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TECHNICAL PACKAGE / HOST INFORMATION



2026 4A BOYS
VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
NOVEMBER 26-28, 2026
Strathmore High School

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1. TECHNICAL PACKAGE

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW: VOLLEYBALL

DATE	November 26-28, 2026
VENUES	Strathmore High School - 100 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB, T1P 1X3 Crowther Memorial Junior High School - 190 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB T1P 1T4 George Freeman School - 1150 Edgeview Rd, Strathmore, AB T1P 0H2
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Darrell Hargrove
HOST PRINCIPAL	Jim Atkinson
HOST SCHOOL	Strathmore High School
SSA CONTACT	Shelbea MacLennan / shelbea@schoolsportalberta.ca / 587-639-3669

B. COACHES MEETING

- The **mandatory** Coaches/Captains meeting will take place Monday November 23, 2026 at 7:00pm
- Google Meet link: https://meet.google.com/upq-tind-ujs

C. SCHEDULE / OPENING CEREMONIES

Wednesday, November 25

4:00pm -10:00pm	Check In & Practice

Thursday, November 26

10:00am - 9:00pm	Opening Ceremonies & Pool Play

Friday, November 27

8:30am - 8:30pm	Gameplay & Team Pictures

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 - Strathmore High School
  - ii. Schools can also pay online using this link: https://goldenhills.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/34366/68/False/True

- 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.
  https://goldenhills.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/34368/68/False/True
- 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.**

E. TEAM PICTURES / GAME PHOTOS

Team Photos will Take Place at Strathmore High School on Friday Nov. 27. Teams will need to sign up for a time with our photographer through this link. Teams should be ready ten minutes before their official time booked for their photos.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec0sbYFf8h3XBaMyaY_f73wCJPgdW9LMRQFVvZGBzsYvpZNQ/viewform

F. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

All practices will be held at Strathmore High School and will be in one hour increments on Wednesday Nov. 25. The gym will be split into two courts with the divider down. Ball carts will be provided for each team.

Please fill out the linked form for your preferred time(s), as well as questions for our guest speaker at opening ceremonies:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec0sbYFf8h3XBaMyaY_f73wCJPgdW9LMRQFVvZGBzsYvpZNQ/viewform

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 will address it through the Officials and/or Facility Managers. 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

- Team rooms will only be available at Strathmore High School, and they will only be available on Friday and Saturday. Rooms have to be requested by each team prior to the tournament starting.
- Change rooms are available and open at each of the venues being used over the course of Provincials
- Please do not bring valuables as Strathmore High School will not be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. These rooms will not be locked during the competition. We ask that all athletes and coaches respect the changerooms. It is expected that the room will be left the way it was found. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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

2. HOST INFORMATION

A. VENUE INFORMATION

VENUE	Strathmore High School - 100 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB, T1P 1X3 Crowther Memorial Junior High School - 190 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB T1P 1T4 George Freeman School - 1150 Edgeview Rd, Strathmore, AB T1P 0H2

B. ACCOMMODATIONS

SSA Partner Hotels

Option #1	Travelodge by Wyndham Strathmore 350 Ridge Road, Strathmore, AB T1P 1B5, Canada	CALL: 1-800-363-2297 Block Name: 4A Boys Volleyball Provincials Block Code: 5267BETU
Option #2	Days Inn & Suites 400 Ranch Market, Strathmore, AB T1P 0B2, Canada	CALL: 1-800-363-2297 Block Name: 4A Boys Volleyball Provincials Block Code: 2528VBP

C. FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Teams are responsible to bring their own food and beverage to the tournament. There will be a small concession at SHS for purchasable items. There are many local businesses and restaurants that are nearby for teams to grab food and drink from as well.

D. HOSPITALITY

- There will be hospitality rooms at Strathmore High School and at Crowther Memorial for Coaches and Volunteers all weekend.

