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TECHNICAL PACKAGE / HOST INFORMATION



2026 5A
VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
NOVEMBER 26-28, 2026
CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL
LETHBRIDGE, AB

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1. TECHNICAL PACKAGE

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW: 5A VOLLEYBALL

DATE	November 26-28, 2026
VENUES	CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL - WEST CAMPUS WEST COULEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FATHER LEONARD VAN TIGHEM JUNIOR HIGH SENATOR JOYCE FAIRBAIRN MIDDLE SCHOOL COALBANKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	BRUCE CARBERT (FIRST) BRUCE.CARBERT@LETHSD.AB.CA 403-331-9821 AMANDA WEST (SECOND) AMANDA.WEST@LETHSD.AB.CA
HOST PRINCIPAL	KEITH VAN DER MEER KEITH.VANDERMEER@LETHSD.AB.CA 403-320-7565
HOST SCHOOL	CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL 259 BRITANNIA BLVD WEST LETHBRIDGE, AB T1J 4A3
SSA CONTACT	Shelbea MacLennan / shelbea@schoolsportalberta.ca / 587-639-3669
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE	BRUCE CARBERT - TOURNAMENT CHAIR KEITH VAN DER MEER - HOST PRINCIPAL TBD - SSA REPRESENTATIVE
FINANCIALS	ZAK ROWLEY - CHS BUSINESS MGR zak.rowley@lethsd.ab.ca 403-320-7565

B. COACHES MEETING

- The **mandatory** Coaches/Captains meeting will take place Wednesday, Nov 25th via ZOOM: Meeting ID: 828 4970 7169 Passcode: 139491
    - Captains Meeting: 9 pm

- Coaches Meeting: 9:30 pm

C. SCHEDULE / OPENING CEREMONIES

Wednesday, November 25

PRACTICES	4:30 - 8:30 PM All Sites: please use this link to sign up for a practice slot - PRACTICE SLOTS

Thursday, November 26

8:30 am - 8:30 pm	8:30 AM - All teams meet in the Chinook Media Center 8:45 AM - Athlete's Pledge 9-9:45 AM - Opening Ceremonies - CHS Gymnasium 11 AM - Game Play (all sites) CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW:

Friday, November 27

9 am - 8:30 pm	Gameplay

Saturday, November 28

8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Gameplay & Award Presentations

D. REGISTRATION

- Fees for the tournament will be $775.00
  i. Cheques can be made out to the host school - **Chinook High 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.**
- Team packages will be delivered to each team's respective practice location on the 25th.

E. GAME PHOTOS

Professional photography will be provided throughout the championship and made available at the conclusion of the tournament.

Lead Photographer: Blair Takahashi
@coachtak (Instagram/FB)

Second Photographer: Joshua Maret
@storiaphotography (Instagram/FB)

F. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practice times will be made available in 60 minute increments at all competition sites, beginning at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, November 25th. Please note, Coalbanks Elementary is NOT accessible until 6 pm. Each gym/time is to remain secure and private for the practicing team. Please make a point of being punctual so that entry/exit from each space occurs at precisely your chosen start/end time. Lastly, please save the later slots for teams from or north of Edmonton.

Please use this link to sign up for a time: PRACTICE SLOTS

G. OFFICIALS

Volleyball Alberta

- 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/linespersons) 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/site leaders.
- 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 Site Leaders/Deputies. 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

- Change rooms are available at all championship sites. Please bring all bags/gear to your respective benches each match.

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 at each site.

K. EQUIPMENT

- Please provide your own warmup balls for practice and warmup. Please refrain from warming up in hallways or outside of gymnasiums, especially while schools are in session.
- SSA provided custom game balls will be used for gameplay.

2. HOST INFORMATION

A. VENUE INFORMATION

VENUES	Chinook High School (CHS) 259 Britannia Blvd West Lethbridge, AB T1J 4A3 403-320-7565 Catholic Central High School - West Campus (CCH W) 251 Britannia Blvd West Lethbridge, AB T1J 4A3 403-327-4596 West Coulee Elementary (WC) 1350 Abitibi Road West Lethbridge, AB T1J 5N5 587-787-3740 Father Leonard Van Tighem Junior High (FLVT) 25 Stoney Crescent West Lethbridge, AB T1K6V5 403-381-0953 Senator Joyce Fairbairn (SJF) 301 Rocky Mountain Blvd West Lethbridge, AB T1K 6S4 403-381-2977 Coalbanks Elementary School (CES) 230 Coalbanks Blvd West Lethbridge, AB T1J 4V4 403-394-9076

