

2012 South Dakota Youth Basketball State Tournament

Frequently Asked questions

What is Pacesetter Sports?

Pacesetter Sports was created in 1980 to provide high-level coaching in low-cost basketball camps for players of all ages. Pacesetter grew from offering 8 camps in 1980 to over 100 camps annually throughout No. Dakota, So. Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in the 1990's. In 1992 Pacesetter began offering low-cost varsity/JV tournaments. Since 1993 Pacesetter Sports has conducted a youth basketball state tournament system for Minnesota teams with over 600 teams playing annually. In 2010 Pacesetter added state tournaments in Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota with the Great Four-State Championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis as the final event for the top two teams in each state.

What is the Pacesetter State Tournament?

The Pacesetter South Dakota Youth Basketball State Tournament is a play off with all teams competing at one state tournament site. Each age/gender division will be limited to 16 teams. All teams will play 3-4 games in one day. The winners and runner-up teams will advance to the Great Four-State tournament in Minneapolis, where teams will play off for the over-all four-state championship.

What is the Great Four-State Championship?

The youth champions and runner-up teams from each state will be invited to play in the Second Annual Great Four-State Championship at the Target Center in Minneapolis. Players and their parents from four states will be treated to a special summer weekend that will provide them with a chance to meet and enjoy activities off the court along with the teams playing for the "Great State" championship. All Great State tournaments are held on Minnesota Lynx WNBA game days, so players and families are able to participate in special fan activities.

Do all players have to be from the same school?

All youth teams in grades 5-9 are eligible to play in the state tournament. All players must either attend the same school or live in the same school district. Smaller schools, however, may combine players onto one team as long as the total enrollment of their high schools does not exceed 400 students (grades 9-12).

May players play at an older or younger grade level?

Players may play at an older grade level, but older players may not play at a younger level.

May players play on more than one team?

Players may play at more than one grade level and may even play at two grade levels on the same day if that is the decision of their coaches and parents.

Who should I contact with a question?

Please feel free to email either Tracey Haines, office manager, at tracey@pacesetternet.com or me at jeff@pacesetternet.com or call us at 320-243-7460 with any thoughts or questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and your efforts in making this tournament a success.

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