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For Immediate Release

## WDA announces changes to 2020 Boys' Soccer Tournament

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Western Dakota Association (WDA) recently approved changes to its postseason tournament format for boys' soccer to reduce the ongoing health risks associated with COVID-19.

WDA Tournament matches in boys' soccer, which are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 3, will be held at the site/venue of the higher tournament seed. Initially, the final three tournament matches were going to take place in Mandan (Dakota Community Bank and Trust Field at Dacotah Centennial Park). However, WDA officials decided to have three host sites on the final tournament day to limit the amount of contact among teams, game officials and spectators. Admission for tournament matches will be limited to adhere to health department requirements/guidelines. A limited number of vouchers to attend matches will be provided to to the participating schools.

This is the 16th year the WDA has conducted a postseason tournament and first time eight teams will participate. They are: Bismarck High, Bismarck Century, Bismarck Legacy, Dickinson, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot High and Williston.

Please refer to the schedule below for more information. The tournament schedule/format is subject to change.

### 2020 WDA Boy's Soccer Tournament

#### Tuesday, Sept. 29 Play-in Matches No. 8 Williston @ No. 5 Dickinson, 5 p.m. CT/4 p.r.

No. 8 Williston @ No. 5 Dickinson, 5 p.m. CT/4 p.m. MT (Biesiot Activities Complex) No. 7 Mandan @ No. 6 Jamestown, 6 p.m. (Jamestown Rotary Field)

Saturday, Oct. 3 State Qualifiers Winner of the 8/5 play-in match @ No. 4 Minot, 1 p.m. (Duane Carlson Stadium) Winner of the 6/7 play-in match @ No. 3 Bismarck Legacy, 2 p.m. (MDU Resources Community Bowl) Championship No. 2 Bismarck Century @ No. 1 Bismarck High, 4:30 p.m. (MDU Resources Community Bowl)

Note: The No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, based on regular season finish in the WDA standings, automatically qualify for the ND State Boys Tournament TBD: To Be Determined

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# WDA announces changes to 2020 West Region Volleyball Tournament

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Western Dakota Association (WDA) recently approved changes to its postseason tournament format for volleyball to reduce the ongoing health risks associated with COVID-19.

West Region Tournament play-in round, quarterfinal, consolation and semifinal round matches will be played at the home site of the higher tournament seed. The final three tournament matches – two state qualifiers and the championship – will be held at Bismarck Legacy High School.

Prior to the quarterfinal round, two region play-in matches will involve the No. 7, 8, 9 and 10 seeds. No. 7 seed will host the No. 10 seed while the No. 8 seed will host the No. 9. These matches will be held between Nov. 5-7. Winners will advance to the quarterfinal round which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The semifinal and consolation/loser-out round will then take place on Thursday, Nov. 12. The final three matches will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Bismarck Legacy.

Unlike previous years when the top eight seeds met in one tournament location, WDA officials decided to move a majority of the tournament matches to the home site the higher seeded teams to limit the amount of contact among teams, game officials and spectators.

Admission for tournament matches will be limited to adhere to health department requirements/guidelines. A limited number of vouchers to attend matches will be provided to the participating schools.

The regular season concludes on Nov. 3 and seeding for the tournament will then be finalized. This is the 38th year the WDA has conducted a region tournament. Participating teams are: Bismarck High, Bismarck Century, Bismarck Legacy, Bismarck St. Mary's, Dickinson, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot High, Watford City and Williston.

Locations and times for the tournament matches have not yet been determined. Schools officials are working to set up livestreaming options for tournament matches. BEK Sports is scheduled to broadcast the final day of tournament matches. Please refer to the schedule below for more information. The tournament schedule/format is subject to change.

#### 2020 West Region Volleyball Tournament

Plav-in Round (Dates/Times/Locations/Teams TBD) No. 10 @ No. 7 No. 9 @ No. 8 Tuesday, Nov. 10 Quarterfinals No. 8/9 Winner @ No. 1 No. 5 @ No. 4 No. 7/10 Winner @ No. 2 No. 6 @ No. 3 Thursday, Nov. 12 Consolation/Loser-out, TBD Semifinals, TBD Saturday, Nov. 14 (Bismarck Legacy HS) State qualifiers (2 matches) Championship

Note: BEK Sports is scheduled to broadcast live the final three tournament matches to be held in Bismarck. TBD: To Be Determined