

ROAD TO THE TARGET CENTER



Boys & Girls Grades 4-9

IA • MN • ND • SD • WI

PACESSETTER 2026

GREAT FIVE-STATE YOUTH BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Target Center, Minneapolis, MN
Summer 2026 during a MN Lynx
home game weekend



8 teams maximum per grade/gender • Top teams from IA, MN, ND, SD and WI



How to Qualify:

- Play in your state qualifying tournament -
- IA - Pacesetter IA State Tournament February 22
- SD - Sioux Falls Tri-State Tournament March 6-7
- MN - Pacesetter MN State Tournament March 28
- ND - Grand Forks Jr Grand Am April 10-12
- WI - Badgerland State Championships March 7-8 & 14-15



Entry Fee:
\$TBA/team + WNBA MN Lynx game ticket purchase

**Guarantee of 3 games with at least one game
on the main Target Center Floor**

**Registration and details will be available once dates are
finalized with the Target Center. *See back of flyer for more info.**



DREAMS DO COME TRUE!



Scan Code

For More Info:

www.pacesettersports.net

Eligibility Guidelines:

All players must either live in or attend school in the same city, or cities that are part of the same school district.

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. The Pacesetter camp directors were players that had won state championships 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 have played for the over-all four-state title in an 8-team bracket from 2010-2017. In 2018, Wisconsin joined to make it the Pacesetter Great Five-State Championship. The Great State games are held in conjunction with MN Lynx games and are also 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.

How do I receive updates about the Great 5-State Tournament?

If you qualified for the Great 5-State and are interested in playing, please scan the QR code and fill out the contact form. Teams that did not qualify but are interested in potentially receiving a wild card invitation can also fill out this form. Registration and details will be sent once dates are finalized with the Target Center.



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