



November 19, 2013

**Attention: Provincial Secondary School AAAA Volleyball Tournament Coaches**

Welcome to the Okanagan!

Okanagan College is pleased to welcome you to the gymnasium in The Jim Pattison Center of Excellence. This facility has won national and international awards for its sustainable design. The gymnasium has some unique features.

- Geothermal heating system within the concrete wall panels
- Windows for natural light and fresh air
- Structurlam glue lam beams
- Rooftop solar panels which help us be energy neutral
- Recycling of grey water to flush toilets

There are a few specifics that you should be aware of as you enter our campus.

**1. Parking**

There are two parking lots on campus – one on the north end of the Jim Pattison Center of Excellence and one on the south end of the same building. Pay parking is in effect Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm (\$3.00 for a half day and \$5.00 for a full day). There may be limited parking available during the week. We therefore encourage you to car-pool, if possible. Security staff patrols the lots regularly so please use the machines at each lot to avoid being ticketed. If you are leaving late at night and you want an escort to your vehicle please contact the security staff.

**2. Coach's / Officials Room**

Located in PC 260; a small meeting room on the second floor just above the gymnasium.

**3. Excessive Noise**

We ask that your teams try to minimize the amount of noise in the corridors as there will be college classes in session on Thursday and Friday.

**4. Food and Drink**

Of course we allow drinks in the gymnasium – as long as it's water. We discourage the eating of food in our gymnasium. There is seating space for nutrition breaks along the corridors or in the college cafeteria. Food service is available in the cafeteria between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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There are 2 water bottle filling stations located in the corridor outside the gymnasium next to the change rooms. There are 2 more bottle filling stations at the north end of the same corridor. There are also 2 water bottle filling stations in the Sunoka Building.

**5. Locker Rooms**

Change rooms and shower facilities are located on the left hand side of the hallway, just before the entrance to the gymnasium. Lockers are available for day use only. Feel free to use them but know that Okanagan College students and staff may be coming in and out of this area as well.

**6. Footwear**

Please no outdoor footwear on the play spaces within the gymnasium.

**7. Staffing**

We will have an Okanagan College staff member or student employee on campus. She/he will be located in the office adjacent to the gymnasium. Should you need anything, please just ask.

On behalf of the President of Okanagan College, Jim Hamilton, we welcome you to the Penticton campus and wish you all success with the volleyball tournament. Have a wonderful time in Penticton. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact *Jo Ann Parliament, Recreation Coordinator, at 250.492.4305 ext. 3274.*

Sincerely,



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