

St. Mary's 2021 2A Girls Volleyball Provincials **Cautions and Preventative Measures**



The ASAA Volleyball Championships for November 25-27, 2021 will proceed with the following cautions and preventative measures in place in order to reduce the risk of attendees contracting a communicable disease including, but not limited to, COVID-19 and it's variants. All of the following are in line with Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services directives.

Vaccination Policy - Coach/Officials/Team Managers

1. As per Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Policy

“In an effort to maintain in-person learning while ensuring the comprehensive health of our staff and students, it has been determined that all individuals in direct contact with our schools must be fully vaccinated unless they require an accommodation pursuant to a protected grounds under the Alberta Human Rights Act or participate in a regular, rapid testing program that ensures they are not COVID-19 positive.

This requirement, which will come into effect on October 25, 2021, will apply to all staff, visitors, contractors, volunteers, and personnel from community agencies who come into our school buildings. This does not apply to students. Currently, children under 12 are still not eligible for vaccination and there is no provincial legislation that requires K–12 students to have specific vaccinations.”

2. **ALL volunteer coaches and staff of teams who qualify for provincials and major officials who attend will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative 72 hour rapid test upon arrival to St. Mary’s School.**

Tournament Guidelines

1. **All championship tournaments are reduced from 12 to 10 teams.**
2. **Matches will be scheduled at 2 hour intervals -**
 - a. 1.5 hours for match time, allowing for some longer matches to be completed
 - b. 30 minutes to ensure facility is cleared of all athletes, coaches and spectators and sanitized
3. **Mandatory Acknowledgement Form Submission -**

A form acknowledging the risk of attending/participating in the ASAA Provincials form MUST be signed by the parent/guardian of every student and every coach/volunteer.
Any student, coach or volunteer who appears without a signed form will not be permitted to participate.
4. **No Opening Ceremonies**
5. **No Championship Banquet**
6. **Virtual Coach Meeting-**

The coach meeting will be held virtually (zoom) on Wednesday evening at 7 pm instead of in-person.

7. No Team Practices-

No team practices will be available prior to or during the tournament.

8. No Team Photos -

No team photos will be taken onsite and need to be provided by each school

9. Face Masks -

Face masks must be worn by all individuals: athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, others at all times except athletes when they are competing. Athletes must wear masks when they are on the bench. The libero must have their mask on if they are not on the court and are within 2 meters of other athletes. Athletes can take off their masks if they are going into the substitution zone.

10. Team Designated Area -

Each team will have a designated area in the St. Mary's School Atrium while they wait to enter the gym while it is being cleaned. Teams are encouraged to arrive changed and proceed to the gym when it is their turn and leave the school building when they are not playing.

There will be a separate space for officials.

11. Hospitality Room -

A formal room will not be available for officials, coaches and volunteers but a table of single serve items that are individually packaged will be available in the atrium for coaches, officials, and volunteers to pick up.

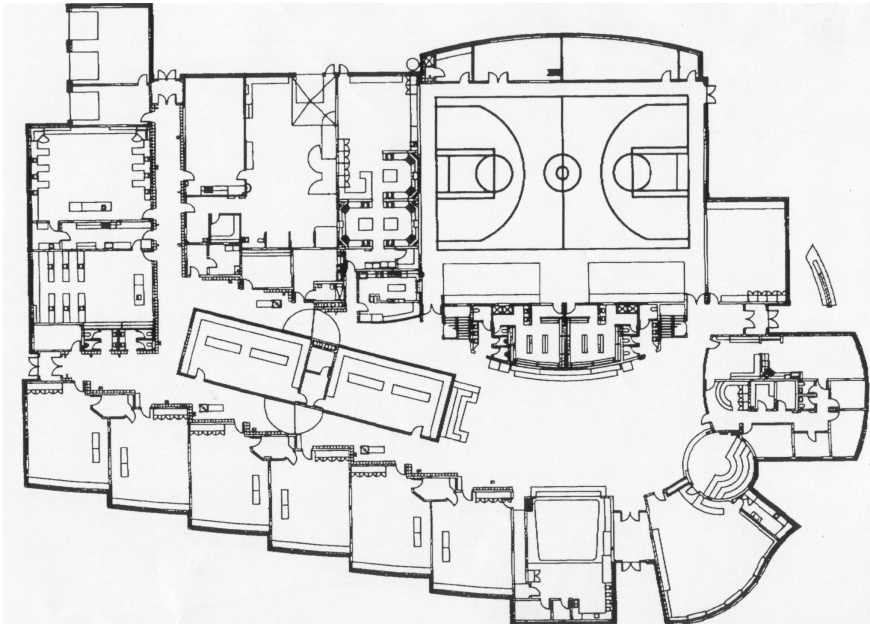
12. Online Souvenir Apparel Orders -

Apparel sales will be online only. No items will be available for onsite purchase.

