SCHOOL SPORT ALBERTA

TECHNICAL PACKAGE / HOST INFORMATION



2026 ALBERTA BOWL

NOVEMBER 27-28, 2026

METHANEX BOWL, MEDICINE HAT, AB

SET THE BAR

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1. TECHNICAL PACKAGE

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW: ALBERTA BOWL

DATE	Friday, November 27 & Saturday, November 28, 2026
VENUE	Methanex Bowl, Medicine Hat, AB
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Tim Enger / tenger@telus.net
HOSTS: MEDICINE HAT	Kristi Mack / kmack7437@gmail.com Cathy Oram / cathyoram79@gmail.com
SSA FOOTBALL COMMISSIONER	Ian Rattan / ian.rattan@rdcrs.ca
SSA OFFICE CONTACT	Deryk Venance / deryk@schoolsportalberta.ca

VENUE DESCRIPTION AND SITE

- The Methanex Bowl is located on the North Side of Medicine Hat at 2000 Division Avenue N. It sits on the same grounds of the popular leisure centre, the Big Marble Go Centre. This amazing facility is used for all levels of football in the Medicine Hat community and the surrounding areas. Numerous high-level football events have been hosted at the Methanex Bowl, including a matchup between the University of Calgary Dinos & the University of Regina Rams. With numerous spectator seating options and a fantastic press box, the Methanex Bowl is a great place to host the Alberta Bowl.

A. COACHES MEETING

Will take place via Zoom at 8:00 pm on Monday, November 23rd. The link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

B. SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 26

4:00pm - 7:00pm	Practice times are 1.15 HRS in length and will be at Methanex Bowl on Thursday, November 26 ,2026. The slots are ½ field slots; you will be sharing the field with another team. Coaches who wish to book a practice for Thursday or Friday morning must do so by Monday, November 23, 2026, by contacting Kristi Mack Kmack7437@gmail.com Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Friday, November 27

2:30pm - 5:30pm	6-A-side Championship
6:00pm - 9:00pm	9-A-side Championship

Saturday, November 28

11:00am - 2:00pm	3A Championship
2:30pm - 5:30pm	4A Championship
6:00pm - 9:00pm	5A Championship

C. TOURNAMENT FEES

FEE BREAKDOWN

- As per SSA Policy, Section XIII, 6.A, each football team participating in provincial quarterfinals will be charged an entry fee. If the team advances, additional fees will be applied per round to cover:
    - Officials' game fees, travel, accommodations, and meals for all provincial quarter, semi-final, and final games.
    - Snow removal contingency annual allocation of $1,000. Any unused funds will go to the snow removal contingency fund; available to partially or fully support financial losses incurred as a result of snow removal costs.
- Each SSA Provincial Championship will charge an additional $1 for each student on your roster; this fee will be added to the entry fees. 100% of the funds collected will be directed into an SSA scholarship fund to recognize student athletes that give back to their schools/communities by either coaching/officiating in school or community sport.
- All teams will be invoiced appropriately, so please do not send a cheque in advance of receiving an invoice from SSA. Please also note that GST will be added to all registration fees because of CRA requirements.

D. PRE & POST GAME SEQUENCING

PREGAME PROTOCOL

- Please do not arrive earlier than one (1) hour and 30 minutes prior to kick-off
- If you are the first game to play, your warm-ups are 45 minutes prior to game time
- If you have a game preceding, you must wait until the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony for the prior game before to taking the field for warm-up
- The clock will be set to run 0:00; five minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off of your game
- With 10 minutes left on the clock prior to your game, please return to your locker room
- At 0:00 you will be expected to have your team lined up in numerical order in the walkway by your change room leading onto the field
- The visiting team will be announced first as they enter the field.
- The home team will be announced second as they enter the field.
- Both teams will line up on their respective 45-yard line. **DO NOT GO TO YOUR BENCH**

3 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME

- Referees will be introduced

2 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME

- Captains will be called to center field for the coin toss

1 MINUTE BEFORE GAME TIME

- Playing of the National Anthem

POSTGAME PROTOCOL

- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME, save any post-game discussions for the locker room. Please give a quick three cheers for your opponent, and proceed to shake hands with the other team.
- Following the handshake line, please have your team line-up along your 45 yard-line for the awards presentation. A distinguished guest will help distribute the awards to each player
    - Silver medals will be handed out first
    - Gold medals will be handed out second
- Captains will be called forward to distribute Plaque and Banner
    - The silver medal team must stay on their respective 45 yard-line until the last award has been presented to the gold medal team.
- Once complete, the winning team can have 5 minutes under the goal posts to have pictures taken
- We are asking that teams vacate their locker rooms 30 minutes after the completion of their game

E. TEAM ENTRANCE

- All teams are requested to arrive as a group. Only athletes and coaches who are listed on the official registration will be permitted free access to the facilities

F. GRIEVANCES & DISCIPLINE

- Grievance/Discipline committees serve two key functions at the SSA Provincials; the first function is to deal with matters that occur during competition, typically discipline/conduct types of issues, and appeals that may arise from ejections, while the second function is to handle any other matters that arise that require dispute resolution.
- Alberta Bowl Grievance Committee will be made up of the SSA Football Commissioner, a representative from the officials' association, and a member of the SSA Executive Committee or a staff member.

