

Northern Illinois University Volleyball 2011



Visiting Team Guide

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Dining/Hotels

Please visit <http://www.niuhuskies.com/ot/dining.html> for a complete dining guide.

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Driving Directions/Facility Address

**NIU Convocation Center
1525 West Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, IL 60115**

I-88, I-90, and I-294 are toll roads. Annie Glidden Road exit requires a \$1.10 exact change only cash toll or IPass/EZ Pass are accepted. Peace road exit requires a \$0.80 exact change only cash toll or IPass/EZ Pass.

Facility

Victor E. Court is the competition home of Northern Illinois volleyball, wrestling and gymnastics. The 800-seat gymnasium is one part of the \$36-million Convocation Center, built in 2002 to be the heart of Northern Illinois' athletics complex, and the entertainment center of DeKalb.

Named for NIU mascot Victor E. Huskie, the court has seen its share of Northern Illinois athletics glory since the Huskie volleyball team opened the gym with a 3-1 win over IUPUI, August 30, 2002.

One of the team's most memorable seasons in VEC came in 2006, when the Huskies opened and closed a Mid-American Conference West Division Championship season with wins in the gym. The Huskies have also earned victories over Mississippi State and Kansas, and have hosted eight tournaments at Victor E. Court. The team passed a milestone when it recorded its 50th win at Victor E. Court with a 3-0 sweep of Ball State, November 9, 2007.

The Northern Illinois wrestling team has also had its share of remarkable moments while competing at Victor E. Court. Most notably, the Huskies toppled No. 5 Northwestern, 22-19, in front of 751 fans on November 30, 2007.

In addition to hosting Huskie volleyball, gymnastics and wrestling, Victor E. Court also provides additional practice space for the Northern Illinois men's and women's basketball team.

In-Game Vending

NIU Convocation Center will provide concessions. The concession stand will be open 1 hour prior to match time and closes shortly after set 3 begins. **No outside food or drink is permitted inside the Convocation Center. All bags are subject to search.**

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Locker Room

Visiting team locker rooms are available in the hallway adjacent to Victor E. Court. Towels will be provided for post-game showers. Please coordinate any laundry requirements prior to your arrival on campus. For more information, contact **Mike DeFauw, Convocation Center Equipment Manager**, at mdefauw@niu.edu or 815.753.1941.

Media Information

Visiting Team Radio

NIU Media Relations recommends that any radio requests be made no less than seven (7) days in advance. Radio personnel should be self-sufficient and provide all of their own equipment including extension cords. Visiting radio will be accommodated at the tables on the south side of the court. For all radio requests, please contact **Zach Peters, Assistant Director, Media Relations**, at zpeter2@niu.edu or 815.753.9572.

Video

If you would like to record your game, the primary location is from a platform located at the west end of Victor E. Court. Battery powered cameras are strongly recommended. Your team is responsible for providing any necessary extension cords and tape to secure the cords.

Medical Information

The following will be provided on the court during practices and games: water, cups, towels, ice bags and biohazard supplies. In addition, emergency equipment, including splint kit, crutches, spine board and AED are available on site. For more information or to coordinate specific medical needs, contact **Rob Dyson, Assistant Athletic Trainer**, at rdyson@niu.edu or 815.753.1624.

The nearest hospital is Kishwaukee Community Hospital located at:

One Kish Hospital Drive
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 756-1521

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Parking Information, Bus Drop Off

