venue.

### **Wednesday 08 April 2026:**

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

### **Thursday 09 – Saturday 11 April 2026:**

- ❖ Participation at Royal Bafokeng Stadium.
- ❖ Lunch to be served daily at competition venue.
- ❖ Western Cape departs from competition venue after the closing ceremony on Saturday 11 April 2026.

### **Sunday 12 April 2026:**

- ❖ Arrival in respective districts in the Western Cape.

## **TRANSPORT**

DCAS covers all the costs of transport. Eco Tours will provide luxury/semi – luxury bus transport to and from Rustenburg and in Rustenburg itself. It is a reputable company with many years of experience providing bus transport for DCAS, with qualified and experienced drivers. The necessary compliance paperwork is in order (PDPs, public liability, roadworthy certificates etc.) Qualified and experienced relief drivers will also assist with driving.

## TRANSPORT SCHEDULE

DISTRICT	VENUE	DEPARTURE TIME
West Coast (traveling along the N1 to Beaufort West)	KFC, Vredendal	07h00
	KFC, Clanwilliam	08h00
	West Coast School of Skills, Saldanha	10h00
	Schoonspruit SS, Malmesbury	11h00
Cape Metro (traveling along the N1 to Beaufort West)	Western Cape Sport School, Kuils River	11h00
Cape Winelands (traveling along the N1 to Beaufort West)	Dal Josafat Stadium, Paarl	12h00
	De La Bat School, Worcester	13h30
Central Karoo (traveling along the N1 to Rustenburg)	Shell Garage, Beaufort West	19h00
Overberg (traveling along the N2 to George)	DCAS Regional Office, 35 Human Street, Caledon	08h00
Eden (to Beaufort West via Oudtshoorn)	DCAS Regional Office, York Street, George	15h00
	De Jager Stadium, Oudtshoorn	17h00

**NB!** The various district contingents will meet in Beaufort West 19h30 - 20h30 and supper will be served in Beaufort West. Thereafter all buses leave from Beaufort West to travel to Rustenburg.

## ATTIRE

DCAS has procured a tracksuit, sweater, shorts, backpack and a cap for all participants. Parents/guardians are not required to contribute towards any of these attire costs.

WCSA has arranged for running gear through an appointed service provider. Parents/guardians were requested to ensure that athletes fit the running gear for orders to be placed, for DCAS to cover these costs.

Parents/guardians who decided to purchase running gear, or any other attire/running gear, directly from the service provider **cannot claim for any re – imbursement** from the service provider, DCAS or WCSA.

## ACCOMMODATION

DCAS covers all the costs of accommodation. Our provincial contingent will be accommodated at The Bonn Hotel Group in Rustenburg. The accommodation has been booked and paid for, and athletes are required to stay with the provincial contingent.

## CATERING

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

## TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Please note that DCAS will transport technical officials as per the list provided by WCSA. The technical officials are included in the transport plan as per the transport schedule provided. On arrival in Rustenburg, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) takes responsibility of accommodation, catering, transport, and attire of all technical officials.

DCAS will **not provide** accommodation, meals, transport, and attire for the technical officials.

## 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/guardians. For any further information, please feel free to liaise directly with Mr Zuhair Isaacs at [Zuhair.Isaacs@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Zuhair.Isaacs@westerncape.gov.za)

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

Kind regards



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