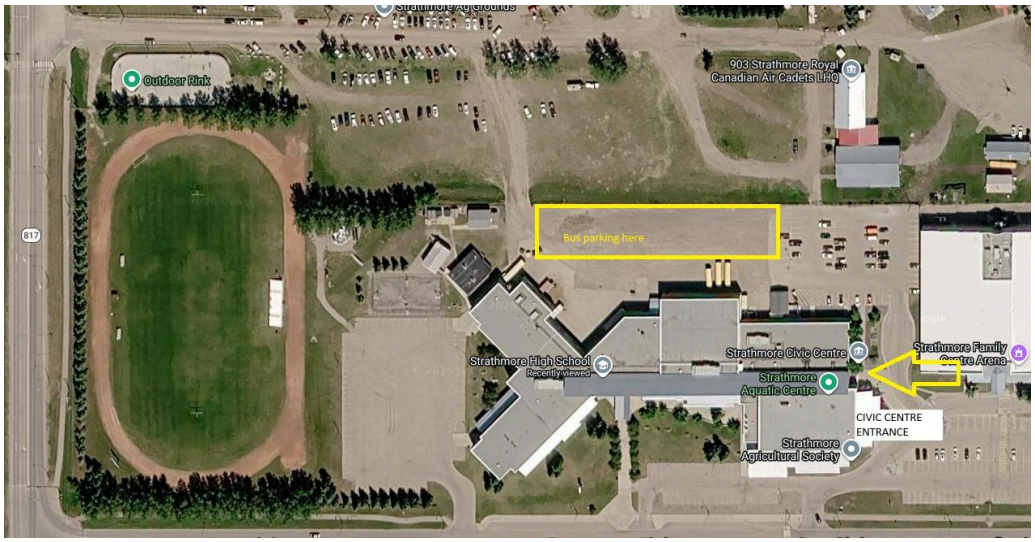
E. PARKING / TRANSPORTATION

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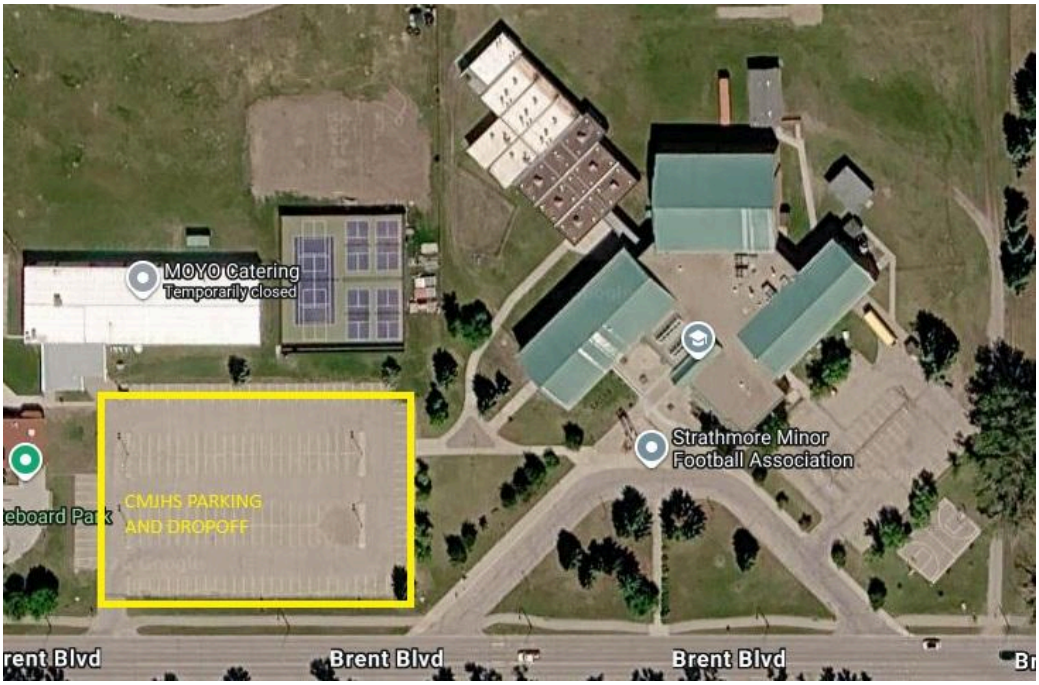
Spectators, Coaches, Advisors and Judges Parking

- During school hours, buses may drop off only in the bus lane directly in front of each school. Buses must park away from school parking lots so as not to interfere with regularly scheduled school buses. Thursday is a school day so bus lanes cannot be used for picking up and dropping off between 2:30-3:30
- For the opening ceremonies at Strathmore High School, buses can pick up and drop off using the bus lanes in front of the school. Bus parking is located on the north side of the school on the gravel parking lot.
- There will be designated bus loading zones at every school. No bus parking in these areas
- Bus parking: Strathmore High School - Bus parking north of the school, Crowther Memorial - Bus parking on the west side of the school in the curling ring parking lot. George Freeman Buses can park in the back corner of the lot. If there is no room, they can park along the road adjacent to the facility.

Strathmore High School



Crowther Memorial Junior High School



George Freeman School



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.
- Tournament gates will be located at each competition venue on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All passes **must be purchased digitally through the hudl portal.** 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 the hallway just outside the gym of Strathmore High 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)

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EMERGENCY SERVICES POINT PERSON	Kristin Foldi
STRATHMORE EMERGENCY SERVICES	Carley Flaws

- 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.