



2026 Best of the West Tournament Information

EVENT ENTRY:

There will be two entrances into the tournament. At each entry spectators can purchase tickets to get in for either the day or the weekend.

To ensure a smoother and more comfortable arrival all players and coaches will enter through the doors on the West side of the fieldhouse.

Spectators can enter the Fieldhouse via the North and South Entrances for all matches in the main arena. The West Entrance will not be an entrance for this event.

Shroyer Gym will be accessible via the North Entrance of the Fieldhouse.

TEAM CHECK-IN:

ROSTERS: Rosters are due online by Thursday April 22nd. Make sure that your rosters are in good order. The number of players and coaches you have on your roster will determine the amount of credentials you will receive.

CREDENTIAL PICK UP: Coaches or team parents can pick up their team credentials at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse GearUp booth on the West Entrance Concourse Thursday 4/23 from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

If you cannot make it by 7:00pm to pick up credentials for your team, please send another adult to pick them up for your team – (team parent, coach, club director, etc.) or if you play in the PM wave you can pick your credentials up from 11-1pm on Friday.

GearUp will be hosting a happy hour at Spectators Sports Bar and Grill at 7-9pm for coaches and directors. Drinks and apps will be provided. Spectators is just west and within walking distance from the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

*** **GearUp** is Best of the West's main sponsor and will be doing six raffles per day with some awesome prizes. Be sure to stop by their booth that will be located next to the apparel booth in the main foyer of Brick Breeden.

THEME DAYS FOR ATHLETES AND PARENTS: Best dressed will get prizes each day.

Friday, April 24th: Western Theme- boots/hats/flannels

Saturday, April 25th: Apres- beanies/puffers

Sunday, April 26th: PINK DAY- show your support for cancer awareness.

WAVE ASSIGNMENTS: The Brick Breeden Fieldhouse and Schroyer doors will open at 7:00 a.m. on each day of competition so that morning wave players and coaches can enter and go onto their designated courts. AM wave starts at 8:00 am MT- 18 open, 18 club, 16 club. PM wave starts at 3:00 pm MT- 14 open, 14 club, 16 open, 12s in Shroyer.

SCHEDULES: As a reminder, please check your team page on AES for your most up to date playing and reffing assignment. **There is a chance you could ref before you play.*****

GUEST REGISTRATION: Admission tables will be at the north and South entrances to the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse for all three days. You can purchase a daily or weekend pass. \$10/daily and \$25/weekend. Children 6 and under are free.

Facilities will open daily at 7:00 AM.

COLLEGE RECRUITING AND COLLEGE SHOWCASE

We are excited to announce our partnership with Marki Recruiting at our 2026 Best of the West tournament. They will be hosting a College Showcase with Empower Collegiate Recruiting for boys & girls on Thursday, April 23rd before the Best of the West Tournament starts. All HS age participants are encouraged to register. There will be opportunities for college coaches to watch and evaluate along with live streaming and video. All athletes will get their complete verified metrics taken and parents will have an opportunity to attend a college recruiting seminar. Limited spots available so register TODAY!

Register here: [Best of The West College Showcase](#)

Division Rankings

1. Open (U12–U18 Girls) Top Level Competition

2. Club

*****1st place finishers in each division (12-18U) at Best of the West in 2026 will earn a FREE ENTRY to the AAU Nationals OR AAU Volleyfestival*****

2026 Ages & Division

● **Girls Divisions:**

12 Open (Shroyer) pm

14 Open (Brick Breeden Fieldhouse) pm

14 Club (Brick Breeden Fieldhouse) pm

16 Open (Brick Breeden Fieldhouse) pm

16 Club (Brick Breeden Fieldhouse) am

18 Open (Brick Breeden Fieldhouse) am

18 Club (Brick Breeden Fieldhouse) am

LOCATION/VENUES:

Brick Breeden Fieldhouse- 1 Bobcat Circle Bozeman, MT, 59717

Shroyer Gym- same

A Trainer will be on site for the entire tournament

APPAREL:

Will be for sale and located in the West lobby where players and coaches enter.

Absolutely No team coolers allowed in any facilities or gyms at all. Concessions will be available.

Pool play will consist of:

4 team pools: 2 out of 3 win by 2 and 2 timeouts per set.

