



TECHNICAL PACKAGE / HOST INFORMATION



2026 1A GIRLS BASKETBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 19-21, 2026
FOREMOST, AB

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1. TECHNICAL PACKAGE

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW: BASKETBALL

DATE	March 19-21, 2026
VENUE	Foremost School
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Jon Dunlop
HOST SCHOOL	Foremost School
SSA CONTACT	Deryk Venance / deryk@schoolsportalberta.ca / 587-404-9358

B. COACHES MEETING

- The **mandatory** Coaches/Captains meeting will take place via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 17th.

C. SCHEDULE / OPENING CEREMONIES

Wednesday, March 18

11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Team Practice Times and Photos
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Banquet at the Foremost Community Hall. A parent banquet will also be taking place at the United Church.

Thursday, March 19

9:00 am - 10:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
11:00 am - 7:00 pm	Games at Foremost School and Senator Gershaw School

Friday, March 20

9:00 am - 7:00 pm	Games at Foremost School
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Saturday, March 21

9:00 am - 7:00 pm	Games at Foremost School
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D. REGISTRATION

Fees

- Fees for the tournament will be \$670. (There is also an additional \$90 fee for photos)
- Cheques can be made out to Foremost 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 a brief team history. This is due by Monday, March 16, at noon.
- Each team is to fill out the following Google form. This form needs to be completed by Monday, March 16, at noon at the very latest. Earlier is preferred as it gives more time with the information.
- Payment Method: Please write one check payable to Foremost School (registration fee and John Paton).

Banquet

- There will be a player and coach banquet after all practices on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00pm at the Foremost Community Hall. There is no cost to teams and we encourage all teams to attend as it will be a great atmosphere and bring camaraderie among all the players. It will be an 80's theme with awards given to the best dressed. Entertainment to follow after the dinner.
- The meal will be beef on a bun, baked mac and cheese, Caesar salad, pasta salad with an ice cream bar for dessert. Gluten-free options will be available.
- A google form will be sent out to indicate food allergies. PLEASE ensure form is filled out for your team to ensure enough food is made.
- At the same time as the player and coach banquet, there will be a parent banquet at the Foremost United Church at 6:00pm. Participation in a provincial championship does not just happen because of players and coaches it also is due to the commitment and dedication of the parents and they deserve recognition as well.

E. TEAM PICTURES / GAME PHOTOS

We are pleased to share that, thanks to a generous donation, all teams will receive a complimentary photography package as part of their tournament experience. Each team is guaranteed to have at least one game professionally photographed in the Foremost Gym.

Individual and team photos will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Every athlete and coach will receive a complimentary 8×10 Photo Mate featuring both their individual and team portraits — a special keepsake to remember the tournament. This service is provided at no cost to participants.

Pictures will be taken by MarleyRae Photography.



- Please ensure team jerseys are worn from the time you enter the court for warm-ups until you leave at the conclusion of the game. This allows for consistent photo coverage and ensures players can be easily identified with their respective teams.
- Please advise prior to the start date of the provincial event if any player does not consent to being photographed and/or to having their images published on my social media platforms.
- For event updates and provincial highlights, please follow @marleyraephography on Instagram.

F. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Practice and picture times are scheduled on Wednesday, March 18 at Foremost School or Senator Gershaw School. Each team will be assigned one 30 minute time slot according to teams travelling long distances and which gym they play their first game. Photo sessions will occur 30 minutes prior to each team's practice at Foremost School where individual and team photos will be taken. If teams choose to practice at Senator Gershaw, then their photos will be later Wednesday afternoon at Foremost School. Please show up on time for your photo session. All practices will be timed.

Zone	Practice Location: FS	Time	Zone	Practice Location: SGS	Time
South	Foremost	11:00am - 11:30am			11:00am - 11:30am
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G. OFFICIALS

ABOA

- The Alberta Basketball Officials Association (ABOA) 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 ABOA.

