

# 2024 Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championship -Regional Qualifying-

## General Information

### Check-in: Individual Player Waivers and Team Roster

Individual players MUST have an individual player waiver form submitted online by a parent/guardian.

The online link is: <https://pacesettersports.redpodium.com/mn-youth-basketball-tournament-registration-23-24>

Teams may not play until all player waiver forms and a roster are filled out online. Teams that advance to “post-season” play are not required to fill out additional waivers or rosters but are required to turn in a paper copy of their roster at each tournament.

### Special Roster Requirement

Online roster must be filled out prior to the tournament. The online roster link is:

<https://pacesettersports.redpodium.com/roster-mn-youth-basketball-tournaments-23-24>

Teams that have players from a city that has more than one school district OR teams that have players from more than one school MUST submit their team roster two weeks prior to the tournament. Players on these teams must indicate their school, so enrollment can be verified in advance. This policy will help prevent eligibility questions at the tournament.

**REMINDER:** Please print off the online roster, bring it to each region tournament and turn it in at team check-in. (We suggest making copies of the online roster, so you have them ready for every Pacesetter tournament you enter.)

### Eligibility

Only players who have played on high school teams come under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota High School League. These players may not play in a Pacesetter regional tournament until their specific team is eliminated from post-season play. Since there is no post-season play for JV, B or C teams, their season is finished when their last game is played. All players on a Pacesetter team must either be enrolled in the same school, live, or attend school in the same city, the same school system, or the same tribal community. Two or three schools may combine, however, to form one team if the combined enrollment of the schools for grades 9-12 is 400 or fewer. If combining schools are not adjacent to the other school or schools, Pacesetter must approve the combination.

All tribal communities with a high school in their tribal community must abide by the school enrollment guidelines. Only tribes without a high school in the tribal community may play as one tribal community. Tribal communities without a high school may not combine to play as one team.

SOME EXCEPTIONS: 1) private schools whose “feeder” schools are located in another school district, 2) schools or programs consolidating for the following year and 3) transfer students who have officially enrolled. In these circumstances, players are allowed to play together with their future teammates if the connection is official. The philosophy behind this decision is that the whole system is designed to help “hometown teams”, or area community-based teams, improve with their future teammates, and these players are part of that future. A player who is “thinking” about transferring to another school would not be allowed to play for that school.

Younger players may play at a higher grade level, but older players may not play at a younger grade level. Teams may play in more than one region, but special guidelines apply for teams that win a region – *see* (Frequently Asked Questions).

### Team Manager - scorekeeper

Each team needs to provide a "team manager" to run the scoring table - either to keep the clock or to keep the scoresheet. The two team managers can decide who takes each duty. Team managers will receive a wristband for free admission for the day, which will be provided when the team managers check in at the Coaches' Sign-in table.

### Regional, State and Great-State Tournament Format

Region, state, and Great State tournaments are “single elimination” from the championship, but all teams will play 3-4 full games in the tournament. The Great State Championships can be 1-2 days, depending on the facility time available.

### ***NEW! Region 8-team “invitation” format***

Regional tournaments for grades 4-7 in 2024 will be set for 8 teams in each bracket. The benefits of this new system include the following when each bracket has 8 teams:

- 1) Each team will play a minimum and a maximum of 3 games.
- 2) The day of playing will be shorter as one group finishes in the am and one in the pm.
- 3) Most teams can “play-sit-play”
- 4) Brackets will fill faster, and the teams registered will be listed on the Pacesetter website.
- 5) Regional teams that played the year before or have entered the most often will get the first invitations to play.
- 6) Teams will all be from the same region if region teams register the first 8 teams.
- 7) “Once in, always in” – Regional teams that get in will be the first teams invited back the next year.
- 8) Everyone loves an 8-team bracket!

### **Waiting Lists**

There will be two Waiting Lists offered to teams:

- 1) ***Region Team Waiting List*** – teams who register and pay in advance for their own region but were not one of the first teams individually invited. Registering teams in this group will be ranked in the order they register and offered any open spots beginning Nov. 1.
- 2) ***Non-Region Team Waiting List*** – teams who want to enter a region outside of their own region. These teams that register and pay will be offered available spots beginning Dec. 1.