B. ACCOMMODATIONS

SSA Partner Hotels

Option #1	**Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge** 320 Scenic Dr S | Lethbridge AB | T1J 4B4 Up to 60 rooms per night Mix of Kings with Sofa Beds & Queens with Sofa Beds Rate $139+ taxes & fees (no breakfast) Rate $189+taxes & fees (4 plated breakfasts included)	CALL: Group Direct: 403-331-6928 Hotel: 403 328 1123 ext 0 Fax: 403 328-0002
Option #2	**Sandman Hotel Lethbridge**	CALL:

	421 Mayor Magrath | Lethbridge AB | T1J 3L8 Up 60 rooms per night Mix of 2 Doubles, 2 Queens & Kings with Sofa beds Rate: $99+taxes & fees (no breakfast) Rate: $139+taxes & fees (4 plated breakfasts included)	Group Direct 403-331-6928 Hotel: 403 328 1111 ext 0 Fax: 403 329-9488

There are a host of other options available in Lethbridge, specifically in the cluster of hotels off 43rd avenue.

C. FOOD & BEVERAGE

Concessions will be available on a site-by-site basis throughout the championship.Outside of that, there are a host of great local and franchise options available across the city for both quick and sit down meals.

Local Favourites

Mama La
Lighthouse Sushi
****Two Guys Pizza**** **(tournament sponsor)**
Italian Table (inside Sandman Signature)
Honkers Nest Events (group side)
Osho Sushi
Streatside
Firestone
Mango Tree
Watertower Grill
Thuan Hoa
Tops Pizza
Luigi's North
Penny Coffee House
Founder's Cafe & Bakery
Stella's Diner
Antojitos
****Cuppers Coffee**** **(tournament sponsor)**

Franchise Options

****Moxies**** **(tournament sponsor)**
Original Joes
Boston Pizza
The Keg
Tony Romas
Mr. Mikes
Browns

Multiple take-away options throughout Lethbridge

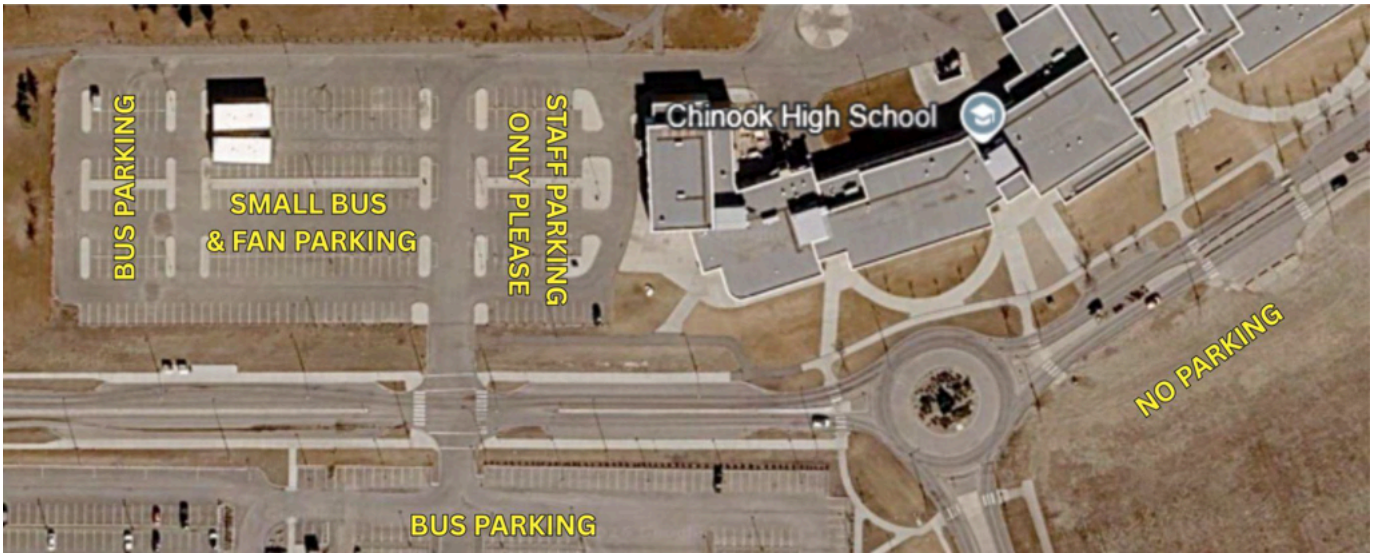
D. HOSPITALITY

Hospitality rooms will be available at all sites throughout the championship. Please note signage or speak with an event volunteer re: access/locations. Please note, minor officials may access the space but are not to stay (grab and go). Should students be loitering, please notify the Hospitality Supervisor or Site Deputy.

