



TECHNICAL PACKAGE / HOST INFORMATION



2026 TEAM HANDBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 7-9, 2026

LEVEL 1 SPORTS INC, EDMONTON, AB



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1. TECHNICAL PACKAGE

A. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW: TEAM HANDBALL

DATE	Thursday, May 7 - Saturday, May 9, 2026
VENUE	Level 1 Sports, Edmonton
TOURNAMENT CHAIR / ATHF PRESIDENT	Tyrell Johnston / info@albertateamhandball.com
SSA TEAM HANDBALL COMMISSIONER	Kate Greabeiel / kate.greabeiel@epsb.ca
SSA CONTACT	Deryk Venance deryk@schoolsportalberta.ca

B. COACHES & CAPTAINS MEETING

- The Coaches & Captains Meeting will take place Tuesday, May 5th, @ 7:00 pm via Zoom
 - As per the SSA Policy Handbook: “Any team that attends provincials as the zone/regional representatives and fails to attend or send a team representative to the mandatory coaches meeting will be fined a fee of \$250 for failing to send a representative to the coaches meeting. This fee will be collected by the SSA office and split between the host of the championship and the SSA; the latter of which will be earmarked for the SSA subsidy account to help offset costs to SSA provincial hosts. The executive will have the sole discretion to waive the penalty based on the rationale provided by the school for failure to attend coach’s meetings.”

C. SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4th

- Team Registration is due by Athletic Directors through the SRS @ 12:00

Tuesday, May 5th

- Mandatory Coaches & Captains meeting @ 7:00pm via Zoom

Thursday, May 7th - Competition Day 1

- Tournament Competition begins
- Teams will register and take team photos prior to their first game

TIME	Category	Matchup
9:00 AM	Girls	Salisbury vs Ross Sheppard
10:00 AM	Girls	SPA vs CACHS
11:00 AM	Girls	St. Paul vs Mayerthorpe
12:00 PM	Girls	Lindsay Thurber vs Ernest Manning
1:00 PM	Boys	Ernest Manning vs Salisbury
2:00 PM	Boys	Bev Facey vs Central High
3:00 PM	Boys	SPA vs Lindsay Thurber
4:00 PM	Boys	St. Paul vs Mayerthorpe
5:00 PM	Girls	Lindsay Thurber vs Ross Sheppard
6:00 PM	Girls	SPA vs St. Paul
7:00 PM	Girls	Salisbury vs Ernest Manning
8:00 PM	Girls	CACHS vs Mayerthorpe

Friday, May 8th - Competition Day 2

- Tournament Competition continues

TIME	Category	Matchup
9:00 AM	Boys	SPA vs St. Paul
10:00 AM	Boys	Bev Facey vs Ernest Manning
11:00 AM	Boys	Central vs Salisbury
12:00 PM	Boys	Lindsay Thurber vs Mayerthorpe
1:00 PM	Girls	Salisbury vs Lindsay Thurber
2:00 PM	Girls	Ernest Manning vs Ross Sheppard
3:00 PM	Girls	SPA vs Mayerthorpe
4:00 PM	Girls	CACHS vs St. Paul
5:00 PM	Boys	Central vs Ernest Manning
6:00 PM	Boys	SPA vs Mayerthorpe
7:00 PM	Boys	St. Paul vs Lindsay Thurber
8:00 PM	Boys	Bev Facey vs Salisbury

Saturday, May 9th - Competition Day 3

- Placement, semi-final and medal games
- Award ceremonies will follow the completion of each medal game

TIME	Category	Matchup
8:00 AM	Girls	4th vs 4th
9:00 AM	Boys	4th vs 4th
10:00 AM	Girls	3rd vs 3rd
11:00 AM	Boys	3rd vs 3rd
12:15 PM	Girls	1st vs 2nd
1:30 PM	Girls	1st vs 2nd
2:45 PM	Boys	1st vs 2nd
4:00 PM	Boys	1st vs 2nd
5:15 PM	Girls	Bronze
6:30 PM	Girls	Gold
7:45 PM	Boys	Bronze
9:00 PM	Boys	Gold

D. REGISTRATION

- ***The deadline to register is Monday, May 5th, at 12:00 PM.***
 - Team registration is to be completed by the Athletic Director through the SRS
 - Questions regarding your specific school may be directed to deryk@schoolsporalberta.ca
- **Registration Fees for this event will be as follows:**
 - Tournament Entry Fee: \$375 / team
 - Loonie Fee: \$1 / athlete: goes toward SSA pay It Forward Scholarship
- **E-transfer email address: info@albertateamhandball.com**
 - ****Please send an e-transfer to the email above or bring a combined cheque of Entry Fee & Loonie fee, payable to Alberta Team Handball Federation to your first game.**
- **Pay it Forward Loonie Fee: \$1 per athlete according to SSA Policy:**
 - "Pay it Forward Loonie Fee: Each provincial championship will charge an additional \$1 for each participating student and will remit those funds to the SSA office after the championship. 100% of the funds will be directed into an SSA scholarship fund to recognize student-athletes who give back to their communities by either coaching or officiating in school or community sport.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES & AWARDS

- There is no Opening Ceremony planned due to the tight schedule and availability of all teams being onsite at one time.

