

2026 Rapid City Volleyball Invitational

Summit Arena at the Monument – September 11-12, 2026

General Tournament Information

1. Participating Teams:

- Brookings, Belle Fourche, Cheyenne South, Custer, Dakota Valley, Douglas, Hill City, Hot Springs, Kadoka Area, Lakota Tech, Lead-Deadwood, Rapid City Central, Rapid City Stevens, St. Thomas More, Thunder Basin, Todd County.

2. Entry Fee: \$200.00 for one team and \$350 for two teams. Please make checks payable to Central High School & send them to Central High School, 433 Mt. Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD 57701. **Attention: Jordan Bauer**

3. Awards: T-shirts will be given to the 1st place team in EACH BRACKET.

4. Tournament Information:

- Pool play will begin on Friday at 9:00 am. Teams will be in pools of four teams and play each team in their pool once. JV matches will be played first, with the varsity directly following on the same court.
- **On Saturday, only the varsity will play, JV will NOT play on Saturday.** The top eight teams will be seeded in an eight-team **gold** bracket, the next eight teams will be seeded in an eight-team **silver** bracket.
- Varsity teams will play three matches on Friday and a minimum of 1 on Saturday, for a minimum of four matches.
- **Varsity teams will play the best out of three (3) games to 25, win by 2. The third game, if played, will be to 25, win by 2, no cap.**
- **JV will only play on Friday!**
- **JV teams will play two (2) games to 15.**
- JV teams will follow and play the same time schedule as their varsity team throughout pool play. The JV teams will play first on Friday during pool-play.
- Two time outs per game will be allowed.
- Times listed are only approximates. **Pool-play and bracket play will be on a rolling time schedule. When the court opens both teams should be ready to warm up for the next match.** Team warm-up time will start at the conclusion of the previous match. Failure to be ready may be considered a forfeit. A twenty-minute maximum will be allowed only if the tournament is running ahead of schedule.
- The first team listed is the home team in pool play and the top team in bracket play is the home team.
- **All teams will be responsible for providing a libero tracker if needed.**

5. Criteria to Rank and Seed Teams for Saturday's Bracket Tournament Play:

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| 1. Pool Play Record | 3. Number of games won | 5. Point Differential |
| 2. Head-to-head | 4. Fewest games lost | 6. Coin Toss |

6. Tournament Schedule: This link will update as the tournament progresses.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQog9YbIHfp-PHNN9WVjHn8Muxywwzhn4bkh1EC3KRt5eOFyHfmEcaWwpw63xWEG-Kkb3pCUC6bl83TT/pubhtml?gid=26211689&single=true>

7. Parking:

Teams: All buses will need to enter the gate on the east side of the arena between the Double Tree and The Monument. Buses will be allowed to park in the parking lot north of the Don Barnett Fieldhouse by the team entrance (**marked on the map with an X**). Monument Security will monitor the back lot and help park buses in this lot.

Officials: Will need to park in the lot north of the Holiday Inn marked "E3" on the map below.

Fan Parking: Fans will be allowed to park in lots A1, A2, A3, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, C1, C2, C3, C4 (the C lots will **NOT** be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday) ****Please see map on next page****

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8. **Spectator Seating/Admission:** The Rapid City Volleyball Invitational is all **General Admission Seating**. General admission will be \$20.00 a day for adults and \$10.00 a day for students (K-12). Tournament passes will be available at the door for \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students (K-12). **Spectator doors open Friday 8:00 am; Saturday 8:00 am.** Tickets will also be available online at <https://www.themonument.live/events/detail/rapidcityvb24> as well at the box office beginning on September 4, 2026.
9. **Bench Assignments/Locations:**
 - Bench Assignments – The home team will be on the bench to the left of the scorers' table, the visiting team will be on the bench to the right of the scorer's table.
 - Please have your school scorekeepers and statisticians on your bench, as space at the scorer's table is very limited.
 - There will be 20 chairs on your bench.
10. **Team Stretching/Warm Up Area:** The team stretching, and warm area will be in on the east end of the Summit Arena.
11. **Locker Rooms:** They are intended for a dressing room and as restrooms but will remain unlocked. Please secure all your own valuables.
12. **Training Room:** will be in the locker room corridor of The Summit Arena. Trainers will be available one hour before the beginning of each session. Trainers will be responsible for blood spills on the courts.
13. **Warm-Ups:** Warm up balls will be provided on each court prior to each match. The first team warm-up each day will be 10 minutes. After each team has played one match, there will be a minimum of a five-minute warm-up. (2-2-1)
14. **Tournament T-Shirts:** Rapid City Volleyball Invitational T-Shirts will be on sale at site.
15. **Tournament Webcast:** The tournament will be webcast at gocobblerslive.com and goraiderslive.com.
16. **Head Official:** Tanya Nelson
17. **Tournament Officials:** Lorie Whiting, Tanya Nelson, Leann Hollinshead, Laurie Durr, Laurie Adkins-Heydon, Cy Black Horn, Alica Coyne, George Lee, Renae Schneider, Gayla Black Horn, Alex Hamann, Brittany Rogers, John Weber, Joe Drab, Laura Armstrong, Kelly Whiting, Jo Auch, Sandy Neugebauer.
18. **Line Judges:** Stephanie Mach, Shelly Wolfe, Dani Herring, Paige Seidler, Mike Deming, Ashley Sandidge, Jordon Heckert, Jordan Callier, and Penny Nash.



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