Minor Officials

- Minor officials (scorekeepers) are volunteers from Foremost School and community members. 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 supervised by the facility managers
- 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 Facility Managers. 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

- It is incumbent upon all coaches and participants to be aware of SSA Policy. Specifically for this event, player eligibility, supervision policy and the basketball policy. Breaches of the SSA Code of Ethics are treated seriously, and as host, Foremost School is required to report any breaches to the SSA office where action may occur. The committee will have the authority to address issues of a serious nature that may occur before, during or after the provincial championships, or to hear appeals of the automatic suspensions resulting from an ejection.

Grievance Committee

Angela Hazell, Corey Steeves, Head Referee, Two Neutral Coaches

I. TEAM ROOMS / CHANGE ROOMS

- All teams will be provided a classroom for the entirety of the Championship that they may use at their discretion.. There are 4 changerooms available for teams to use with showers.
- Changerooms will be available to teams who are on the court and the teams who play the following game.

J. COMPETITION UNIFORM

- The higher seeded team is to wear white/light coloured uniforms. Foremost School will wear their choice of uniform and will communicate with the other team.
- Please do not change in the gym at your respective benches. Please make any uniform changes in the change rooms provided by the hosts.

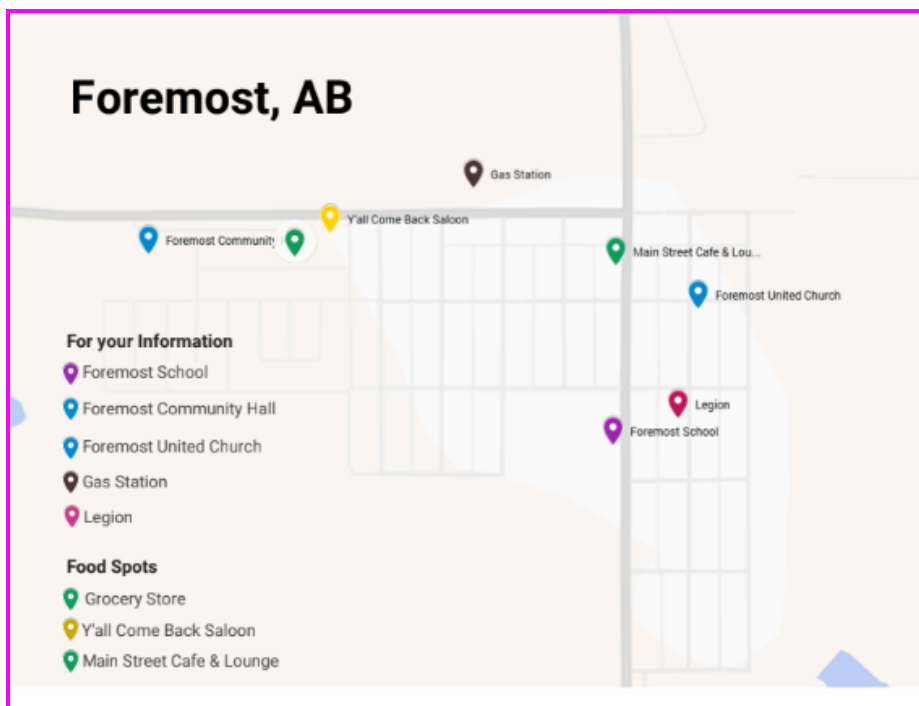
K. EQUIPMENT

- Balls will be provided for practice and warm-up.
- Sticky mats will be at each bench to help with floor grip.