Provincial Awards

- Perpetual plaques will be awarded to teams finishing 1st - 3rd
- Medals will be awarded to teams finishing 1st - 3rd
- Championship banners, t-shirts will be awarded to those who place 1st

F. GRIEVANCE & DISCIPLINE

- A small 3-person Grievance Committee will exist in the event a team wishes to file a grievance. It will consist of:
 - ATHF President: TBD
 - Head Official at the event from ATHF: Nana
 - SSA Representative: Deryk Venance
- There are two key focuses of the Grievance/Discipline Committee at SSA provincials.
 - The first focus is to deal with matters that occur during competition, typically discipline/conduct issues, and appeals that may arise from ejections.
 - The second focus is to handle any other matters that arise that require dispute resolution.

G. OFFICIALS INFORMATION

Team Handball Officials

- The Alberta Handball Federation 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 ATHF.

Minor Officials

- Minor officials (scorekeepers) are volunteers.. 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 tournament chair
- 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 tournament chair. 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. TEAM PHOTOS

- Team photos will be taken in the warmup court, Between 10am and 2pm in 15 minute intervals. Team photos will be included in the Provincial program based off photos submitted as part of your SRS registration. Any team that does not submit a suitable team photo by the deadline will not have a team photo in the program.

I. UNIFORM / EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

Team Uniforms

- All teams must have at least one set of matching team uniforms. Goalies must wear a contrasting colour. The host venue will have pinnies available if two teams are wearing the same colour. Teams listed first on the schedule will be considered the home team and will be required to change uniforms or wear the pinnies.

Equipment

- Official Game Ball: Will be an Alberta Team Handball Federation approved HUMMEL Size 2 (boys) and Size 1 (girls)
- Practice Balls: Participating teams are required to bring their own handballs for warm-ups. Please do not use handballs in hallways or change rooms
- Athletes will wear clothing that indicates the school they represent. They are not permitted to wear club uniforms.

J. DRESSING ROOMS

- Each team will have their own changeroom for their slotted game. Dressing rooms will be available to teams 30m prior to the designated game start time (45m for semi-final games and medal games). Teams will be asked to exit their changeroom 30 minutes after their game so teams in following games can use these rooms. It is expected that the room will be left the way it was found. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
- Dressing room schedule with reset times can be found [HERE](#)
- Please keep all valuables with you as these rooms will not be secured

K. FIRST AID / ATHLETIC THERAPY

- Teams must bring their own medical supplies and plan to do their own taping. Ice will be provided. A certified athletic trainer will be on-site at Level 1 for the duration of the tournament to assist with first-aid. Any pre-existing injuries are to be dealt with by the individual, parent, medical professional or coach prior to games.

2. HOST INFORMATION

A. VENUE INFORMATION

VENUE	Level 1 Sports Maps Level 1 Sports CAD - Space Allocations
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B. ACCOMODATION INFORMATION

SSA Partner Hotels

Option #1	Sandman Edmonton West	17635 Stony Plain Rd, Edmonton, AB T5S 1E3 Phone: (780) 483-1385 https://www.sandmanhotels.com/edmonton-west 40 rooms total 2 Beds / \$129
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C. PARKING

- [Level 1 Sports Parking Map](#)
- Team buses may drop off in the front of Level 1 and can park in any of the green zones.
- Thursday and Friday there are some parking restrictions with neighbouring businesses. Please follow the posted signage appropriately.

D. TICKETING

- All ticket options will be available on the School Sport Alberta Network. Ticket options will be available under the following options:
 - Day Pass - \$10
 - Tournament Pass - \$24
 - Children 10 & Under - Free; tickets not required.
- Please look for the Team Handball ticket options when purchasing tickets on the SSA network website. Please ensure you are purchasing either the day pass or the tournament pass you are looking for.
- Spectators can purchase event tickets at the link here:
<https://www.watcheschoolsport.ca/ssaprovincialtickets/>

E. LIVE STREAMING

- All Live streaming will be accessible through the School Sport Alberta Network.
- Viewing packages will vary in price. Options will include the following:
 - Day Passes - \$10.00
 - Tournament Pass - \$24.00.
- No secondary live streaming is allowed or permitted at this event. Failure to comply may lead to disciplinary action from SSA and hosts.

F. FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Concessions available in the Main entrance. The concession will have pizza, snacks, & drinks. All other food or preference can be found in the area.

G. HOSPITALITY

- Hospitality Space: There will be a hospitality area in the North East zone. This will be available to credentialed coaches, ATHF officials, sponsor VIP's and SSA staff
- Athletes & Coaches: There will be water refilling stations in Level 1 Sports near the front entrance

H. SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- Spectators, both student and adult, must demonstrate courtesy and good sportsmanship by positive cheers of encouragement for their team, not against the opposing team. This is evidenced by the absence of booing and vulgarities. Spectators must also show proper acceptance of officials' judgment.
- Artificial noisemakers are not permitted during provincial championship tournaments/events. These noisemakers may include but are not limited to: air horns, cowbells, plastic tube horns, garbage can lids, etc. The provincial championship host shall have the authority to eject from the competition facility individuals who, following a warning, refuse to comply with this requirement.
- The Executive Committee or its host/designated representative shall have the authority to direct any person to immediately leave any premises or venue hosting any SSA-sanctioned event if that person:
 - Exhibits rude or abusive
 - Uses vulgar, obscene or abusive language and/or gestures;
 - Fails to promptly follow any reasonable direction given to that person by the designated representative of the SSA

I. 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 click [HERE](#)

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)

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- 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.

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.

L. MEDICAL / EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP)

- The emergency action plan can be found [HERE](#):