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TECHNICAL PACKAGE / HOST INFORMATION



2026 VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIAL

NOVEMBER 26-28, 2026

Hosted by St. Mary's Catholic School and St. Martin's School

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1. TECHNICAL PACKAGE

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW: VOLLEYBALL

DATE	November 26-28, 2026
VENUES	St. Mary's Catholic School and St. Martin's Catholic School
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Chris Manderson / chrism@eics.ab.ca
HOST PRINCIPAL	Jim Salsbury
HOST SCHOOL	St. Mary's Catholic School / 780-632-3934
SSA CONTACT	Shelbea MacLennan / shelbea@schoolsportalberta.ca / 587-639-3669

VENUE DESCRIPTION AND SITE MAP(S):

Saint Mary's Catholic School
4434-53 St
Vegreville, AB T9C 1A1
Phone: 780-632-3934

St. Martin's Catholic School
4314-54A Ave
Vegreville, AB T9C 1C8
780-632-2266





B. COACHES MEETING

- The **mandatory** Coaches/Captains meeting will take place via Google Meet at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24th. The link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

C. SCHEDULE / OPENING CEREMONIES

Gym Practice times will be scheduled once teams have been confirmed. Teams travelling the farthest will be assigned a later practice time at one of the two gyms. Practice times will be 1 hour slots assigned at either of the two gyms.

Schedule:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O67pavW_mQNrY8ui8zVfg1QSGNgDkwOTtbR-evzyKJE/edit?usp=sharing

The online results will be posted immediately after the completion of the games. Please check online for the most up to date results and standings.

Thursday, November 26

9:30 am - 6:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies followed by game play and Skill Competition (6:30 pm)

Friday, November 27

8:30am - 8:30pm	Gameplay

Saturday, November 28

8:30am - 6:30pm	Gameplay & Award Presentations

D. REGISTRATION

Fees

- Fees for the tournament will be $775.00
    i. Cheques can be made out to the host school -
- There is also an additional fee for the John Paton Pay it Forward, $1.00 per athlete which will need to be added when submitting payment.
- Registration Deadline - Registration will occur online using the Registration button on the SSA website. The online Forms include a team roster, team photo, and other important documents required by the host. **This is due by Monday, November 23, at noon.**
- We also understand that teams cannot be expected to attend the Skills Competition/Social Gathering. However we are planning on hosting a small meal before the Skills Competition as well as this is when we are planning on having our Guest Speaker (Sarah Shapka Paris Paralympian in volleyball) talk to the athletes. There is a more detailed explanation of the skill competition in the following sections: As such, there is a $10.00 per person fee for anyone attending the Social Gathering/Skills Competition. Please also fill out the following google form in the skills competition section so that we can have approximate numbers for both the gathering and the skills competition.

    Link to Skills Competition Google Form (contains information and registration)
    - Skills Competition Information
        - https://docs.google.com/document/d/11WESO926wFvlolMEzjU2ly5jQLIBDKPs-eX6t5PMsng/edit?usp=sharing
    - Skills Competition Registration Form
        - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTyvw2Wri7_YhM_r00R3p6G9OX3ps-hTZiLi7abnpJooqU-A/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=109868387009752559799

- Cheques should be made payable to St. Mary's Catholic School.

- Cheques can be brought directly to St. Mary's Catholic School during the Provincial Championship and given directly to Chris Manderson or Katelyn Wowdzia at the office.

- Cheques can also be mailed to:
  St. Mary's Catholic School
  4434-53 St
  Vegreville, AB
  T9C 1A1

E. TEAM PICTURES / GAME PHOTOS

- We will have a professional photographer onsite at both venues who will be taking action shots throughout the tournament. Teams will have the option of purchasing different packages of photos that will be taken during the tournament. The following link will take you to their page where you can see various options as well as contact them ahead of time if so desired.
  https://fluxmediayeg.com/volleyball-provincials-2026/
- As well, team photos will be scheduled immediately after the opening ceremonies and teams will have a time slot set for their team photos.

- Individual players' photos are also available and can be booked directly through the photographer during the competition.

F. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Practice times will be assigned once teams are confirmed for provincials. Teams travelling from the farthest away will be assigned times
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St. Martins	Team	St. Mary's	Team
4 - 5 pm		1 - 2 pm	
5 - 6 pm		2 - 3 pm	
6 - 7 pm		3 - 4 pm	
7 - 8 pm		4 - 5 pm	
		5 - 6 pm	
		6 - 7 pm	
		7 - 8 pm	

G. OFFICIALS

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- Volleyball Alberta is recognized to provide officials for provincial competitions. Arrangements for officials at all provincial competitions shall be made by the Executive Director and/or appointees of the SSA Executive in cooperation with the VA

Minor Officials

- Minor officials (scorekeepers) are volunteers from the host school. Please treat them with respect and understanding; they are volunteering to help make the event run as smoothly as possible. Each scorekeeping table will be directly supervised by the scoretable supervisor.
- If you or the team has any concerns with the scorekeeping, a member of the coaching staff or teacher supervisor please contact me directly at Chris Manderson 780-603-9395. Do not direct comments to the minor officials. Spectators will not address any officials/minor officials at any time, or they will be asked to leave the facility promptly.

H. GRIEVANCES & DISCIPLINE

- There are two key focuses of the Grievance/Discipline Committee at SSA provincials.
    - The first focus is to deal with matters that occur during competition, typically discipline/conduct issues, and appeals that may arise from ejections.
    - The second focus is to handle any other matters that arise that require dispute resolution.
- Grievances need to be brought up to the Grievance Chair first and will then be discussed and concluded by the committee that is made up of an administrator, an SSA Commissioner or Staff Member, a head official from VA, and two coaches who are not in conflict of interest (selected at the coaches meeting).

I. TEAM ROOMS / CHANGE ROOMS

- Home and Away Change rooms will be designated in the gymnasium. These rooms will be made available to teams prior to their games. At the conclusion of each game, teams will also have access to a Home and Away Debrief room that can be used to talk to their teams after the game.

J. COMPETITION UNIFORM/RULES

- Volleyball Rules and policies are outlined on pages 48-50 of the SSA Policy Handbook.
- Please do not change in the gym at your respective benches. Please make any uniform changes in the change rooms provided by the hosts.

K. EQUIPMENT

- Please provide your own warmup balls for practice and warmup. Please ensure your balls are properly marked with your school team.

- SSA provided custom game balls will be used for gameplay.

2. HOST INFORMATION

A. VENUE INFORMATION

VENUE	St. Mary's Catholic School (4434-53 St) and St. Martins Catholic School (4314-54A Ave)

B. ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels

Option #1	Vegreville Suites (code: SMV) to book Rooms will be held until Tuesday November 24th, 2026. So Please book early.	CALL: 780-632-2094
Option #2	Vegreville Garden Inn and Suites	Call: 780-632-2895

C. FOOD & BEVERAGE

- A full canteen will be available at St. Mary's Catholic School on all three days.
- St. Martins Catholic School will also have a limited concession that will be run by our local Rotary Club.
- There are many fast food outlets in town, as well as several sit down restaurants.

D. HOSPITALITY

- There will be an officials and coaches room set up at St. Mary's Catholic School. Unfortunately at St. Martins Catholic school we will have an officials room only, there will not be a coaches room available.

E. PARKING / TRANSPORTATION

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:

- All spectators will park in the student parking lot at St. Mary's Catholic School. See map attached in the previous section.
- St. Martins Catholic School has street parking available as well as busses and spectators are free to park at St. Martin of Tours church parking lot. (see map in the intro section)

F. TICKETING

- Spectators will be required to pay a daily admission or purchase a tournament pass. Those who purchase a tournament pass will be given a wristband upon verification for admittance during the weekend. Daily wristbands can also be purchased which will grant access to both gyms for that one day only.
- Tournament gates will be located at each competition venue on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Passes **can be purchased digitally through the hudl portal or in person at each venue.** To purchase a day pass or tournament pass visit: https://www.asaasportsnetwork.com/asaaprovincialstickets/.
- Day Pass: $12.00
- Tournament Pass: $30.00
- 12 and under are free.

G. LIVE STREAMING

- All Live streaming will be done through the asaasportsnetwork.com using HUDL technology and equipment.
- Viewing packages will vary in price based on the viewers' needs and number of days streaming.
- For more information on streaming please go to https://schoolsportalberta.ca/
- No secondary Live Streaming is allowed or permitted at this event. Failure to comply may lead to being asked to leave the venue.

