

Iowa 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. Pacesetter then began offering low-cost youth and varsity/JV tournaments. Pacesetter Sports has conducted a state tournament system annually for Minnesota youth teams since 1993.

What is the Pacesetter State Tournament?

The Pacesetter Iowa Youth Basketball State Tournament is a statewide play off system with teams competing at four regional sites. All teams playing in the regional tournaments will play 3-4 games. The winners and runner-up teams will advance to the state tournament where teams will play off for the overall state championship.

What is the Great Four-State Championship?

The youth champions from each state will be invited to play in the 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.

Do all players have to be from the same school?

All youth teams in grades 5-9 are eligible to participate. All players must either attend the same school or live in the same school district. Smaller schools may combine players onto one team as long as the total enrollment of their high schools does not exceed 300 students (grades 9-12).

May teams play in any region?

Teams may play in any region and may play in more than one region. Special rules apply for teams that win a regional championship. Rules explaining the procedure will be on the website when the play offs begin.

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 bearhaines@gmail.com or me at jmccarron@psmbbn.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 system a success.

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