### **INVITATION PROCESS**

A special Loyalty List of eight (8) teams in each region will be invited to enter each regional playoff tournament:

***YES*** – Teams that say YES will have a spot held and will be asked to pay by Nov. 1.

***NO*** – Teams that say NO will open a spot for the next team on the list to be invited.

***MAYBE*** – Teams that say MAYBE will be invited to register, but a spot will not be held. If and when they register, they will either be accepted immediately as one of the 8 teams or placed on the Region Team Waiting List.

### **ALL TEAMS INVITED**

All other teams in Minnesota will be invited via email or letter to register and will be provided with a link to register and pay online. Teams may always choose to pay offline and send a check or money order.

### ***NEW! Super Sections for grades 8-9***

More players in grades 8-9 are playing on teams under MSHSL guidelines, which means their team’s high school season must be completed before the players are eligible to play in non-school games. Therefore, Pacesetter has set “Super Sections”, including two regions, for these teams closer to the Metro area so that players will be able to attend or play in the Minnesota high school “Championship Saturday” games on Saturday before playing in Pacesetter on Sunday – allowing all players to be eligible to play. The girls’ state championships are March 16 and the boys’ state championships are March 23. Pacesetter Super Sections are March 17 and March 24.

### **Registered teams posted on the website**

Teams that have registered and paid will be posted on the Pacesetter website starting in January 2024.

### **Completed Brackets**

Once all tournament brackets are completed, team coordinators will be sent pdf copies of the bracket, and the brackets will be posted on the website.

### **Starting and Ending Times**

Teams should always double check the main wall schedule for starting times. Teams are asked to be at their court 10 minutes prior to game time. Teams should also check the main schedule area frequently for any special announcements or adjustments. Always be certain you have completed your last possible game before leaving the tournament permanently.

### **Invitations to Post-season Play**

The champion from each region will be invited to the 8-team Minnesota Youth Basketball State Tournament. Teams that lose only one game will be invited to play in the Minnesota Invitational Tournament (MIT). The top two teams at the Minnesota State Tournament will be invited to play in the Great Five-State tournament. Dates and location will be posted on [www.pacesettersports.net](http://www.pacesettersports.net) as soon as they are finalized.

### **Game uniforms**

Numbered jerseys are required and should have numbers on the front and back to help officials since individual fouls are kept. Teams should bring two colors of numbered jerseys. Numbered reversible jerseys are ideal. As a basic guide, the top team in the bracket for each game will be light and the bottom team dark. In pool play (1 vs. 2, for example) the first team listed will be light and the second team listed will be dark.

### **Dressing prior to the game**

Locker rooms are usually not available, so it is best for players to come dressed for the game with warm up gear.

### **Practice basketballs**

Teams should bring their own practice balls, which are the responsibility of each team.

### **Valuables and equipment**

Teams are responsible for their own valuables – always be careful. Carrying bags to the bench area and stowing them under the chairs may be the best idea.

### **Tape and first aid basics**

Teams should bring some tape and basic first aid supplies: tape, band-aids, bench towels, large baggies for ice, etc. Ice should be available at the tournament.

### **Time between games**

An effort will be made to space the time between games, but it is often impossible not to have back-to-back games or a longer break due to byes, # of teams, etc. Please be positive and use your break constructively.

### **Admission and Concessions**

For 2024, an ALL-DAY pass for children K-12 is \$5.00 and for adults \$10.00. Children pre-K and younger are free. Tournaments may or may not offer a concession stand with food, snacks, and beverages. Please encourage your team to clean up their mess. When schools are providing the concession stand as a fund raiser, no other food or beverages may be brought into the building. Sports drinks and water bottles are allowed. Fans should not bring in their own chairs without prior approval. Updates with further information for each tournament will be provided the week of the event.

### **Positive attitudes**

Please be positive in your actions and words and encourage parents and players to be positive at all times. Attitudes are very contagious and helping a positive one to “catch on” with your group will teach a valuable lesson for life and make it a great day for everyone.

### **Sportsmanship**

Please remind players and fans of the importance of their conduct. There will certainly be calls by the referees that seem unfair to your team---THAT'S A PART OF BASKETBALL--- but everyone is asked to accept that fact with maturity, setting a good example for the kids. If you feel it is necessary, speak politely to the officials during a break.

**Have a Great Tournament!**