2. HOST INFORMATION

A. VENUE INFORMATION

VENUE	Foremost School
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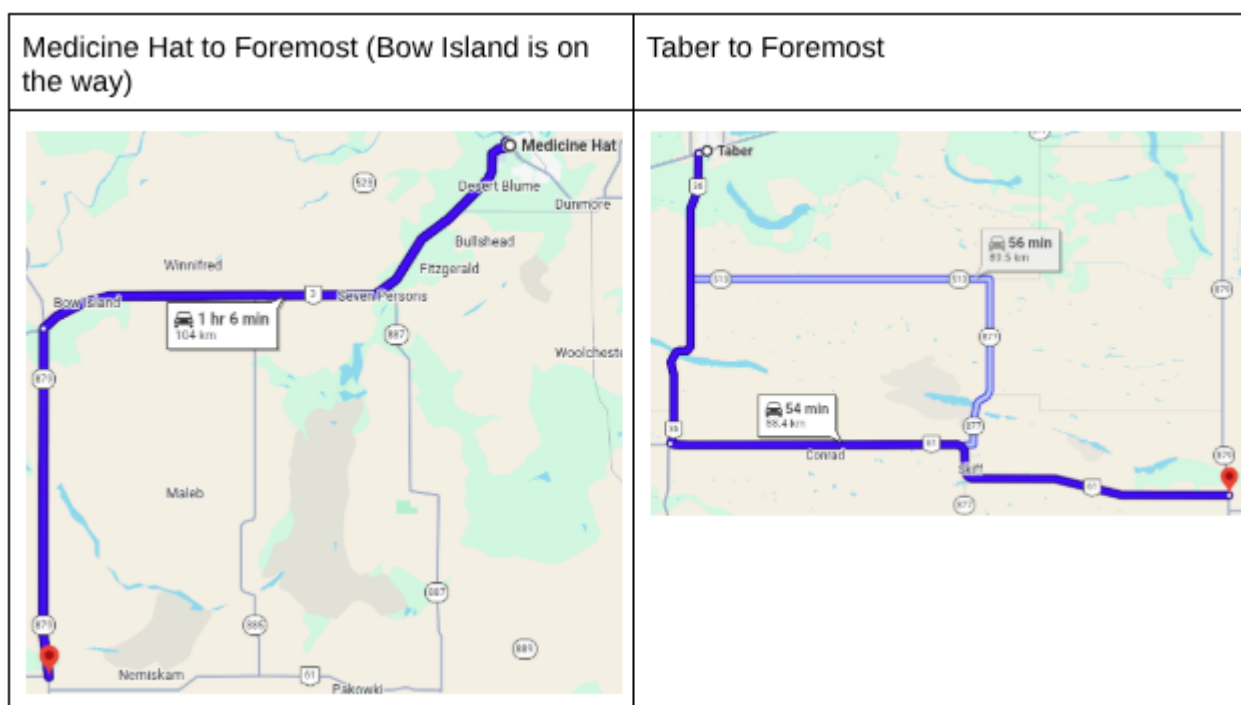


B. ACCOMMODATIONS

Foremost is a small village with limited accommodations. Hotel rooms have been booked in Medicine Hat, Taber and Bow Island. They are booked under **1A Girls Basketball Provincials**. Teams can contact the hotel directly to book rooms at the best rates.

Location	Hotel	Phone Number	# of Rooms Booked
Medicine Hat (110km from Foremost)	Clarione Point	403-527-2275	10
	Comfort Inn & Suites	403-504-1700	10
	Days Inn	403-580-3297	10
	Holiday Inn Express & Suites	403-504-5151	20
	Home Inn Express	403-527-1749	24
Taber (90 km from Foremost)	Heritage Inn Taber	403-223-4424	24

Bow Island (45 km from Foremost)	Silver Sage Motel	403-545-6855	Would not block off but rooms available
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C. FOOD & BEVERAGE

- A Concession will be open at Foremost School for the entirety of the championship. It is located in the Home Ec room.
- Senator Gershaw will also have a concession available for the games they are hosting.
- There are two restaurants and a grocery store in the village. Locations can be found on the map above.
- For teams playing/staying in Bow Island, there is a Subway, Tim Hortons, grocery stores and a few local restaurants.
- There are two gyms at Foremost School. The Small Gym will be open all weekend for players as a common area.
 - There will be games (ping pong, pool table etc) set up for players to pass time in between games.
 - There will also be tables and chairs set up for an area to sit and eat.
 - The games will be live streamed into the small gym.

