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<u>9th Grade Girls</u> (Last Season's 8th Grade) 149 Total Teams

- 1. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
- 2. Somerset
- 3. Middleton
- 4. Osseo-Fairchild
- 5. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
- 6. Tomah Gold
- 7. Rice Lake Gold
- 8. Stillwater Red
- 9. Park Falls
- 10. Hudson White
- 11. Altoona Lady Rails
- 12. Marshfield Catholic
- 13. Colfax
- 14. Barron Sisters
- 15. Wisconsin Rapids Red
- 16. D. C. Everest Gold
- 17. Merrill
- 18. Assumption
- 19. Stanley-Boyd
- 20. Eau Claire Shooting Starz
- 21. Stevens Point Red
- 22. Ladysmith
- 23. Newman
- 24. Pacelli PCYB Cardinals
- 25. Marshfield

<u>8th Grade Girls</u> (Last Season's 7th Grade) 138 Total Teams

- 1. Barron Lady Bears
- 2. Marshfield Blue
- 3. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
- 4. Altoona Lady Rails
- 5. Wisconsin Rapids Royals
- 6. Osceola
- 7. Reedsburg
- 8. Antigo
- 9. Somerset Black
- 10. Hurley
- 11. Wausau West Blue
- 12. Colfax
- 13. Sun Prairie
- 14. Eau Claire Lavender Lightning
- 15. Edgar
- 16. Neillsville
- 17. Winona Cotter
- 18. Mondovi
- 19. Merrill Blue
- 20. Eau Claire Spirit
- 21. Prescott Red
- 22. D. C. Everest Green
- 23. Wisconsin Rapids White
- 24. Osseo-Fairchild
- 25. Stevens Point Red
- 26. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
- 27. Newman
- 28. Ladysmith
- 29. Grand Rapids
- 30. Elmwood
- 31. Esko
- 32. Durand Diamondbacks

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	<u>7th Grade Girls</u>	
	(Last Season's 6 th Grade)	
1.	<u>153 Total Teams</u> Osseo-Fairchild	1. I
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<i>6</i> .		6. H
0. 7.		7. I
8.		8. I
	Osceola Green	9. H
	Poplar Gold	10. H
	Medford	11. H
12.	Wausau West Blue	12. N
13.	Colfax Black	13. (
14.	Amery Red	14. (
15.	Holmen Heat	15. I
16.	Assumption	16. V
17.	River Falls Gold	17. V
18.	Amherst	18. H
19.	Marshfield	19. (
20.	Hudson White	20. H
21.	Wisconsin Rapids Red	21. A
	Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	22. H
	Newman	23. 0
	Phillips	24. N
	Stevens Point	25. H
	Reedsburg	26. I
27.	Altoona	27. N
28.	Wausau East	28. N

- 29. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
- 30. Park Falls
- 31. Auburndale
- 32. Grand Rapids

<u>6th Grade Girls</u>
(Last Season's 5 th Grade)
<u>122 Total Teams</u> Fall Creek
Somerset
Stillwater Red
Prentice
Ashland
Hayward Gold
Duluth East
Barron
Eau Claire Swish
Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
Hudson White
Mondovi
Colfax Black
Grand Rapids
D. C. Everest
Westby
Wausau West
Rice Lake Blue
Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
Eau Claire Volunteers Red
Altoona
Rice Lake Gold
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- 23. Clayton
- 24. Menomonie
- 25. Eau Claire YMCA
- 26. Lakeland Black
- 27. Merrill White
- 28. Merrill Blue
- 29. Newman
- 30. Chippewa Falls MAXX
- 31. La Crescent
- 32. Flambeau

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- 1. Marathon
- 2. Stevens Point Red
- 3. Maranatha Academy
- Eleva-Strum 4.
- 5. Arcadia
- La Crescent Green 6.
- Winona Cotter Blue 7.
- Seneca 8.
- Esko 9.
- 10. Durand
- 11. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red
- 12. Ellsworth White
- 13. Reedsburg
- 14. St. Croix Central
- 15. Chetek
- 16. Tomah Gold
- 17. Barron
- 18. Westby
- 19. Eau Claire Badgers
- 20. Pacelli PCYB Hoyas
- 21. Medford
- 22. Marshfield Columbus
- 23. Prentice
- 24. Merrill Blue
- 25. Lakeland

<u>8th Grade Boys</u>
(Last Season's 7th Grade)
136 Total Teams

- Hudson White
- 1. 2. Eau Claire Rebels
- 3. Pacelli PCYB Hoyas
- 4. Colby Wausau West
- 5.
- Rib Lake 6.
- Stevens Point Red 7.
- 8. Eleva-Strum
- Altoona Black 9.
- 10. Cambridge-Isanti
- 11. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red
- 12. Duluth East Red
- 13. Rice Lake
- 14. Winona Cotter Blue
- 15. Marshfield
- 16. Osseo-Fairchild
- 17. Reedsburg Blue
- 18. Bloomer Orange
- 19. Grand Rapids
- 20. Baraboo Gold
- 21. Assumption
- 22. Marshfield Columbus
- 23. Merrill
- 24. Prentice
- 25. Lakeland
- 26. Three Lakes
- 27. Stratford
- 28. Ashland
- 29. Washburn
- 30. D. C. Everest
- 31. Chetek
- 32. Spooner

- 7<u>th Grade Boys</u> (Last Season's 6th Grade) 154 Total Teams 1. Eau Claire Tigers 2. Poplar Black 2. 3. Winona YMCA 3. 4. Newman 4. 5. Stillwater Red 5. 6. Holmen Heroes 6. Chippewa Falls MAXX 7. 7. 8. Wausau West 9. Havward 10. La Crosse Central Red 11. Stillwater White 12. Westby 13. Osseo-Fairchild 14. Chetek Dawgs 15. Ladysmith 16. Osceola Black 17. Stanley-Boyd 18. Superior 19. Hudson White 20. Antigo 21. Fall Creek 22. Onalaska Royals 23. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops 24. Athens 25. Bloomer Orange 26. Hurley 27. Holmen Hot Shots 28. Blair-Taylor 29. Ashland 30. Durand
- 31. Tomah Gold
- 32. New Richmond Tigers Gold

6th Grade Boys (Last Season's 5th Grade) 131 Total Teams 1. Merrill Stanley-Boyd D. C. Everest Cambridge-Isanti Wausau West Zumbrota-Mazeppa Blue Stillwater Red

- 8. Eau Claire Rebels
- 9. Ladysmith
- 10. Blair-Taylor Blue
- 11. Eau Claire YMCA Eagles
- 12. Stillwater White
- 13. Eau Claire Mavericks
- 14. La Crosse Central Red
- 15. Thorp
- 16. Goodhue
- 17. Zumbrota-Mazeppa Silver
- 18. Winona YMCA
- 19. Osseo-Fairchild
- 20. Onalaska Royals
- 21. Holmen
- 22. La Crescent
- 23. Prentice
- 24. Hudson White
- 25. St. Croix Central
- 26. New Richmond
- 27. Westby
- 28. Newman
- 29. Altoona
- 30. Stevens Point Red
- 31. Spring Valley
- 32. Chippewa Falls MAXX