

2025-2026 MEET HOSTING FORM

Great Northwest Basketball League

GRADES: 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th and 4th -- Girls and Boys

Hosting Form Deadline: August 1, 2025

This Meet Hosting Form will allow you to send us all of the information we will need to set the hosting date(s) for your teams to host during the 2025-2026 season of The Great Northwest Basketball League.

Pages 3-6 of this Meet Hosting Form must be submitted on or before August 1, 2025. If your community wants to host a boys meet, or one for 6th, 5th or 4th grade girls, and you miss the August 1 deadline, we MIGHT (there are no guarantees) be able to accommodate your desire to host if we need the space and if you're able to host on a date that works for the League. However, if you're involved with an 8th grade girls or 7th grade girls team, we will actually begin scheduling for those grades on or about August 1 – making a late request to host very difficult, if not impossible, to have a team host.

The cost to play in a three-game League meet during the 2025-2026 season will be \$130. Host teams will receive a hosting credit of \$60 per team hosted. A small number of teams still have an outstanding unpaid balance for the 2024-2025 season. If you have an outstanding balance, you need to address this immediately. We will not process 2025-2026 enrollments from any coach, team or program until the unpaid balance is settled.

It is important that you thoroughly read the League Rules on the website at GNBL.ORG. If you have not read these, do so before completing this Meet Hosting Form. The following are points of particular importance:

- Meet Hosting Form. All communities or school districts are ***strongly encouraged*** – although not absolutely required – to submit **one unified** Meet Hosting Form for all teams from their community or school district. By “one unified” Meet Hosting Form, we mean that all teams in a given community/school district submit one of these forms for all the boys and girls teams playing in the League. We realize that in some communities the boys and girls operate under very different organizational umbrellas and prefer to submit separate forms.
- The earlier you submit your Meet Hosting Form, the more likely that you'll be able to host on your preferred date. Communities that do not submit Meet Hosting Forms until the August 1 deadline (or later) may not receive the choice of date(s) they want to host. For example, if you have a 7th grade girls "A" team and they want to host on December 6, but you don't submit your hosting form until August 1, we may have already exceeded the number of meets the League can accommodate on that date, or at least in your area and at your ability level and we will not be able to have your team host on that date. At that point, you'll either need to secure an alternate host date that works into the schedule or you'll be unable to host. Every season, at several grade levels, especially 8th and 7th grade girls, we have too many communities that want to host. Preferential treatment will be given to those communities that submitted their hosting forms early (along with other considerations, such as the total number of meets hosted by that community relative to meets played).
- Hosting Flexibility. One of the things we strive to accomplish with this approach is more flexibility on host dates. For instance, if a community would ideally like 5th grade girls to host on December 6 and 6th grade boys to host on December 13, we expect that the host dates could be reversed if it works out best for the League schedule.

The League can accommodate hosts who have anywhere between one and six courts available on their hosting date. Please see League Rule B-5 (pages 5-6) for a detailed listing of formatting using different numbers of courts.

Fourth grade teams will have the option of playing some of their games in 5th grade meets, if there isn't a sufficient supply of 4th grade hosts. Fourth grade meets (whether for boys or girls), will be scheduled only in the months of January and February.

INSTRUCTIONS

For this Meet Hosting Form, you will need to return only pages 3 through 6.

Section 1: General Information

Please fill in the general information concerning who is completing the form (in case we have questions), the grades/genders the form covers, courts and number of meets you would like to host.

Section 2: Hosting date options

This section contains a chart with possible boys hosting date options and possible girls hosting date options.

- There are certain Saturdays when meets will not be held for particular grades, all of these dates are indicated on this chart by the word "NO."
- October 25 will be the first possible date for 8th or 7th grade girls meets.
- December 6 will be the first possible date that meets will be held for 8th grade boys, 7th grade boys, 6th grade boys, 5th grade boys, 6th grade girls or 5th grade girls.
- January 3 is the first possible date for 4th grade boys and girls meets, with February 28 the last possible meet. 4th grade full competitive meets are **only** held in January and February.

If your community is in Wisconsin and has one or more strong teams that may qualify for the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament (WSICT), consider hosting a meet in March that could be used as a "warm-up" for your team (and others) for the WSICT. There are few places to play in March to keep teams sharp.