D. HOSPITALITY

- A coaches room will be available to all coaches throughout the tournament. It is located in the staff room. Food and drinks will be provided to the coaches here.
- There will be a referees room available to all officials throughout the tournament. It is located in the Athletics Office. This is an area for officials to change, prepare and review each game. Food and drink will also be made available to officials in this room.
- A tournament program will be available upon entrance. The program contains all information for the tournament as well as information about local businesses that have planned special events for the visitors to the community.

E. PARKING / TRANSPORTATION

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Angle parking is allowed at the front of the school only. There are some available parallel parking spots available to the North of the school.
- Please do not park in the bus zone Wednesday or Thursday from 7:00am - 3:30pm as school will be in sessions. Angle parking is allowed in this section outside of the designated time.
- There is a parking lot to the South of the school.
- Further overflow parking will be available in a field behind the tennis courts. It will be labeled.
- Parking down the town streets will also be available.
- Referee and dignitary parking will be in the parking lot across from the school. It will be marked off.



F. TICKETING

- Spectators will be required to pay daily admission or purchase a tournament pass.

Daily Pass

Adult:	\$12.00
Student	\$5.00
Children under 12	FREE

Tournament Pass

Adult:	\$30.00
Student	\$15.00

- Programs are available online and at the front door. There will also be a raffle draw to be held at the front doors upon entrance.

G. LIVE STREAMING

- Live stream passes will be available to purchase on the [SSA Network](#) website. Options will include the following:
 - Day Passes - \$12.00,
 - Tournament Pass - \$30.00.
- Please ensure you are purchasing live stream access for the 1A Girls Basketball Provincials.

H. MERCHANDISE

- Northwest Designs will be in the venue 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 see 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 an appropriate time. When presenting pins to the athletes, identify their name, school, behavior and compliment them on their outstanding and consistent good sportsmanship. If possible, present the tag using the PA system and in front of spectators. This presentation should be at an appropriate break in the action.

J. SPORTSMANSHIP

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD - 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 award 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

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
- 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
- Foremost School has created an instagram page that will have photos and results posted constantly throughout the duration of the tournament.

L. MEDICAL / EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP)

VENUE	Foremost School
TOURNAMENT CHAIR	Jon Dunlop
EMERGENCY SERVICES POINT PERSON	Jay Diemert
FOREMOST EMERGENCY SERVICES	403-867-3530
BOW ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE	403-545-3200

For the duration of the tournament there will be a paramedic on site to deal with any injuries that require first aid. There will also be a physiotherapist on site for any treatment or taping required. A first aid kit and ice can be found in the athletic trainers room. An AED is located across from the main office.

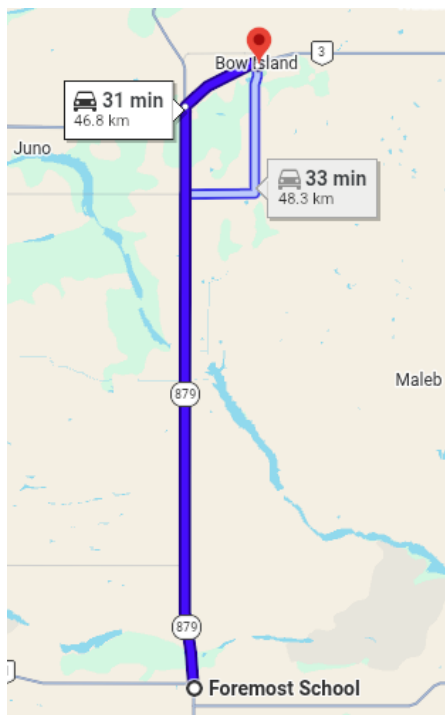
In the case of an injury:

