

Pacesetter now offering two-class youth basketball playoffs for North Dakota and South Dakota teams

Pacesetter Basketball will be offering a two-class post-season playoff system for all boys' and girls' basketball teams in grades 4-9 in North Dakota and South Dakota as part of a 5-state system, sponsored by the Minnesota Lynx and Minnesota Timberwolves, with the championships played at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Both A and B playoffs will be provided in both states. Schools with a high school enrollment in grades 9-12 of 325 or over will be classified as Class A schools. Schools with fewer than 325 students in grades 9-12 will be Class B schools. Class B teams may elect to enter the Class A playoff and also play in the Class B playoffs.

Two neighboring schools may combine to form one team in the Class B tournament if their combined enrollment is under 325 for grades 9-12.

The champions of the Class A playoffs in each state will be offered a direct bid to the Great Five-State Championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis. The top two teams in Class B from each state will play off in a "border battle" for a bid to play in the "Great State" tournament.

The other five teams playing in the Great State tournament at the Target Center will be from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

SITES AND DATES

North Dakota

Jamestown,

Saturday, March 2

Sunday, March 3

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24

TRAC – Two Rivers Activity Center

Class A: Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6

Class B: Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6

High School & TRAC

Class B: Boys & Girls Grades 5, 7 & 9

Class A: Boys & Girls Grade 8

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CLASS B ND-SD PLAYOFF - "Road to Target Center"

Border Battle Games – Saturday-Sunday, April 13-14

SITE: Huron, SD or Jamestown, ND

The top two Class B teams in each grade from North Dakota and South Dakota will play off for a bid to play in the Pacesetter Great Five-State Championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Any team that qualifies for the Great State tournament may have players from any number of schools combined as long as the total school enrollment for grades 9-12 is 400 or fewer.

All teams are guaranteed to play 3-4 games on each playoff day throughout the Pacesetter system. The team entry fee is \$155 by Jan. 31 and \$165 starting Feb. 1. Each bracket is limited to 16 teams.

Over 1,000 teams are expected to play in the Pacesetter 5-state "Hometown Team" playoff system. The Minnesota Timberwolves will be offering each player a FREE TICKET on a buy-one-get-one plan for an NBA game.

Teams may enroll online now at www.pacesettersports.net.