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2011 South Dakota Youth Basketball State Championships Set for Augustana College April 9-10

The 2011 South Dakota Youth Basketball State Championships have been scheduled at Augustana College in Sioux Falls on Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10, at the Elmen Center for all South Dakota teams currently in grades 5-9.

The South Dakota state tournament is hosted by Pacesetter Sports as part of a four-state series of state play offs that lead to the Great Four-State Championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis. The top two teams from Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota in each age/gender division are invited to play in the 8-team "Great State" championship. Last year was the first year for the Great State play offs, which resulted in three Great State championships for South Dakota: the Sioux Falls Roosevelt 9th grade boys, the Sioux Falls Wolfpack 6th grade boys, and the Huron 6th grade girls. Minnesota and North Dakota each won three titles and Iowa won one championship.

Each team will play 3-4 games in one day in the state tournament with the boys playing Saturday and the girls playing Sunday. Each age/gender division is limited to the first 16 teams to enter. Teams are not divided by class or size of school enrollment. All players on each team must either attend the same school or live in the same school district with one exception: smaller schools may combine as long as the combined enrollment of their high schools does not exceed 400 students for grades 9-12.

The NBA Minnesota Timberwolves and WNBA Minnesota Lynx, which both play home games at the Target Center, are sponsoring this Great State play off system. The Timberwolves are offering every player a free ticket to a 2011-2012 game, and the Lynx are sponsoring the Great State tournaments on Lynx game days and involving all teams in special fan experiences at the WNBA game.

Registration for the South Dakota Youth Basketball State Tournament is available on the Pacesetter website at www.pacesetternet.com or by emailing info@psmbbn.com for a registration form. High school head coaches have also been sent registration materials.