

Open Gym Guidelines

West Fargo Public Schools

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These guidelines aim to make a clear delineation between what is and is not a school-sponsored activity. Effective immediately, the following parameters will be in place for use of facilities:

- The district will provide practice time to each activity during the season that is specified per NDHSAA, or, in the absence of a NDHSAA ruling, by the district. There is a 16 week maximum on what can be considered a season.
- Open gym requests will be reviewed and approved by the activities director (AD) at the coach's high school, for space at either the high school, that school's feeder middle school, or the Lodoen Community Center.
 - Per NDHSAA, "open gym" is a time when a facility may be available to athletes for a specified activity (Ex: girls' basketball, boys' soccer) and is open to all students for participation.
 - An approved adult (district employee, coach, or advisor) must supervise open gym times. If that adult is a program coach, he/she cannot use the time to instruct, coach, or provide feedback to his/her players.
 - A program is limited to two hours of open gym time per week. Open gym times may occur as space is available, with the following exceptions:
 - No open gyms on Wednesday evenings.
 - Open gyms on Sunday must fall between 12:00PM-6:00PM.
 - Weeknight open gyms must conclude by 8:00PM at the middle schools.
 - The same open gym parameters apply to requests outside of an activity's designated season. Requests for additional time (3+ hours), or private practice sessions, will be referred by the AD to the Communications & Community Relations Department for review against the guidelines included in district policy ABBB-AP. Use of School Buildings for Other than School Purposes.
 - If the request is approved, the group would then adhere to the district policy ABBB-AP. Use of School Buildings for Other than School Purposes and indicated fee structure (+50% discount).

Any further questions regarding the district's guidelines on open gyms, school sponsored activities, or requests for practice space should be brought to the building's activities department.