

# ***Pacesetter Playoffs - 2026***

## **NORTHWEST REGION - FINAL UPDATE**

**Jeff McCarron, Pacesetter Director**

Pacesetter coaches, players and parents:

The tournament brackets are set. Thanks for playing. Please let us know if you see any errors.

### **Facilities**

We are using the main courts at Bemidji Middle School and Gene Dillon Elementary – excellent full-length wooden courts. There will be ample seating at each court.

### **Arrival Time**

Please do not arrive until 30 minutes or less before your starting time. Admissions people may be needed to work on other duties up to 30 minutes before the first game. For later arrivals, there may not be seating capacity inside the gyms until the previous game is over – so it may be best to arrive 10 minutes before your game. Please do not disturb games in progress or encroach on the playing court.

### **Coaches/Team Manager Check-in – 4 steps**

- 1) Sign in – Two coaches and one scorekeeper should **sign in** individually at the Coach Sign-in Table
- 2) Turn in - Head coach – please turn in a paper copy of the roster you submitted online.
- 3) Pick up – Please **pick up** your team packet.
- 4) Put on – Please **put on** wristbands & show your wristband when passing the admissions table.

### **Scorekeeper**

Each team must provide a scorekeeper to help at the score table.

- 1) Keep the clock or keep the scoresheet. Be accurate and complete.
- 2) Be sure the final score is recorded on the scoresheet.
- 3) Please place a Post-it Note with the final score on the wall bracket in the hallway.
- 4) Please keep the score table clean and neat.

**Admissions** – Bring correct change if possible.

All adults - \$10 all-day pass

Students K-12 - \$5 all-day pass

Pre-K and under – FREE

No Senior rate – sorry

*Pacesetter pays hourly rental fees and custodial fees, so admission needs to be higher than a school event.*

Credit cards cannot be taken, so all admissions/sales must be cash or check. An ATM may not be available in the school.

All spectators will get a stamp – please show stamp when passing admissions table.

### **T-Shirts For Sale - \$15**

BUY EARLY TO GET YOUR SIZE – *Supplies limited!*

### **Awards**

Medals will be awarded to high-finishing teams. Teams should not depart until a Pacesetter director has spoken to the coach.

### **STATE TOURNAMENT Invitations**

Region champions and runners-up will be invited to play in the Pacesetter Minnesota State Basketball Championships in St. Cloud on Sunday, March 29. Teams should read their invitation and respond to the Pacesetter office.

### **State MIT Invitations**

Teams who do not finish as champions will be invited to play in the Pacesetter State MIT – Minnesota Invitational Tournament in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 28.

### **Brackets**

- 1) Paper brackets will be available.
- 2) Wall brackets will be posted and updated regularly.

### **POOL PLAY**

Pool play will be used for most brackets. Shorter pool games provide positive opportunities:

- 1) to play multiple teams
- 2) to assess opponents
- 3) to play without fear of elimination
- 4) to seed teams
- 5) to warm up before the main championship tournament.
- 6) to provide a championship game setting

### **Back-to-Back Games**

Some games may be back-to-back. If your team ever needs more time to rest, please let the officials or directors know. More time to rest will be provided as needed.

### **Game rules**

Game rules are available on our website: <https://www.pacesettersports.net/mn-championship/>

### **Concessions/Food/Beverages**

Middle School – YES – both days

Gene Dillon – YES SATURDAY – NO SUNDAY

When concessions are provided, please do not bring in food or beverages – only water or sports drinks for players are allowed to be brought in from the outside. Be sure to clean up any trash.

When NO CONCESSIONS are offered – Sunday at Gene Dillon – you may bring in snacks/beverages in a small cooler – please clean up messes.

**Medical assistance**

There will not be a trainer or doctor on staff. Each team should have a responder with experience – which can be one of the coaches. Some basic first aid supplies are available at our front table. Teams should also bring their own medical kit.

**ICE**

Ice will be available. Ask a director or ask at the front table.

**Team photos**

All teams are encouraged to take a team photo by the Pacesetter banner in the front hallway after their final game. Please be sure you have talked to a Pacesetter director before leaving the facility after your final game. Pacesetter would also like to take photos of the champions and runners-up.

**Behavior**

Good behavior is expected by all players, coaches and parents. *Be kind, be calm, be respectful.*

**Players/children** – Please do not RUN or DRIBBLE BASKETBALLS in the hallways or near courts while teams are playing. Allow at least 3 feet of space out-of-bounds when standing near a court in action.

**Good Sportsmanship**

Please do not speak rudely to officials. They are giving up their weekend time to give your kids this opportunity.

**Keep Facilities Clean** – halls, gyms, bathrooms

**Directors**

Connie Sutherland at Gene Dillon ES	218-244-2243	Day of tournament
Jeff McCarron at the Middle School	320-290-3497	Text 24-7 if needed

Thank you for all of YOUR efforts to play in this tournament. Please bring your best behavior, your best attitude, and your passion for the game...and let's make it a memorable day!

Thank you for participating. Let me know if you have questions.

Jeff McCarron

Director

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