3 team pools: 3 sets to 25, win by 2 and 2 timeouts per set.

Tourney play will consist of:

2 out of 3 (25, 25, 15) win by 2 no cap with 2 timeouts per set.

- Bracket play is single elimination. If you lose, you will need to stay and officiate the next match. Do not let your team leave unless you have checked out with your site director.
- Warm up times will be 5-5. 5 mins for each team with no shared net time.
- Coaches – help us stay on schedule! Get your team to their reffing assignments right away.
- **No ball handling outside of the gyms please.**
- Tie Break- WIN/LOSS, head to head record, points.
- **Tie Breaking Procedures**
There will be no tie-breaking sets played. All head to head ties will be broken on head to head match results. 3 or 4 team ties will be broken based on the standard match %, set %, point %, head to head, according to AES point percent, then coin toss.
- The ball will be called out-of-bounds, if play crosses into adjacent court at any point.
- Please help us keep these facilities clean and available for our use in the future by cleaning up trash. If we have to ask your team more than once to clean up after themselves, we will **penalize your team 8 points** for each violation.
- USAV Rules will apply (15 subs).
- Coaches must be the down official for all ages.
- It is required for R2 to have whistles.
- Once a player enters the substitution zone, they must sub.
- Coaches need to stay behind the extended 3 meter line while coaching.
- 12s specific rules- ALL 12s.
 - All tournaments will play on 7' nets with U12 volleyballs.
 - 5 serve rule - after five serves, you must serve from the endline.
 - Serving line is allowed to be moved to the 20 foot mark.
- Libero: two allowed (libero & reserve libero) only one on court at a time. Each libero may serve but in only one service rotation spot.

OFFICIATING ASSIGNMENTS:

Teams must supply a down referee, lines people, and scorers. It is NOT required in this tournament that a coach be the 2nd referee, but is strongly recommended. A rostered adult from the officiating team must be present during all matches.

- On Sunday, for most of the courts the losing team will stay and officiate the next match on their court. Those teams finishing pools on Sunday may also have officiating duties after their pool play completes. Check the schedule through AES for verification of your work assignments.
- The definition of "next match" is the next match that requires an officiating team on that court. For example, a team which loses a match at 8:00 am will normally officiate the next match which is scheduled at 9:00 am. However, if there is no scheduled match at 9:00am or the 9:00am match is forfeited by a team, the scheduled officiating team will ref the next match which occurs on that court.

● **RESULTS AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION:**

Complete posting of results and next rounds of play will be posted on the Advanced Event Systems Website located at <http://www.advancedeventsystems.com>

- In some cases on Sunday a team that plays at 9:00am will have to be the work team at 8:00 am. These teams are noted in both the master schedule and on the playoff charts. On the playoff chart the officiating teams are those teams which have a box around them. Check the schedule carefully to see if you are the assigned team to officiate the 8:00am match on Sunday.
- Please double check your "Team Page" on Advanced Event Systems as a small glitch may not push through your officiating assignment if you are to officiate another division than the one YOU are playing in.

Important numbers to call or text:

Kandice Gregorak- **Tournament Director**- 406-860-3096

Melissa Melton- **Best of the West Coordinator**-406-548-8159

John Henry Anderson- **APRS trainer**- in case of an injury- 406-240-9976

Devin Jones- **AES Administrator**- 7132522420

Cassidy Rosa-Ref coordinator/Gym Monitor-406-539-8728

PARKING: To purchase a day permit, please visit: <https://park.passportparking.com/park/>.

Parking Information:

All campus parking requires a valid permit on **Friday ONLY**, April 24th. Parking is free on Saturday and Sunday.

To purchase a day permit, please scan:



- For Bobcat Lots 15, 20, and 25 (nearest the Fieldhouse), enter code **2383** when prompted.

For additional lot details, please refer to the [campus parking map](#).

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS:

Discounted hotels are available for purchase through the THS [website](#).

Places to Eat: [Sodaworx](#), [40Sip](#), [Joe's Parkway](#), [Spectators](#)

CONCESSIONS: Concessions will be located on the south mezzanines of the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

SPECTATOR SEATING ETIQUETTE:

Do not move or rearrange chairs. Seating is limited due to fire laws. As soon as possible after the conclusion of the match your team has just played, please exit the court area to allow seating for the next team's spectators. Spectators should not take up court seating when another team is playing; seats are available for that team's spectators. Thank you for considering this common courtesy!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Before attending, please read the [Spectators Code of Conduct](#).
- By purchasing admission, you are agreeing to abide by these policies.
- All major credit cards are accepted as well as venmo and cash.