E. PARKING / TRANSPORTATION

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:

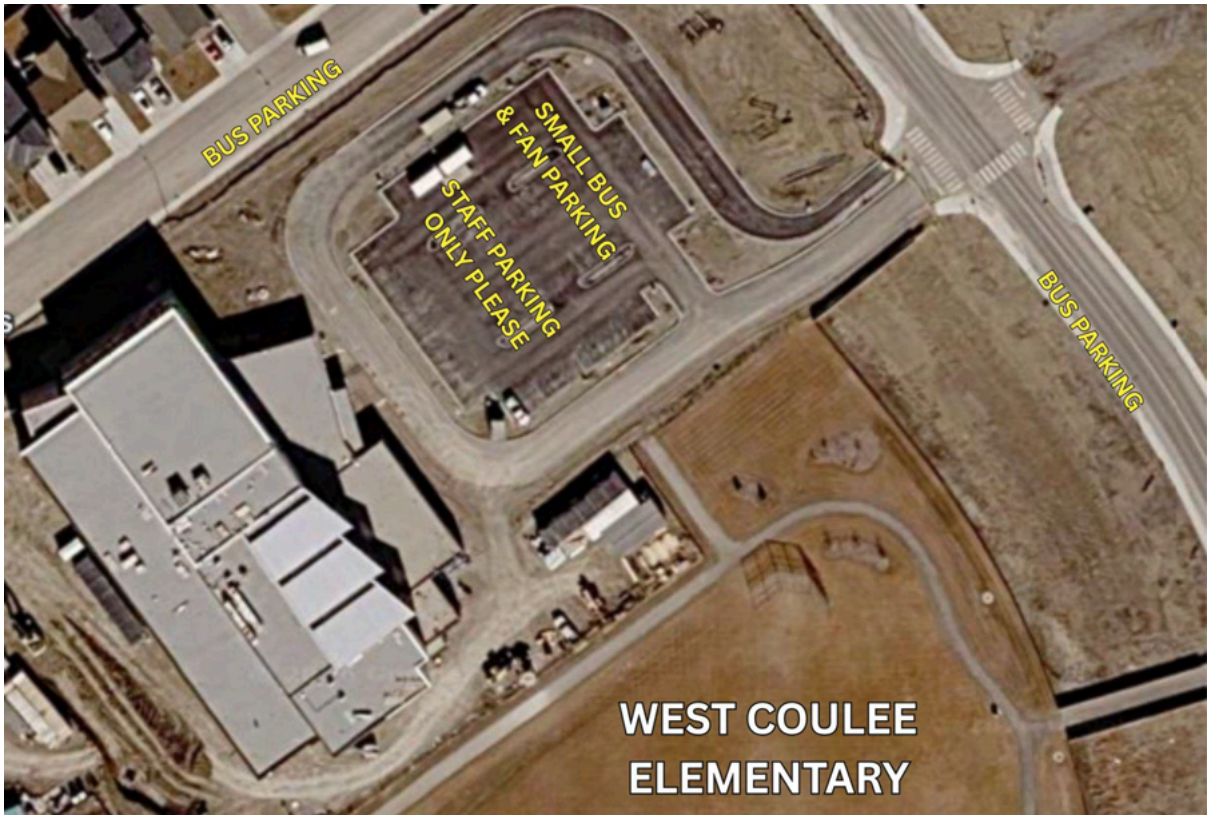
- Please note the individual parking instructions for each venue as they are different.
- All sites will be in class both Thursday, Nov 26th, and Friday, November 27th with varying end of day bell times.
- 1. **Chinook** (CHS) - Please park all buses in our far west lot. Spectators can also utilize the west lot throughout the championship. Use the far west doors on Day 1 to meet in the Media Center ahead of Opening Ceremonies.



- 2. **CCH West** (CCH W) - Please park all busses along the road adjacent to the school.



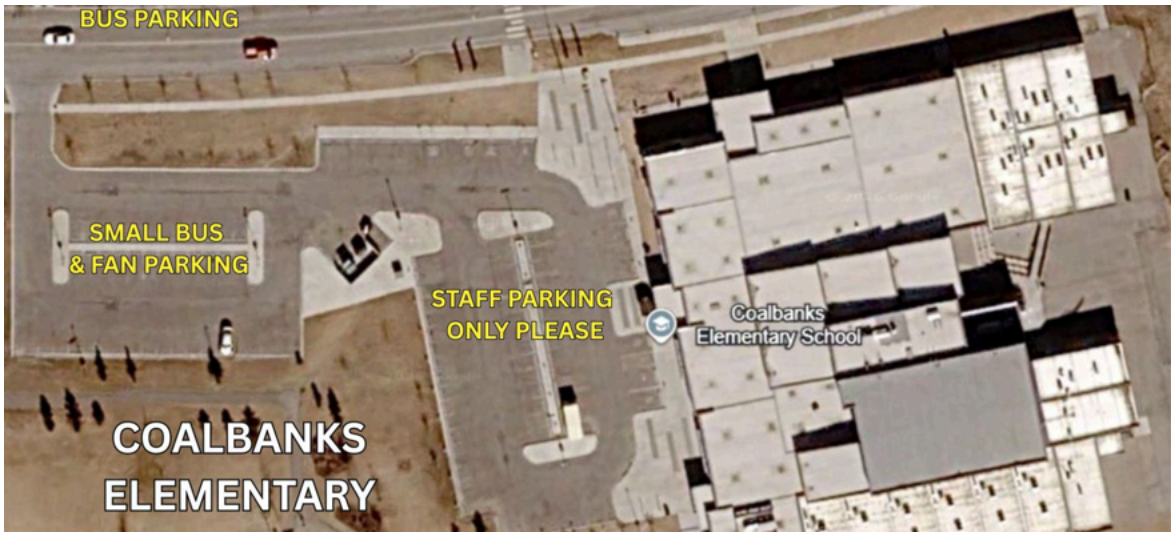
3. **West Coulee Elementary** (WC) - Please park all large buses along the street.



