



2026 Minnesota YOUTH BASKETBALL

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Region Playoffs



- Grades 4-7 - register at any of the 5 regions
(All MN school/community-based teams may register to play at any site)
- Grades 8-9 register directly for State



Northwest Region

Bemidji • February 21
Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6
Bemidji • February 22
Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7

Northeast Region

Mt. Iron-Buhl • February 14
Boys Grades 5 & 7
Grand Rapids • February 14
Girls Grades 5 & 7
Mt. Iron-Buhl • February 15
Girls Grades 4 & 6
Grand Rapids • February 15
Boys Grades 4 & 6

Central Region

St. Cloud • February 14
Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6
St. Cloud • February 15
Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7

MN State

St. Cloud • March 29
Boys & Girls Grades 8 & 9

Southwest Region

Redwood Falls • February 21
Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7
Redwood Falls • February 22
Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6

Southeast Region

Rochester • January 31
Boys & Girls Grades 4 & 6
Rochester • February 1
Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 7



DREAMS DO COME TRUE!



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For More Info:

www.pacesettorsports.net

3-4 game guarantee

Team fee: Register by Oct 31: \$200,

Register by Dec 31: \$220, After Dec 31: \$240

All MN school/community-based teams may register to play at any site. No AAU, Try-out or All-Star teams

Post-season Invitations

MIT (Grades 4-7) - March 28 • State (Grades 4-7) - March 29

State (Grades 8-9) March 29

Great 5-State (Grades 4-9) Summer 2026



GREAT 5-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

IA • MN • ND • SD • WI



ROAD TO THE TARGET CENTER

Pacesetter Great Five-State Championships

"Pacesetter tournaments, and the chance to play at the Target Center, and watch a Lynx game, creates excitement for basketball. We truly enjoy the whole Pacesetter experience."

Mike Gunderson, Detroit Lakes, MN

"The teams and sportsmanship at the Pacesetter tournaments are second to none."

Brent Dschaak, Bismarck, ND

"I want to thank you for an amazing experience! Our girls have made so many unforgettable memories this weekend! Thanks again for all you do for girls' basketball! People and programs like you do a fantastic job!"

Tammy Lilly, Dakota Valley, SD

"The 6th grade girls from WI - Waukesha North, could not have been more appreciative for all you did to make the experience a very memorable one. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!!!"

Chad R. Osmanski, Waukesha, WI

"The Great State Tournament is a great event and experience for the players and families. The tournament is well ran, organized and fun. The kids come away with some great memories they will remember forever."

Pam Goedken, West Dubuque, IA

What is Pacesetter?

Pacesetter Sports is an organization that was created in 1980 to teach championship basketball to players in their own gyms through summer camps. Pacesetter camp directors were state champions who love teaching kids. Pacesetter added tournaments in 1993. In 46 years Pacesetter has provided over 2,000 camps and 2,000 tournaments.

What is the Pacesetter Great Five-State Championship?

In 2010, Pacesetter introduced the Great Four-State Championship system for youth basketball teams in Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Iowa. The top two teams in each state tournament for each grade/gender group were invited to advance to the "Great State" championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis. Teams played for the over-all four-state title in an 8-team bracket from 2010-2017. Wisconsin joined in 2018 to make it the Pacesetter Great Five-State Championship. Great State games are held in conjunction with MN Lynx games and supported by the MN Timberwolves.

Who can play? "Hometown Team" Focus

The Pacesetter playoff system is geared toward developing "hometown teams" that will be playing together in high school. All players on each team must either live in or attend school in the same city, or cities that are part of the same school district. Smaller schools from the same area may combine if combined enrollment for grades 9-12 is under 400.

What teams receive the MN State invite?

Each of the five Minnesota region champion and runner-up teams will be invited to play in the over-all 8-team Pacesetter Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championships.

Information and Registration: www.pacesettersports.net