GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROTOCOL

To Be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late – is not to be a BIG DOG.

Please read all information so you have a basic understanding of the Big Dog procedure / protocol.

1. TEAM PRACTICE

Iron Range Area (Minnesota Maroon) will practice at Mesabi Range College, Virginia
Wednesday, November 18 from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Duluth Area (Gopher Gold) will practice at the Duluth Indoor Sports Center,
Thursday, November 19 from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

2. LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS

All players must sign and turn in a release of liability form before practicing and / or playing.

3. TEAM UNIFORMS AND APPAREL

Player uniforms and teamwear will be distributed at team practice or game day.

4. TEAM BANNERS

Each Team will have a 4' by 8' banner. This banner will be placed on the wall to designate bleacher / fan seating areas. All players and coaches will sign their team banner at team practice or on game day. This signing is an honor. ***The signing will be under supervision***. This banner is used for all future Big Dog Matches to depict history.

5. SPREAD THE NEWS

Help spread the news. Please Facebook, tweet, text, Insta Gram or whatever social media you use to family, friends, high school teammates, and coaches to let them know of this very special event. **Saturday, November 21st, 6:00 p.m. Mesabi Range College, Virginia.**

6. SERVING FUN

Between sets 2 and 3 we are planning some spectator serving fun. Hit a shirt, get a shirt. Let your fans know to get involved and have some fun. Our **Big Dog Mascot** will be helping.

BIG DOG PROTOCOL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
MESABI RANGE COLLEGE – VIRGINIA

Below is a brief overview of what to expect on match day.

a. Quick Review of below by Brian Karich

b. Players to report at 4:30 p.m. Locker rooms will be available.
4-6-6-2 team warmups starting at 5:30.

c. Player Introduction
   i. Players at the team bench. As a team member is announced, the player moves to the sideline and stays at the sideline. Between the 10' line and the endline.

d. National Anthem
   i. Players on the sideline.
   ii. Arm's length apart
   iii. Right Hand Over Heart
   iv. Attention given to the flag.
   v. Good luck wave.

e. Playing of the MN Rouser.

f. Match Starts at 6:00 p.m.

g. Serving for Shirts between sets 2 & 3 with the **BIG DOG MASCOT**.

h. Curtain Call at the end of the Match
   i. Before lining up for the curtain call and acknowledging your opponent's please thank the referees.
   ii. Players line up from the middle of the 10' line towards the middle of the end line facing your team banner or fan section.
   iii. When both teams are ready players wave to your fans to show them their appreciation. Stay in formation for MVP announcement.

i. Announcement of the MVP.
j. Closing Announcement
k. Playing of the Minnesota Rouser

"IF YOU WANT SOME, YOU BETTER BRING SOME"