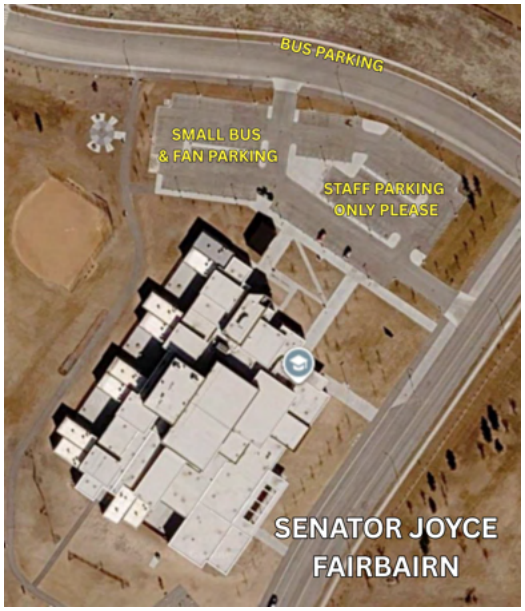
4. **Father Leonard Van Tighem** (FLVT) - Please park all large buses along the street. Some parking is available in the main lot for spectators and small team buses outside of class time. Parking also available on Red Crow Blvd.



5. **Coalbanks Elementary** (COAL) - Please park large buses along the street parallel to the school. Spectators may use the far west lot.



6.**Senator Joyce Fairbairn** (SJF) - Please park all large buses on the adjacent street. Some parking available in the main lot overflow.



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. Passes **can be purchased digitally through the HUDL portal, or in person.** To purchase a day pass or tournament pass ahead of time, please visit: https://www.watchschoolsport.ca/ssaprovincialtickets/
- Debit and cash sales will also be available at all sites throughout the tournament
- Day Pass: $12.00 Tournament Pass: $30.00
- 12 and under are free.

G. LIVE STREAMING

- All Live streaming will be done through the https://www.watchschoolsport.ca/ssaprovincials/ 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.
    - Day Pass: $12.00
    - Tournament Pass: $30.00

H. MERCHANDISE

- Northwest Designs will be set-up in **Chinook High 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 any appropriate time. When recognizing the athletes, identify their name, school, behavior and compliment them on their outstanding and consistent good sportsmanship. If possible, our intention will be to present the tag using the PA system and in front of spectators. This presentation will 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
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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.
- Chinook Student Leadership may also be in attendance before or after a match to conduct student athlete interviews
- 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	EAP will be followed at each venue (see below)
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Bruce Carbert - 403-331-9821
EMERGENCY SERVICES POINT PERSON	SITE LEADERS AT EACH VENUE: CHINOOK - Tammy Dorchak - 403-360-8704 CCH WEST - Zach Wikenheiser - 403-894-1956 WEST COULEE - Bari Ipaa - 403-308-7699 FLVT - Brad Henke - 403-894-1160 FAIRBAIRN - Susan Keller - 403-849-0879 COALBANKS - Grant Kiist - 403-360-7522
LETHBRIDGE EMERGENCY SERVICES	Site Leaders will call 9-1-1

- Fire extinguishers are available in each venue, along with marked exits should an emergency arise.
- AED's are available and clearly stored outside of each gymnasium.
- Site Leaders will be clearly marked with a visible volunteer t-shirt (pink) 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.

TO ALL COACHES:

A certified Athletic Therapist will be on site at Chinook High School throughout the tournament should the need arise for any student athlete across the championship. Competition sites will also have first-aid staff from the University of Lethbridge for the majority of matches as part of their practicum placements. Should a UofL trainer not be stationed during your match, signage will be posted at their station and any subsequent medical needs shall be routed through the Site Lead.