

# 2024 Pacesetter “Sweet Sixteen” Championships

## UPDATE: Thursday, August 1

Jeff McCarron, Director

Coaches, Players, Parents and Fans:

We were thrown two curves this week when two teams dropped out. We tried to get replacements, but we had no luck....so there are changes in the schedules.

### FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED:

All teams are guaranteed two games each day

We wanted to keep the time between games as tight as possible

We didn't want to change too many starting times

We wanted to avoid back-to-back games as much as possible

With 16 and 12 teams, it was almost perfect. With 15 and 11, very challenging.

So please accept your changes with grace and adjust accordingly. We ask that all teams that have different starting times **PLEASE CONFIRM WITH US THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE NEW TIME – AND PLEASE LET ALL YOUR FANS KNOW.**

We will post the new brackets on our website, but there are bound to be people that do not get the new time – SO PLEASE MAKE A GOOD EFFORT TO LET EVERYONE KNOW.

### UPDATES:

- 1) **Please submit your team roster with this link:**  
**<https://pacesettersports.redpodium.com/roster-sweet-sixteen-2024>**
- 2) Bring your own basketballs – a bag of 6 should be plenty
- 3) A concession stand will be open – take ramp near counter toward main gym about 10 yards in from the field house courts
- 4) Rest rooms are located near the elevator in the lower entrance.

Please check the bracket attached and let me know by email or text if you have any questions. [Jmac8144@yahoo.com](mailto:Jmac8144@yahoo.com) • 320-290-3497

We still have two GREAT TOURNAMENTS. Bring a positive attitude, and you'll have a great weekend.

NOTE: The prior update is copied in below as a reminder of other details.

See you soon!

Jeff McCarron / Director

# Pacesetter “Sweet 16” Championships

**SAT-SUN, August 3-4**

## UPDATE

-Jeff McCarron, Director

Coaches, Players, Parents and Fans:

Thank you for registering for the **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacesetter “Sweet 16” Basketball Championships**. I call it “the greatest gathering of Minnesota talent under one roof all year”. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Everything is in place for another fantastic Sweet 16. Five state champions from the high school state tournament in March will be playing in this event along with many other top teams from each class.

## SITE

Clemens Fieldhouse in the Haehn Campus Center, College of St. Benedict  
37 South College Ave.  
St. Joseph, MN

## FORMAT AND FIELD

The boys’ tournament has a full 16-team field, including three current state champions: Cherry – Class A, Breck – Class AA, and Totino Grace – Class AAA. All four of the final four Class AAA teams are playing with Orono, Alexandria and Mankato West in the field, plus Class AAAA runner-up Wayzata and Hopkins. All teams will play two games each day.

The girls’ tournament will again feature 12 teams with three Division Final Four championships on Sunday: D-1, D-2, and D-3. Last year’s D-1 championship game featured a tight battle between Providence Academy and Minnetonka. Both teams won their respective high school class state titles in March 2024. Both teams return to the Sweet 16 along with Hopkins.

## MINNESOTA BASKETBALL NEWS COVERAGE

Read the **Minnesota Basketball News** July 26 edition for more pre-tournament coverage and all brackets: <https://www.pacesettersports.net/minnesota-basketball-news/>  
A “Sweet 16” wrap up will be featured in the MN BB News August 23 edition.

## BRACKETS

See the attached brackets and schedules. Four games will be played at one time each day from 8:30 am to 5:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4. The boys will “play-sit-play” each day at 8:30 and 11:00 or 9:45 and 12:15. The girls will have a round robin on Saturday, playing two of the three times at 1:30, 3:00, and 4:30. Sunday games will also feature 1:30, 3:00 and 4:30 starting times for the girls. More time is being allowed due to

some teams playing back-to-back games. If teams ever need more time when playing back-to-back, please ask tournament directors.

### **TOURNAMENT STAFF**

Pacesetter Directors: Abby Notch, Steve Lingenfelter, Pat Dewey, and Jeff McCarron

Front Table: Mary Ellen Dewey

Trainer: Morgan Cromwell

Officials: Dan Zetah, assigener

### **TRAINER, ICE, EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

A trainer will be on hand at all times just left of the main entrance to the courts. Ice will be available there also. The College of St. Benedict Security is available 24/7 for emergencies. 320.262.5000.

### **GAME RULES** – See attached

All high school rules apply with a few exceptions:

- 1) Games will be four 9:00-minute quarters.
- 2) Players will be allowed 6 fouls before elimination from the game.
- 3) Three full timeouts will be allowed for each game.
- 4) Overtime periods will be two minutes with one timeout allowed.
- 5) The bonus will always be two shots, starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> foul in a half.
- 6) The shot clock will NOT be used.

### **SCOREKEEPERS**

Each team must provide one scorekeeper. One person will keep the Pacesetter scoresheet, and the other one will operate the score clock. No other people allowed at the score table. Please report to the score table when your team takes the floor. The same scorekeeper should keep score for both games. Scorekeepers must be 14 years old or older. Scorekeepers should sign in at the Coaches' Check-in to get a wristband for free entry. Thank you!

### **COACH/SCOREKEEPER CHECK IN**

All coaches and scorekeepers must sign in to get a wristband for free entry. PLEASE TURN IN A PAPER ROSTER AT THE TABLE or you'll be asked to fill out. A limit of four coaches/scorekeepers will be allowed per team.

### **ALL ADMISSION AND T-SHIRT SALES ARE CASH OR CHECK – NO CARDS ACCEPTED – ATM MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SITE.**

**ADMISSION** – each day – No two-day passes

Adults - \$10.00 – All-day pass

Students – K-12 - \$5.00 – All-day pass

Pre-K – FREE

Grades refer to the 2024-2025 school year.

There is no “Senior Discount”.

Please show wristbands or stamps when re-entering through the admissions table.

**SWEET 16 SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS: \$15**

A limited number of T-shirts will be available for \$15. Buy early to get your size.

**QUESTIONS?**

Email Tracey in our office at [pacesettersportsmbbn@gmail.com](mailto:pacesettersportsmbbn@gmail.com) or me at [jmac8144@yahoo.com](mailto:jmac8144@yahoo.com).

Good luck with all plans.

Best regards,

Jeff