

# **2011 Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championship -Regional Qualifying-**

## **General Information**

### **Check-in: Individual Waivers and Team Roster**

All individual players must fill out a registration/waiver form and have it signed by a parent. These forms must be turned in with the team roster when teams check in at the regional tournament. Teams may not play until all registration/waiver forms are turned in. Teams that advance to “post-season” play are not required to fill out additional waivers or rosters.

### **Eligibility**

Only players who have played in a B-level game or above come under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota High School League. These players may not play in a Pacesetter regional tournament until their high school team is eliminated from post-season play.

All team members must attend the same school or have their primary residence at an address in the same school district. Younger players may play at a higher grade level, but older players may not play at a younger grade level.

Players from smaller schools may combine with other schools as long as the total enrollment (top 4 classes) of the schools is 400 or fewer.

Teams are allowed to play in any region and to enter more than one tournament.

### **Post-season Play**

The champion from each region will advance to the 8-team Minnesota Youth Basketball State Championship in St. Cloud in June. Teams that lose only one game are invited to play in the Minnesota Invitational Tournament (MIT) in St. Cloud on the Saturday prior to the state championship.

### **Regional Tournament Format**

The regional play-off tournament is “single elimination” from the championship, but all teams will play 3 or 4 full games for the day or the equivalent of 3 or 4 full games when pool play is required. Pool play will only be used when fewer than seven teams are entered.

Teams should always double check the main wall schedule for starting times. Teams are asked to be at their court 10 minutes prior to game time. Teams should also check the main schedule area frequently for any special announcements or adjustments. Always be certain you have completed your last possible game before leaving the tournament permanently.

**Game uniforms**

Teams should bring two colors of numbered uniforms in the event teams match the same color. Reversible jerseys are ideal. Numbers are required since individual fouls will be recorded.

**Dressing prior to the game**

Locker rooms are not always available. Therefore, it is best for players to come dressed for the game with warm up gear available for the time between games.

**Practice basketballs**

Teams should bring their own practice balls, which are the responsibility of each team.

**Valuables and equipment**

Teams are responsible for their own valuables – always be careful. Carrying bags to the bench area and stowing them under the chairs may be the best idea.

**Tape and first aid basics**

Teams should bring some tape and basic first aid supplies: tape, band-aids, bench towels, large baggies for ice, etc. Ice should be available at the tournament.

**Time between games**

An effort will be made to space the time between games, but it is often impossible not to have back-to-back games or a fairly long stretch in between some games. Your understanding and cooperation when your team is involved in one of these situations would be appreciated.

**Admission and Concessions**

An ALL-DAY pass is \$6.00 for ADULTS and \$4.00 for STUDENTS K-12. Pre-school children are free. (Admission at Rochester may be slightly higher due to higher rental/insurance rates.) Most tournaments will offer a concession stand with food, snacks, and beverages. Please encourage your team to clean up any messes. Schools are providing the concession stand as a fund raiser, so no other food or beverages should be brought into the building.

**Positive attitudes**

Please be positive in your actions and words and encourage parents and players to be positive at all times. Attitudes are very contagious and helping a positive one to “catch on” with your group will teach a valuable lesson for life and make it a great day for everyone.

**Sportsmanship**

Please remind players and fans of the importance of their conduct. There will certainly be calls by the referees that seem unfair to your team---THAT'S A PART OF BASKETBAL--- but everyone is asked to accept that fact of basketball with maturity, setting a good example for the kids. If you feel it is necessary, speak politely to the officials during a break.

**Have a Great Tournament!**