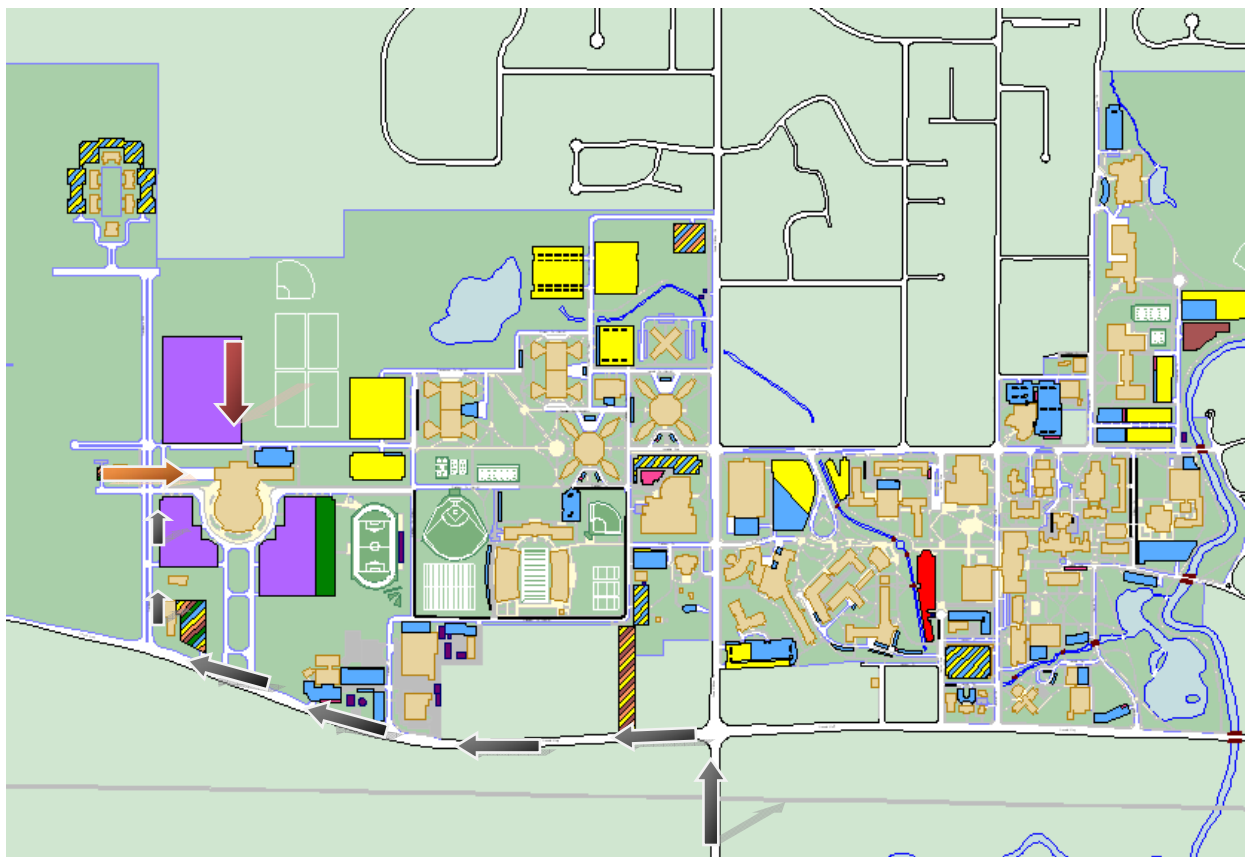
Buses should enter campus via the road just west of the main entrance of the Convocation Center.

Please contact **Sue Hansfield, Assistant Athletic Director/Facilities and Game Operations**, at **815.753.9544** with any questions regarding parking.

Black Arrows – Marks travel path from I-88.

Red Arrow – Marks **team practice** day drop off at Entrance 5 and bus parking in Lot C3 on the north side of the Convocation Center.

Orange Arrow – Marks **team game day** drop off and bus parking at the loading dock on the west side of the Convocation Center.



Parking Information, Fans

Fans should enter at the main entrance of the Convocation Center via Lincoln Highway (SR 38) and park in Lot C2, located directly across from the main entrance (Entrance 2).

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Post-Game Meal

All post game meals must be delivered to the team bus. **No outside food or drink is allowed inside the Convocation Center.**

Practice Times

Practice time is available on match day upon request. Available practice times are a one hour block from 10:00 am -12:00 pm and from 4:30-5:30 pm. Please allow a two week notification prior to the match of what time. NIU has reserved 5:30-6:00 pm for serve and pass. For all practice time requests, please contact, **Dan Pawlikowski, Assistant Coach**, at dpawlikowski@niu.edu or 815.753.1496.

Sample Match Protocol for 7:00 pm Match

Clock	Event	Time
:30	Coin Toss	6:30 pm
:19-:15	Visiting Team Court (4min)	6:41 – 6:45 pm
:15-:11	Home Team Court (4min)	6:45 – 6:49 pm
:11-:06	Visiting Team Court (5min)	6:49 – 6:54 pm
:06-:01	Home Team Court (5min)	6:54 – 6:59 pm
:01	Team Huddle (1min)	6:59 – 7:00 pm
:00	Match Begins with National Anthem & Introductions	7:00 pm

Time outs will be 75 seconds in length

10 minute intermission: Between sets 2 & 3

Times are subject to change based on pre-game ceremonies or other circumstances and will be communicated to you as early as possible.

The pre-game format will be posted in the locker room prior to arrival.

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Tickets

Visiting Mid American Conference teams will be provided with 60 complimentary tickets. Non Conference Opponents please refer to contracted agreement on tickets. A typed pass list must be provided to the event staff upon arrival.

General Admission tickets are as follows:

Adult:	\$5.00
Youth:	\$3.00