Participant Guidelines

Team Guidelines

1. Daily Screening procedures: All participants must self-screen daily using [the AHS screening tool](#). If you are feeling ill, do not participate.
2. When teams play at St. Mary's School, they will enter through the "west" doors . When finished, they will exit through the "north" doors. Both of which will be clearly labeled.



Entry (west doors)

Exit (north doors)

3. When teams play at WR Myers, they will use the west entrance and doors will be labeled.
4. Teams will be asked to only enter the schools 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game. Masks must be worn by all participants when entering the building. While waiting for the other team to clear, there will be a designated space for each team in the atrium to have their pre-game or post game meetings.
5. No teams will be allowed in the gymnasium until the game has finished.
6. Once the previous team leaves bench space, it will be sanitized, and then when appropriate the next team can take the court.
7. Team benches will be scheduled and posted ahead of time.
3. All players, coaches, and managers must be fully masked when they are not playing.
4. Masks must be worn by captains when they are meeting the official before the match.
5. Sanitation, general hygiene and other safety precautions for the tournament will be posted and available and in the information package each team will receive prior to the event.
6. Each cohort will have a designated bag of balls they are permitted to use during practice times.

7. Disinfectant will be used on volleyballs at frequent intervals, particularly between different user groups.
8. Hand washing and wall mounted sanitizing stations will be available throughout the event.
9. Do not mix balls with other courts or groups. If a ball enters your court, use your foot to kick it back.
10. Food, drinks, or snacks must not be provided or shared in the gym. For athletes water is accepted.
11. First aid policies and protocols will include COVID-19 considerations.
12. Participants who become symptomatic at any time of this tournament are required to put on a mask, be isolated from others, make arrangements to return home/or to a hotel immediately, and all surfaces or items that they were in contact with must be disinfected.
13. There will not be a coaches room available.

Officials Guidelines

1. ALL major officials will be required to follow the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Vaccination Policy.
2. All officials must have masks on at all times except when blowing the whistle during gameplay.
3. There will be a designated "officials" space in both venues for officials to use while not officiating.
4. Sanitation, general hygiene and other safety precautions for the tournament will be posted on the website and be made available for officials to review prior to the event.
5. Participants who become symptomatic at any time of this tournament are required to put on a mask, be isolated from others, make arrangements to return home/or to a hotel immediately, and all surfaces or items that they were in contact with must be disinfected.

Volunteer Guidelines

1. ALL volunteers will be required to follow the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Vaccination Policy.
2. All volunteers must have masks on at all times. Volunteers will be designated jobs ahead of time. A schedule will be posted ahead of time. Volunteers are asked to arrive 15 minutes ahead of scheduled time and depart when shift ends.
3. Sanitation, general hygiene and other safety precautions for the tournament will be posted on the website and be made available for volunteers prior to the event.
4. Participants who become symptomatic at any time of this tournament are required to put on a mask, be isolated from others, make arrangements to return home/or to a hotel immediately, and all surfaces or items that they were in contact with must be disinfected.

Rapid Response Plan

COVID -19 Symptoms during the tournament:

Any athlete who develops symptoms during play will be treated with the same dignity and care of any student who is ill. Athletes who are not feeling well will be given room in the office for privacy, as well as anything typical of school care to make them feel more comfortable until picked up by parents or a designate. The pick-up of sick athlete's is non-negotiable and at the complete discretion of the principal. Please have a plan in place for your team in order to respond to athlete's who are ill.

Spectator Policy

Spectator Requirements (Movement and Vaccination)

1. As per Holy Spirit School Division Policy each student-athlete will be allotted 2 adult spectator passes for the event.
2. Spectators must be over 18 and fully vaccinated, or show a negative 72 hour rapid test before entering gym.
3. Entry and exit doors will be clearly marked.
4. All spectators must wear a mask and distance appropriately at all times but especially in the bleacher seating area. Spectator sides will be designated for each game.
5. When your team's game is finished, to make room for other spectators please exit the gymnasium.
6. No food or drink is allowed in the gym for spectators.
7. If a spectator does not wish to comply with masking/distancing requirements they may be removed.

Ticket System For Spectators

8. Prior to Volleyball Provincials, each Team Coach will submit a list of spectator names that are attached to student-athletes who are participating in the event. (2 adults per student-athlete)
9. The adults given the tickets/passes, must verify their ID and proof of vaccination or negative test before entering the Gym.
10. These tickets are non-transferable.
11. Tickets will be paid for at the venue according to the price set on the package.