1. Take control of the situation. Exercise universal precautions related to blood/body fluids.

2. Do not move the athlete if they cannot move themselves. Do not remove uniform unless deemed necessary.
3. Assess and evaluate the severity of the situation and decide if further assistance is required.
4. If an ambulance is required; then determine the action required to remove the athlete from the playing surface. At this point the paramedic on site should be involved.
5. If an ambulance is called: Direct one person to call the ambulance and give the pertinent information to them. Include the location, address, and extent of injury.
6. Ask the person to report back with an ETA.
7. Remain with the injured athlete and address any concerns they have while awaiting further medical attention.
8. Do not give food or drink to an injured athlete unless required because of existing medical conditions.
9. Stay calm and reassuring.
10. Once an ambulance arrives, explain the situation and what has been done for the injured athlete.
11. Designate an adult to accompany the injured athlete to the hospital.
12. Parents/guardians of the injured athlete must be contacted as soon as possible following the injury.
13. Complete the incident/accident report form available from the score table and return it to the tournament organizers/administrators.

If the injury does not require an ambulance but the athlete still needs to see a doctor then the athlete needs to be taken to the hospital by a parent/team representative.

Bow Island Health Centre
938 Centre St, Bow Island, AB T0K 0G0

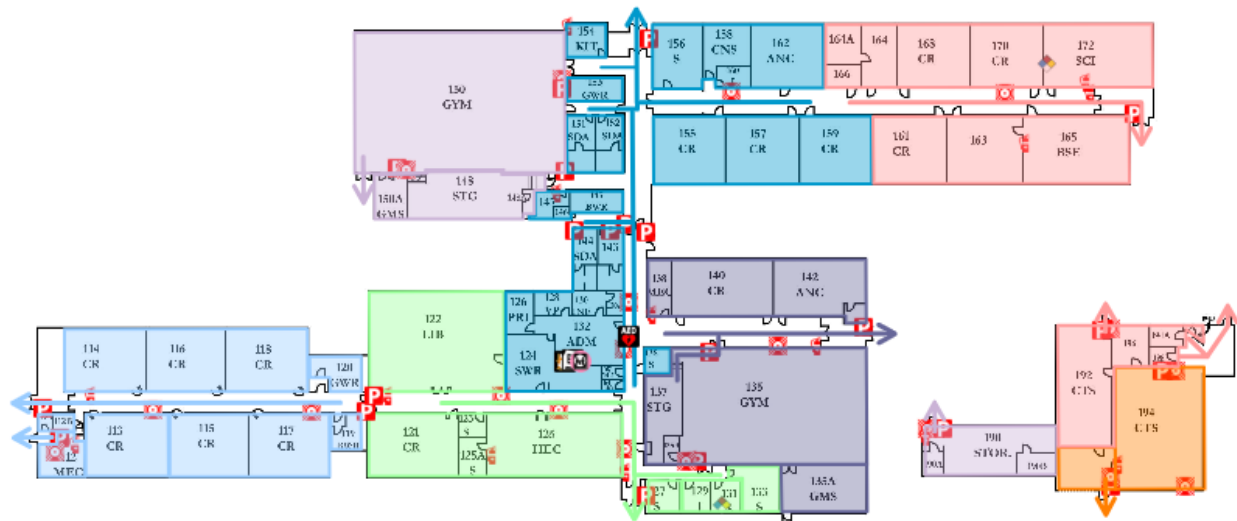


Protocol in the event of an emergency:

1. Call ambulance or fire department 9-1-1
2. Tell them the location of the school: Foremost School, 302 Main Street. Ask them to use the front doors.

3. Indicate location and nature of injury/emergency.
4. Report to organizers/administrators.
5. Meet the ambulance.

Our facility has Emergency Exit Signs posted in every room in the unlikely event of a fire or other emergency. See map below:



Only the front entrance will be open for entry into the building. Our gymnasium has emergency exit doors which will be utilized if necessary. Upon exiting the building, all coaches are responsible to ensure their team members are kept in a group and need to report any athletes unaccounted for to a member of the organizing committee. The muster point is south of the school in the main parking lot. Further instructions in emergency situations will be dealt with as instructed by Foremost Emergency Services.