

2025 Great Five-State Championships

Target Center • Minneapolis, MN

INFORMATION

GREAT NEWS:

“Great State” Championships will again be held in the Target Center on WNBA Lynx game weekends – June 14-15 for boys and June 28-29 for girls. The Target Center is the home court of the NBA Minnesota Timberwolves, the WNBA Minnesota Lynx, and the Minnesota high school state championships. The seating capacity for the Target Center’s main court is 20,500. The rental cost runs \$1000+/hour. Pacesetter works with the Minnesota Lynx to get the best deal for our Great State teams.

Field of Teams on “Court of Dreams”

The top two teams from the Pacesetter Minnesota Youth Basketball State Tournament and all qualifying or invited teams from North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin are being invited to play in the Pacesetter Great Five-State Championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

DATES:

Weekend 1:

Saturday, June 14 - Boys Grades 8 & 9

Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15 – Boys Grades 4-7

Weekend 2:

Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29 – Girls Grades 4-9

Team Entry Fee: \$270/team

Lynx Game Ticket: (Includes wristband for FREE admission to all Pacesetter games.)

\$35 in advance	(Players, Coaches, Adults and Children over 9 years)	\$37 at door
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\$30 in advance	(Children ages 3-9)	\$32 at door
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Free	(Children under 3 years of age)	Free
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It is only possible to play on the Target Center court with a Lynx ticket purchase. Every player, coach and spectator must purchase a ticket. This purchase allows entry into the Target Center for the Lynx game and provides a FREE ADMISSION wristband for all Pacesetter games. There is no option to purchase an admission wristband without the Lynx game ticket.

Marriott Hotel Room Block

Rooms have been blocked at The Marriott City Center. The reservation link will be provided with your confirmation materials. You may stay at any hotel you wish. The Marriott is being offered at \$149, a reasonable room rate for downtown Minneapolis. Parking in the same building is offered along with indoor access to the Target Center via the skyway.

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Special Fan Experiences

The Lynx have provided one or more of these special fan experiences for Great State events in the past: fan tunnel on the court at halftime, team photo at center court, team recognition on the court before the Lynx game, an autograph session with players after the game, a ball exchange during the starting line-ups, a visit to the team meeting by one of the Lynx coaches, a shooting contest, etc. Each Great State tournament will, hopefully, provide at least one unique experience that will be planned by Pacesetter and the Lynx to make it an even more memorable day for players, coaches, and fans.

Great State T-shirts: *Order by May 28*

Teams will have the opportunity to order Great State T-shirts in advance, so the shirts can be provided to teams and fans at check in. T-shirt orders are optional. Youth sizes (YM, YL) and adult sizes (S, M, L, XL) \$16. Adult 2XL and 3XL \$18. **Pre-orders must be received in the Pacesetter office by noon on Wednesday, May 28.**

Special Pre-game Meeting

Pacesetter will be providing a pre-game meeting before the tournament, typically at the Target Center or the Marriott, which will include an introduction of all players on every team and a meeting with all coaches, players, and fans who would like to attend. This is a fun experience, so please plan to attend if possible. Space may be limited at some meetings for coaches and players only. Teams will be informed in advance. Everyone should dress casually and not bring in food or drinks. The meeting could be the night before or the day of the tournament for teams playing later.

Thank you for all you are doing to coordinate your team to make these opportunities possible.

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