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To: AD's, Administrators, and Volleyball Coaches of Participating Schools
From: Dave Zittleman, Tournament Manager

2026 State Volleyball Tournament Information Sheet

The State Volleyball Tournament will be held on November 19-21 at the **BISMARCK EVENT CENTER.** The Main Arena and Exhibit Hall will be used throughout the tournament.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 19

	Main Arena	*Exhibit Hall*
9AM	A Quarterfinal - #2 vs #7	AA Quarterfinal - #1 East vs #4 West
11AM	A Quarterfinal - #3 vs #6	B Quarterfinal - #2 vs #7
1PM	AA Quarterfinal - #2 West vs #3 East	B Quarterfinal - #3 vs #6
3PM	A Quarterfinal - #1 vs #8	AA Quarterfinal - #1 West vs #4 East
5PM	A Quarterfinal - #4 vs #5	B Quarterfinal - #1 vs #8
7PM	AA Quarterfinal - #2 East vs #3 West	B Quarterfinal - #4 vs #5

Friday, November 20

	Main Arena	*Exhibit Hall*
9AM	A Semifinal (Winner Game 1 & 2)	AA Consolation (Loser Game 1 & 2)
11AM	A Semifinal (Winner Game 3 & 4)	AA Consolation (Loser Game 3 & 4)
1PM	AA Semifinal (Winner Game 1 & 2)	B Consolation (Loser Game 1 & 2)
3PM	AA Semifinal (Winner Game 3 & 4)	B Consolation (Loser Game 3 & 4)
5PM	B Semifinal (Winner Game 1 & 2)	A Consolation (Loser Game 1 & 2)
7PM	B Semifinal (Winner Game 3 & 4)	A Consolation (Loser Game 3 & 4)

Saturday, November 21

	Main Arena	*Exhibit Hall*	*Bismarck High School*
8AM	Class A 3rd place match	Class B 5th place match	Class AA 7th place match
10AM	Class AA 3rd place match	Class A 5th place match	Class B 7th place match
12PM	Class B 3rd place match	Class AA 5th place match	Class A 7th place match
3PM	Class A Championship		
5:30PM	Class AA Championship		
8PM	Class B Championship		

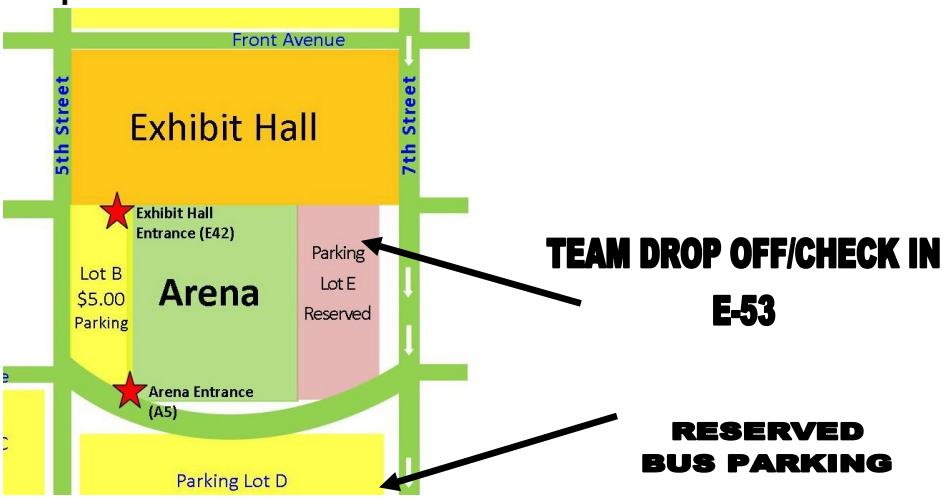
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DROP OFF/PARKING:

Buses will enter **Lot E (EAST parking lot),** drive to the North end of lot and drop participants off at **Door E-53 throughout the entire tournament.** The quickest way to get to Lot E is to go south on 7th street and turn on Bowen Avenue.

Buses/vans will then proceed to park in the reserved section of Lot D



All players, student managers, and coaches must enter through Door E-53 throughout the entire tournament and must wear their name tags for entrance.

Spectators will need to enter through the main entrances. We also ask that only tournament personnel access the back locker room hallway throughout the tournament. We want to keep the locker room areas for participating teams and tournament personnel only.

- **Locker Rooms**: Locker rooms are on the east side of the facility in the Main Arena and in the upper south side of the Exhibit Hall. Our **storage** area for uniforms and valuables will be located on the **lower SOUTH** side of the Arena. Do not leave valuables in storage area. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
  NOTE: Teams need to clear their locker room a.s.a.p. after the conclusion of their game as the next teams will be moving in. Please work with locker room managers.

- **Locker Room Keys:** Pick up your locker room key at team check-in when you arrive each day. Teams are asked to return the locker room key immediately after exiting the locker room area. That ensures that the next team can get in as soon as possible.
- **Trainers:** Sanford Orthopedics Sports Medicine will provide an athletic trainer for all sessions.
- **Hospitality Area:** There will be a hospitality area for all school personnel and administrators on the east side of the Main Arena. Name Tags are required in the hospitality room and locker room area.

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- **Press Area:** Press will have an assigned table area during games.
- **Coaches Meeting:** Volleyball Coaches meetings will be on Friday in the Murdoch Room
  AA Division 5:30pm | A Division 1:30pm | B Division 9:00am
- **Passes and Name tags:** A maximum of twenty-seven passes (name badges) will be issued to competing schools. All players, student managers, coaches, and school officials must present their name badge for admission to all games. Additional passes will be charged to each school. If you would like to purchase additional tournament passes to be picked up at will call – please complete our School Will Call Pass Form by 5pm on Tuesday – your school will be invoiced for these passes.
- **School Song/Banners:** We are requesting that each school send a digital copy of their school song to kari_welstad@bismarckschools.org Each team may hang one poster (banner) in the arena. Banners and signs are to be hung using painter's tape or zip ties around railings.
- **Home Team: Highest** seed in the A & B divisions, will be the home team. Highest seed in the AA division will be the home team unless two like seeds play each other; then the west team will be the home team.
- **Team Hit Around:** There will be NO hit arounds due to the tournament schedule.
- **Team Packets:** Teams will receive their team packets when they arrive at the event center. Teams will receive their name tags along with tournament information.
- **Ticket Information:** We are asking each school to inform their fans about the ticket prices:

  Prices: Adult Daily Ticket $16.00 Adult Tournament Pass $43.00
  Student Daily Ticket $6.00 Student Tournament Pass $18.00

  Tickets can be purchased prior to avoid the lines when arriving. Please purchase tickets on the Bismarck Event Center ticketing page – Click Here for link.

- **Hotel Rooms:** A block of rooms for your team has been set aside at an area hotel. Hotel assignments will be send out to each qualifying team. ***NDHSAA tournament regulations state that any team that refuses to stay at the assigned hotel will forfeit their per diem allowance.***

- **School Responsibility:** Each school must be responsible for both players and students attending tournaments. Each school participating in the tournament should have a school administrator report to the tournament management in case of a problem with students at the tournament.

If you have any questions concerning the tournament, please do not hesitate to call us at 323-4080 or email kari_welstad@bismarckschools.org Good luck in the tournament and have a safe trip to Bismarck. We are excited to be hosting the 2026 State Volleyball Tournament!

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