GRAND PRIX INFORMATION:

Super Regional and Grand Prix events must take place before the start of the AAU Junior National Volleyball Championships. However, it is recommended that tournaments take place prior to the entry deadline to Nationals, which is typically the second week in May. Teams winning a Super Regional or Grand Prix event will be reimbursed the entry fee provided they contact volleyball@aausports.org by July 1st, 2026. Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2026. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Host to relay this information to winning teams. Winning teams WILL NOT automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office. The winner in each girls' age division with 16 or more teams will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships or the AAU Volleyball Festival. This is not a bid; your team must be registered & accepted (which includes paid) for either the AAU National Championships or The Volleyball festival before your division closes. This is a team award for the current season and may not be passed to another team in your club or saved for the future. If your division is closed, you have the option to be put on the wait list or enter another division in the same age group. All teams must still register for the AAU National Championships or Volleyball Festival by the appropriate entry deadline and/or before the event has sold out. Spots will not be automatically held for winning teams. All teams must follow the entry requirements and policies as outlined in the event information packet. It is the responsibility of the event Host to relay this information to participating teams.

- Teams earning a free or discounted entry fee must contact the AAU National Office by July 1st, 2026. Refunds will be issued after the National Tournament or The Volleyball Festival to teams who participated in the event of their choice. It is the winning team's responsibility to contact volleyball@aausports.org to receive their free or discounted entry fee. Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2026. Winning teams WILL NOT automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office.
- Girls' teams can choose to use their free/discounted entry fee for the AAU National Championships or the Volleyball Festival. Boys' teams can only use their free/discounted tickets for the AAU National Championships.
- Teams participating in multiple events can only earn one entry fee for the National Championships or one entry fee for the Volleyball Festival. Teams cannot earn multiple entry fees for the same event.
- If the first-place team has previously won a Super Regional or Grand Prix or is not attending either the National Championships or the Volleyball Festival, the entry fee will drop down to the second-place team. The entry fee will not drop to any teams below second place.
- The free/discounted entry fee applies only to the team that won the event. The club cannot apply it towards a different team within the same club.
- The National Championships and Volleyball Festival are open to all teams meeting the entry requirements, regardless of placement or participation in a Super Regional or Grand Prix tournament. Full or partial refunds will not be issued UNLESS the winning team emails volleyball@aausports.org with their team name and the event that they won by July 1st, 2026. Refund requests will not be accepted after
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2025-26 Grand Prix and Super Regional Guidelines and Procedures

Tournaments must be promoted as an AAU licensed event. Dual licensed events will not be approved. An event flyer will be required as part of the application process and must include the approved AAU language provided in your approval email. The AAU shield must be used in the event logo and/or must be clearly displayed on the event website.

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The winner in each girls' age division with 16 or more teams will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships or the AAU Volleyball Festival. The winner in each boys' age division with 12 or more teams will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships. If less teams participate, the entry fee will be adjusted on a percentage basis per the chart below based on the number of teams that participated in that division

Important Links

[2025-26 AAU Grand Prix and Super Regional Guidelines](#)

[2025-26 Boys AAU Grand Prix and Super Regional Schedule](#)

(Schedule will be Updated as Events are Approved)

[2025-26 Girls AAU Grand Prix and Super Regional Schedule](#)

(Schedule will be Updated as Events are Approved)

[2025-2026 AAU Volleyball Grand Prix & Super Regional Winner Form](#)

11th Ave

North Fieldhouse Lot

Shroyer Gym
12U
Courts 11 & 12

North Entrance



Upper Level

Ground Level

Admissions



Upper Level Seating

aprs Trainer
PHYSICAL THERAPY

DJ & Photo Booth

Court 2

Court 4

Court 6

Court 8

Court 10

Court 1

Court 3

Court 5

Court 7

Court 9

Player & Coach Entrance

Apparel & Vendors

West Lobby

West Entrance



Upper Level Seating

Vendor Check In



Concessions
Admissions

Sidewalk

South Entrance

South Fieldhouse Lot