H. MERCHANDISE

- Northwest Designs will be set-up in a designated classroom (see signage at St. Mary's Catholic School) and have SSA Provincial Championship apparel for purchase.
- If you are not able to purchase your apparel at the event due to a shortage of stock, you will have the opportunity to make a team order after the event. For more information on how to place a post-event online order, please find the apparel section of the championship website.

I. TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP

- It is encouraged to get input from all participating teams, coaches, and fans when selecting the team sportsmanship award. By including the criteria for the award in the coaches' package, this will give each team a better understanding of what they should be looking for, as well as the behaviour that is expected of them. This will also give you a better sense of the opposing team's view on attitude, behavior and overall sportsmanship during the game.
- One sportsmanship banner will be given to one team at the SSA Provincial Championship. The team receiving this award will represent the true spirit of sportsmanship, integrity, ethics and fair play
- At the end of each match, two winners will be selected for the SSA Sportsmanship Player of the Game award.
- Throughout the facilities, there will be a QR code that is available for spectators to scan, to nominate anybody that has demonstrated key aspects of sportsmanship throughout the event
- These nominations will be regularly reviewed by the committee throughout the event, and keychains will be distributed to celebrate certain individuals
- These nominations will also aid in the committee's selection of the team sportsmanship recipient.
- The sportsmanship committee or appropriate representative should personally award players their sportsmanship pins, at an appropriate time. When presenting pins to the athletes, identify their name, school, behavior and compliment them on their outstanding and consistent good sportsmanship. If possible, present the tag using the PA system and in front of spectators. This presentation should be at an appropriate break in the action.

J. SPORTSMANSHIP

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS - NOMINATION BY QR CODE SIGNAGE

- These should be given to individuals who exhibit outstanding displays of integrity, fair play and good sportsmanship. They may be given to athletes, coaches, parents and spectators. These individuals should be recognized for bringing positive presence to the Championship and demonstrating consistent exemplary sportsmanlike behavior. Recipients of a sportsmanship tag should show exemplary behavior.

    - Name, School, Jersey # (if applicable), and description of why they received the award.
    - Athlete/Coaches:
    - Conduct themselves in a positive nature/manner during, before and after the race
    - Be courteous, polite and friendly at all times
    - Show good sportsmanship during the race
    - Show concern, respect or empathy for an opponent-display an outstanding act of sportsmanship, ethics or integrity

SPECTATOR / PARENTS:

- Consistently give positive feedback to players/others
- Welcome opponents
- Positive comments before, during and after the game
- Be helpful to others (ie. willingly offer information about the championship, scheduling, venue locations, etc. to onlookers)

K. SOCIAL MEDIA

- We know that every picture tells a story. The moments we capture here—the hard work, the passion, the victories, and the sportsmanship—are what make these events so special. Our goal is to highlight these incredible memories and share them with the wider community. We encourage all of you, from athletes and coaches to parents and fans, to take photos and videos throughout the event.
- To make sure we can find and celebrate all of your amazing content, please tag us @schoolsportalberta and use our official hashtags: **#SchoolSportAlberta or #ssaprovs**. By using these hashtags, you help us showcase the best of School Sport Alberta and create a collective memory of this day
- Finally, please remember to be respectful and mindful of others' privacy when you are posting. Let's make this a positive and supportive experience for everyone, both in person and online.

L. MEDICAL / EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP)

VENUE	St. Mary's Catholic School and St. Martins Catholic School
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Chris Manderson
EMERGENCY SERVICES POINT PERSON	Chris Manderson and Amy Yaremcio
VEGREVILLE EMERGENCY SERVICES	911

- Fire extinguishers are available in each venue, along with marked exits should an emergency arise.

- Site Supervisors will be clearly marked with a visible volunteer t-shirt and should be the first point of contact should any need arise. They will direct athletes, coaches, spectators etc to specific locations through the PA system should a fire drill, lockdown or any other emergency arise.
- Fire
    - Activate the nearest fire alarm
    - Evacuate the building using the designated exit routes.
    - Assemble at the designated muster point. (West parking lot (PW))
    - Do not re-enter the building until cleared by emergency personnel.
- Lockdown
    - Close all doors and secure the building.
    - Call 911 if it is safe to do so.
    - Await further instructions from site supervisors or law enforcement.
- Severe Weather
    - All spectators will move away from windows and exterior walls into interior rooms and hallways.
    - If evacuation is necessary, proceed to a designated shelter area.
- Power Outage
    - Please remain calm and stay in place.
    - Site Supervisors will assess the situation and provide updates as necessary.