

# 2016

PACESETTER

# NORTH DAKOTA

## Youth Basketball State Championship

# REGION PLAYOFFS

Region Champion and runner-up will be invited to the ND State Championship in Jamestown April 2-3. Top two teams at STATE advance to Target Center in Minneapolis.



Central Cass  
5th Grade Girls  
2015 Great Four-State Champs



Dakota Thunder  
6th Grade Girls  
2015 Great-Four State Champs



Turtle Mountain  
8th Grade Boys  
2015 Great Four-State Champs

All grades refer to the 2015-2016 school year.

**"Hometown Team" guideline:**

All players on a team must either be enrolled in the same school system or live in the same city, the same school district or the same tribal community. Smaller schools may combine to form one team if the combined enrollment of their high schools for grades 9-12 is 400 or fewer. Schools that combine should be from the same area.

### Team Entry Form - North Dakota Region Playoffs

\$145/team  
3-4 game guarantee

\_\_\_ All players are from one school district. School district \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one)

\_\_\_ Combined team. School districts \_\_\_\_\_  
(See back for details)

Circle Site: *Grafton* or *Bismarck* Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: *Boys* or *Girls* Team Rating: *Strong Good Fair Weak*  
(Circle one)

Team Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Team Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
(needed if two teams from same school register)

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Alt# \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Email address required - Confirmation will be sent via email - Please write legibly)

Alternate Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Send check and this form to PACESETTER, PO BOX 222, PAYNESVILLE, MN 56362  
Registration also available online at [www.pacesetterspots.net](http://www.pacesetterspots.net)

Questions?? Call Pacesetter at 320-243-7460 or  
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## Region Playoff Schedule

East Region:  
**GRAFTON Schools**

**Saturday, February 27**  
Boys Grades 5, 7, 9 & Girls Grades 4, 6, 8

**Sunday, February 28**  
Boys Grades 4, 6, 8 & Girls Grades 5, 7, 9

Limit: 16 teams per grade level  
Deadline to register: Friday, Feb. 19

West Region:  
**BISMARCK Schools**

**Saturday, March 12**  
Boys Grades 4, 5, 6 & Girls Grades 4, 5, 7

**Sunday, March 13**  
Boys Grades 7, 8, 9 & Girls Grades 6, 8, 9

Limit: 16 teams per grade level  
Deadline to register: Friday, March 4

Teams can register for one region or both.  
See back for details.

The North Dakota state champion and runner-up in each grade are invited to the Great Four-State Championship at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

**FREE**

Timberwolves Tickets  
(2016-2017 season)  
All players will receive a free ticket offer!

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is Pacesetter?

Pacesetter Sports is an organization created in 1980 to teach basketball to players in their own gyms through summer camps. The Pacesetter directors were small town players that won state championships and wanted to share their passion and knowledge with young players. In 36 years Pacesetter has provided over 2,000 camps and 2,000 tournaments.

## How do the Pacesetter state championships work?

The Pacesetter youth basketball state tournament will begin with two region playoff tournaments in February - March for teams in grades 4-9, followed by a 4-team state tournament in March-April. All schools are eligible to play in this one-class playoff that provides each team with 3-4 games at each region tournament. Over 800 teams from Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota played in 2015.

## What is the Pacesetter Great Four-State Championship?

In 2010 Pacesetter introduced the Great Four-State Championship system for youth basketball teams in grades 4-9 in Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and Iowa. The top two teams in each state tournament for each grade/gender group are invited to advance to the "Great State" championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis, where they play for the over-all four-state title in an 8-team bracket. Each team plays three games in one day in the Target Center. The Great State games are held in conjunction with MN Lynx games and are supported by the MN Timberwolves, who provide a free ticket offer to each player for the following season.

## Who can play?

The Pacesetter playoff system is geared toward developing "hometown teams" that will be playing together in high school. All players on each team must either be enrolled in the same school system or live in the same city, the same school district or the same tribal community. Smaller schools may combine to form one team if the combined enrollment of their high schools for grades 9-12 is 400 or fewer. Schools that combine should be from the same area.

## Can teams play in more than one region?

Teams can "register" for both region tournaments. However, if a team qualifies for the state tournament (finishes as champion or runner-up) at the first regional site, that team may not play in the second regional... with one exception: *Teams may always play in their home region.* The home region for teams from IA-SD-ND will be the region closest geographically to their school. If a team qualifies for state in both regions, they will represent their home region and the runner-up and/or third place team from the first region will take their place in the state tournament. Any teams that have registered for both regions and are required to drop from the second due to this guideline will have their entry fee refunded or applied to the state tournament. Any team coordinator whose team has entered both regions and qualifies for the state tournament at the first regional should contact the Pacesetter office on that same day at [info@pacesetternet.com](mailto:info@pacesetternet.com) or by calling 320-243-7460.

## How do teams register?

Teams may register by completing a registration form and sending it back with payment to Pacesetter via mail OR registering online at [www.pacesettersports.net](http://www.pacesettersports.net). A confirmation will be emailed once payment and registration is completed.

**Further information, rules and guidelines can be read at [www.pacesettersports.net](http://www.pacesettersports.net).**