



ST. MICHAEL - ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

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Dear Coach:

St. Michael-Albertville High School and the Knights Girls Volleyball program are getting ready for the 13th Annual Midwest Fall Classic Volleyball Tournament on October 4th & 5th, 2024. We are excited that you have accepted our invitation and are looking forward to a great tournament and some high-level competition. This packet contains information relevant to our tournament.

We will be playing on six courts in our activity center and two courts in our main gym. All courts are at STMA High School. The school address is at the footer of this letter. Transportation can drop off at Door C in the lower parking lot by entering our bus loop road. The facility will be ready for the first round of teams (scheduled to play at 4:15 PM) to arrive around 3:30 PM. **Our school day ends at 3:20 PM so please plan on allowing parking and bus traffic to dissipate. Please follow drop off and parking guidelines for Friday evening as we will be hosting a home football match as well.**

[Spectator Information](#)

[Team Drop-off Information & Bus Parking](#)

Some other important notes:

- **Tournament Format:** The tournament is a 31-team field, which will be bracket play for three quadrants and a 3 team pool play for the fourth quadrant. Each team will play 2 matches Friday evening and 3 matches on Saturday, depending on your finish. Due to the drop from 32 to 31 teams, if your team drops to the lowest bracket, you may only complete the tournament with four matches. See bracket organization. Matches will be played best two out of three. The STMA Midwest Fall Classic Tournament Staff will report all scores at the end of the day.
 - Paper Brackets will be posted and updated
 - Online scores will also be updated onto a [live document](#) as well (located on 2024 Bracket tab)
 - [Tournament Website](#)
- **Officials:** We will be providing paid up and down officials and scorekeepers. We will also have players from our program working as libero trackers, scoreboard operators, and line judges. You are welcome to provide your own line judge if you would like. Changes for line judges need to be made at the beginning of each match, but not in the middle of one.



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- Plan to NOT switch sides during sets, but we will have line judges change sides.
- Plan to wave at the beginning and shake hands at the end of the match.

- **No Formal Coaches Meeting:** The coaches meeting will no longer be held to review the printed information. However, we ask that when you arrive at the building, you send a coach down to the Coaches Room (Health Room 1685) to pick up your team shirts, Coach Folder, and check in with Jack Yerxa, our tournament staff.
 - No meal tickets will be provided this year, similar to last year, but complimentary food will be provided in the Coaches & Officials Room throughout the tournament. It will serve as a quiet location and is reserved for coaching staff only.
 - Should coaching staff have any unique needs or requests, please see our tournament staff at the table.

- **Warm-up:** All FIRST and SECOND ROUND matches (each day) will have a full 20 minute warm-up (4-6-6-2-2) and will start no earlier than the scheduled times (each day); Subsequent rounds will be (3-4-4-2-2). **Warm-up balls will be provided to each court.** Please do your best to have your players return all balls to the designated court cart prior to the start of the match and please ensure that all balls remain in the designated playing areas (not hallways or mezzanine level).

- **Tournament website in place of programs:** Parents, players, families, and coaches can access the tournament program via our website. Please be patient with this shift and pull up the other team's roster during warm-up as you will be asked to vote for awards at the conclusion of the match. Paper copies of Rosters will be distributed to coaching staff only within coaches folders.

- **Coaches Room and amenities:** Coaches and officials will be provided a quiet room with food and water for your convenience throughout the tournament in Room 1685.

- **Athletic Trainer:** We will have an athletic trainer on site for the weekend for basic training needs, but we ask that you please bring your own training supplies if possible (for additional requests of KT tape, Biofreeze, etc.). We will have ice available for injuries. The training room is across the hall from the coaches meeting room, but our athletic trainer may also be posted at the tournament table. Please alert the tournament table for emergencies.



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- **Tournament Pacing:** First round participants should be on the court 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. After round one, matches may begin early if both teams agree and the scheduled officials are available. Starting matches early would be our preference, so please plan on remaining around the court your next match is on. We've tried hard to keep conference and potential section opponents away from each other, as well as recent opponents.
- **All Tournament Team:** We will be recognizing an All-Tournament Team of 16 players by having the coaches select the most significant player from each team in each match. Those votes will have different weights based on where in the bracket the teams are playing. We will be coordinating this at the Tournament Table. Please turn your ballots into your score table at the end of each match or drop it at the Tournament Table. Selections will be made by the beginning of the final round of matches. You will find your ballots in your coaches' folder.
- **Next Year:** Dates in 2025 are set for October 10 & 11, 2025. Contracts and invitations for the 2025 event will first be sent out to teams that paid on time and completed contracts on time. Our goal is to get representation from the Midwest (North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota). Coaches, please stop by the tournament table and let us know if you are interested in returning next year given the set dates.
- **Team Drop Spots & Locker Rooms:** Each team will have a designated table in the cafeteria (2nd floor). Please feel free to use that as your eating area, but we ask that gear not be left on top of the table, but around it so that your team and families can utilize the table space. Locker Rooms and restrooms are available for changing, but locker rooms will not be supervised or locked, so we ask that teams not leave their belongings in there.
- **No Outside Coolers or Crockpots:** We ask that you support our concession stands and local vendors. We will have Cloud 9 Energy bowls located upstairs in our cafeteria in addition to our upper and lower concessions stands. We ask that you support our concessions throughout the tournament. Tournament concessions will be cash only.
- **Payment:** If we have not received your payment for the tournament, you will have a slip inside of your Coaches Folder.



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- **Admissions & Indoor Concessions are all CASH ONLY.** We appreciate you sharing this with your players and families. \$10 each day and \$5 for seniors and students; 5 and under free admission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email.

We thank you for being a part of our 13th Annual Midwest Fall Classic Tournament.

Sincerely,

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