

Academy seeks four inaugural partners

SPORTS ACADEMY: Organisers for the establishment of the South West Academy of Sport are calling for expressions of interest from possible sporting partners.

SWAS chairman Don Punch said the academy would provide top level training for up and coming local talent and save them the travel to Perth while nurturing local talent.

"The academy will partner with these sports through local associations to provide specialist coaching and training for emerging athletes, similar to what the West Australian Institute of Sport does," he said.

"We are presently looking for up to four initial sports we can partner with and support through the South West Academy of Sport," he said.

Mr Punch said the academy board was keen to hear from local sports groups interested in being involved.

"The obvious benefit of their partnership with the Academy is that it will raise the level of excellence of their sporting code locally," he said.

The academy will not only provide skills training by professional coaches, but education in sports injury prevention and management, movement techniques and general life skills such as career advice.

Individual sports scholarships will also be provided for up to 50 athletes to assist in their development.

"The academy will expand the number of sports it supports as it establishes itself in the region," Mr Punch said.

Sports that are interested in being involved with the academy need to submit their interest by November 26.

For expression of interest application forms or more information on the academy phone 9792 2000.