

2026 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 – July 11-12 for boys in grades 6 and 7 and girls in grades 4 and 8; July 17-18 for boys in grades 5 and 9 and girls in grades 5, 6 and 7; August 7-9 for boys in grades 4 and 8 and girls in grade 9. 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 over \$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, July 11 – Girls Grades 4 and 8

Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12 – Boys Grades 6 and 7

Weekend 2:

Friday-Saturday, July 17-18 – Boys Grades 5 and 9 and Girls Grades 5 and 6

Saturday, July 18 – Girls Grade 7

Weekend 3:

Saturday, August 8 – Boys Grades 4 and 8

Saturday-Sunday, August 8-9 – Girls Grade 9

Team Entry Fee: \$285/team (7th grade girls: \$215 / 8th grade girls: \$235)

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

\$40 in advance (Players, Coaches, Adults and Children 9 and above) \$42 at door

\$35 in advance (Children ages 3-8) \$37 at door

Free (Children under 3 years of age) Free

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 also provides a FREE ADMISSION wristband for all Pacesetter games.

There is no option to purchase an admission wristband without the Lynx game ticket. Most tickets being provided to the Pacesetter group range from \$50-\$60 at the box office. However, tickets purchased at the box office do not include the Pacesetter admissions wristband.

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Marriott Hotel Room Block

Rooms have been blocked at The Marriott City Center. The reservation link will be provided once you register your team. You may stay at any hotel you wish or not stay in a hotel. The Marriott is being offered at \$149, a very reasonable room rate for downtown Minneapolis. Parking in the same building is offered along with indoor skyway access to the Target Center. Families and parents also enjoy the lounge on the 2nd floor check in level, where participants can enjoy meeting, relaxing and socializing in an atmosphere secluded from the city.

Special Experiences – Target Center

Teams for Great State will be able to take a team photo at center court of the Target Center before their game and a banner photo at the end of the court after their game. Fans are not allowed on the floor at any time, but photos can be taken at any time from off the floor. Any groups that have completed their tournament before the Lynx game may be recognized by their champion and runner-up being introduced at center court before the Lynx game.

Great State T-shirts: *Order by June 22*

Teams will have the opportunity to order Great State T-shirts in advance, so the shirts can be provided to teams and fans before the games. 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 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 22.**

Special Pre-game Meeting

Pacesetter will be providing a pre-game meeting the evening before the tournament. Meeting sites have included the Target Center, the Marriott, or Kieran's Restaurant across from the Target Center entrance. The Team Meeting includes 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 at all possible. Teams will be informed in advance of meeting details.

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

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