

**28TH Annual Lakota Nation Invitational
21-Team Pool Play
Volleyball Tournament**

TO: Athletic Directors, Volleyball Coaches, and Officials

FROM: Dani Walking Eagle, LNI Volleyball Tourney Director

DATE: August 8, 2023

RE: Tournament Information

Hello, the following information is in regards to the 28th Annual LNI Volleyball Tournament in Rapid City, SD, at the Monument in the Summitt. The dates for this years' tournament are Friday, September 29 and Saturday September 30, 2023. Pool Play will begin on Friday, September 29 and 30th, 2023 at 9:00 am. If you have any other questions please contact me, Dani Walking Eagle at 605-747-2299 x 2100 or 605-319-8034 or e-mail dwalkinge@sfisk12.org leave a message on voice mail and I will get back to you ASAP. Tournament information is as follows:

Dates: Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2023

Time: 9:00am (mst) will be the start time on the first day. 9:00am every day after.

Location: The Monument at the Summitt, Rapid City, SD.

Entry Fee: Amount: **\$750.00**, please make checks out to Lakota Nation Invitational, C/O Sandra Weaver, Simplify, 3213 W. Main- St #425 Rapid City, SD 57702

***Note: Entry Fees are due asap**

Officials: Joe Drabb is head referee.

Locker Rooms: We have the locker room facilities in the arena.

Teams: The teams for the pools are as follows:

Pool A

1. Lakota Tech High School
2. Wakpala High School
3. C. Eagle Butte High School
4. Crazy Horse High School
5. Lower Brule High School
6. Tiospaye Topa High School

Pool B

1. Takini High School
2. White River High School
3. Santee High School
4. Pine Ridge High School
5. St Francis Indian School

Pool C

1. Wyoming Indian School
2. Mahpiya Luta High School
3. Oelrichs High School
4. Crow Creek High School
5. Marty Indian School

Pool D

1. Little Wound High School
2. Tiospa Zina High School
3. Todd Co. High School
4. McLaughlin High School
5. Custer High School

Play: Our format for the tournament is a Round Robin style of play with two pools. We will be playing best of 3 and rally scoring to 25 for the first 2 games and if it goes into the 3rd game we will play to 25. The tournament will be a single-elimination tournament, at the end of pool play we will be cross-bracketing the top team in each pool. We will be using 3 courts throughout the tournament so please keep your team in the arena as the first game is the only set game time. Games from that point on will be on the first available court.

Warm-up time: During the first round only, each team will have a warm-up of 4-8-8 after the first round we will start as soon as the books are ready to go, no serving. Please keep your team in the area so that we may keep to the schedule. This is the current warmups used in South Dakota

Grand Entry: We will be having grand entry this year and the line up will be in the packet.

Awards: We will be giving out Etched Glass team places for 1st to 4th. There will be championship jackets for a 15 team roster and 2 coaches and 1 manager. There will be an individual etched glass plates for Most Valuable Player, Outstanding Setter, Best Defensive Player and team sportsmanship and pullovers for a 21 member all tournament team (1 from team). **Each coach will pick one (1) player for the all tournament team from their own team this year.**

Program: We will need a 15 player roster and photo sent to Katie at Clark Printing by **September 8, 2023** no exceptions!!!! e-mail an attachment to katie@clarkprinting.com , roster and picture for the program. **If you do not have your picture or roster by this date you will not be included in the program as it will go to print the very next day.**

Coaches Mtg.: Coaches, Director, and Referees only!! Friday, September 29, 2023 at 8:00am (mst). This meeting is mandatory. The meeting will be in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center hospitality room.

Workers: **Each school must bring 1 line judge.** Please submit your workers name to Dani Walking Eagle in advance. The LNI Volleyball workers will be taking care of the books and scorekeeping. You may also e-mail me at dwalkinge@sfisk12.org

Announcer: Merle Anderson is with us for the 3rd year as our announcer!!! Please get a roster to Merle as soon as you start play.

Practice: There will be no practice times this year as we will begin on Friday.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you and welcoming you back to the Lakota Nation Invitational Tournament. It is your continuing participation with us that keeps the sport of volleyball highlighted for our female athletes. If you have any questions please give me a call at 605-747-2299 x 2100/ 605-319-8034 cell # or e-mail me. Thank you. We're looking forward to a great tournament with great action.