G. COMPETITION UNIFORM

- The home team will declare and communicate what color jerseys they will wear at the coaches meeting. The home team will occupy the bench on the West Side of the stands, underneath the press box. The visiting team will occupy the bench on the East Side, across the field. For 5A and 9-a-side, the lower seed will be declared the home team. For 3A, 4A, and 6-a-side, the Northern representative will be declared the home team.
- Note: There will be no moving of benches allowed.

2. HOST INFORMATION

A. VENUE INFORMATION

VENUE	Methanex Bowl, Medicine Hat, AB

B. ACCOMMODATIONS

SSA Partner Hotels

Super 8 Address: 1280 Trans Canada Way SE	Contact: 403-528-8888 Room Type: Double/king occupancy available
Sure Stay Address: 722 Redcliff Drive SE	Contact: 403-527-3700 Room Type: Double/king occupancy available
Hampton Inn Address: 2510 Box Springs Blvd	Contact: 403-548-7818 Room Type: Double/King occupancy available
Ramada Address: 3282 13th Ave SE	Contact: 403-527-1200 Room Type:Double/King occupancy available

C. FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Food and drink options will be available out of the Fryer Tucks Concession at the Methanex Bowl. Numerous hot and cold options will be available for spectators to purchase.

D. PARKING / TRANSPORTATION

- For **FAN PARKING**, there are multiple parking lots to be utilized around Methanex Bowl for spectators. There is parking space to the nearby East. For additional parking options, please either go to the other side of the Big Marble GO Centre, or park at the Medicine Hat BMX park.

E. TEAM BUS PARKING

- For **TEAM BUS PARKING**, please park in the north lot across from the Entrance at the Big Marble Go Centre, next to the ball diamonds. Drop off is allowed at the main entrance to the Methanex Bowl field, but buses must vacate once they've finished dropping off.

F. TICKETING

- Tickets for the Alberta Bowl will be available both online and in-person for the Alberta Bowl. To purchase tickets online, please visit **https://www.watchschoolsport.ca/ssaprovincialtickets/**. Tickets will be available to purchase via card at the Methanex Bowl. Tickets will be available for the following prices:

    - **Friday Pass - $10**
    - **Saturday Pass - $15**
    - **Age 10 & Under - Free**

G. LIVE STREAMING

- Live streaming passes will be available for fans and spectators to purchase for the Alberta Bowl. To purchase, please visit **https://www.watchschoolsport.ca/ssafootballprovincials/**. Live stream passes will be available for the following prices:

    - **Friday Pass - $10**
    - **Saturday Pass - $15**

H. MERCHANDISE

- Northwest Designs will be onsite and provide a wide selection of SSA Alberta Bowl apparel offerings and give each athlete, parent, and fan the opportunity to customize on-demand. In addition, all championship gear will be available for purchase online before and after the event.

- Friday, November 27: 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Saturday, November 28: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

- The online store link will be available soon..

I. SPORTSMANSHIP

- Sportsmanship Pins - Nomination by QR Code Signage
- These pins should be given to individuals who exhibit outstanding displays of integrity, fair play, and good sportsmanship. These keychains may be given to players, coaches, parents, and spectators. These individuals should be recognized for bringing a positive presence to the Championship and demonstrating consistent exemplary sportsmanlike behavior. Recipients of a sportsmanship keychain 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 game
    - Offer positive feedback to opponents during the game
    - Shake hands before and after the game
    - Be courteous, polite, and friendly at all times
    - Show good sportsmanship during the game
    - Show concern, respect, or empathy for an opponent-display an outstanding act of sportsmanship, ethics, or integrity

- Spectators/Parents:
    - Consistently give positive feedback to players/others
    - Welcome opponents
    - Positive comments before, during, and after the game
    - Be helpful to others (i.e.; willingly offer information about the game, score, scheduling, venue locations, etc. to onlookers)
- The sportsmanship committee or appropriate representative should personally award players their sportsmanship pins, at an appropriate time.

J. PHOTOGRAPHY / SOCIAL MEDIA

- 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

K. MEDICAL / EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP)

VENUE	Methanex Bowl Medicine Hat, AB
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Tim Enger
EMERGENCY SERVICES POINT PERSON	**Nicole McLean, Head Athletic Therapist, Football Alberta** **Dr. Darren Presley, Team Doctor, Football Alberta**
EMERGENCY PROTOCOL	Any initial injury on-field will be the responsibility of each team's trainers/athletic therapists. Ms. McLean and Dr. Presley will be in charge of anything serious enough that will require additional medical attention and/or emergency transportation. A Zoom meeting will be set up on Thursday, November 26 to go over the protocols with the host staff and a representative of each team.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- **The games will go ahead as scheduled unless affected by unsafe air quality conditions, electrical storms, or extreme cold (i.e. -30). Each bench will be supplied with sideline heating.**