Before you send in this form, please **reserve your preferred dates with your school administration so that these dates are firm**. In that way, if we need to try to switch a date later, you have something to trade. If you don't reserve any of these days, you may have nothing firmly available when we finalize the schedule. If your school administration will only tentatively commit to dates pending the scheduling of WIAA, MSHSL or other related school events, reserve whatever dates you can on a tentative basis.

Please use these notations when filling in the hosting date charts:

- Write "RESERVED" in the box for date options that you've actually firmly reserved with your school administration.
- For dates that are not reserved, put "1" in the box of your first-choice option for hosting, "2" in front of your second option for hosting, etc. Please be as flexible as possible in designating dates you can host. If you have no specific preference, you can write a "1" or "X" in the boxes for any date options.
- Write "**NO**" in the box of dates on which you **absolutely cannot** host a meet. This would include dates when either the team or the courts are not available.

While we will attempt to honor preferences as to which grades and gender you host on which dates, the League needs as much flexibility as possible to select among those dates on which your community has gyms available to best accommodate our meet schedule.

The best way to ensure your ability to host for a given grade on a certain date is to submit this form as soon as possible. We will contact the person who completed this form to confirm your hosting dates beginning in August through mid-September. If you can't finalize dates until your school is back in session in late August or early September, you must still submit this form by August 1, and we'll work with you after August 1 to finalize your host date(s).

Return pages 3 through 6 of this form ABSOLUTELY no later than **August 1, 2025**

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Note: The earlier you submit this form, the greater the likelihood you will be able to host on your preferred date(s).

Section 1: General Information

Name of Community/School District:	
Name of Person Completing this Form:	
Mailing Address:	
Email Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Home Phone Number:	
Cell Phone Number:	

This Hosting Form is being filled out for (please check):

All boys and girls teams in my community/school district/program.	
Only the boys teams in my community/school district/program.	
Only the girls teams in my community/school district/program.	
Only the grades/genders indicated below:	

8 th Grade Boys	
7 th Grade Boys	
6 th Grade Boys	
5 th Grade Boys	
4 th Grade Boys	

8 th Grade Girls	
7 th Grade Girls	
6 th Grade Girls	
5 th Grade Girls	
4 th Grade Girls	

Number of playing surfaces and which school(s) will be used for meets:

1 Court	
2 Courts	
3 Courts	

4 Courts	
5 Courts	
6 Courts	

Name of host school/building:	
Name of courts:	

Number / Grade / Gender of meets your Community/Association would prefer to host:

My Community/Association wants to host this many **BOYS** meets.

<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>
_____ 0	_____ 0	_____ 0	_____ 0	_____ 0
_____ 1	_____ 1	_____ 1	_____ 1	_____ 1
_____ 2	_____ 2	_____ 2	_____ 2	_____ 2

My Community/Association wants to host this many **GIRLS** meets.

<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>
_____ 0	_____ 0	_____ 0	_____ 0	_____ 0
_____ 1	_____ 1	_____ 1	_____ 1	_____ 1
_____ 2	_____ 2	_____ 2	_____ 2	_____ 2

If your community/association is fielding two or more teams **at the same grade level**, do you want them to play at the same home meet in opposite groups?

_____ We want both teams to play at our home meet. List grade/gender: _____

_____ Only one team should play at home (indicate which team will be the host):

_____ is meet host; _____ does not attend

Comments: _____

Section 2: Hosting Date Options (See complete instructions above page 2)

Please use these notations when filling in the hosting date charts:

- "RESERVED" means the gyms are firmly reserved.
- "1" is the best option for hosting; "2" is second option for hosting, etc. Please be as liberal as possible in designating dates you can host.
- "No" means this grade/gender **absolutely cannot** host.

BOYS HOSTING DATE OPTIONS

No meets will be held December 27 due to the holiday break

Date	8 th Grade Boys	7 th Grade Boys	6 th Grade Boys	5 th Grade Boys	4 th Grade Boys
December 6					NO
December 13					NO
December 20					NO
January 3					
January 10					
January 17					
January 24					
January 31					
February 7					
February 14					
February 21					
February 28					
March 7					NO
March 14					NO
March 21					NO
March 28					NO

GIRLS HOSTING DATE OPTIONS

No meets will be held on November 29 or December 27 due to holiday breaks

Date	8 th Grade Girls	7 th Grade Girls	6 th Grade Girls	5 th Grade Girls	4 th Grade Girls
October 25			NO	NO	NO
November 1			NO	NO	NO
November 8			NO	NO	NO
November 15			NO	NO	NO
November 22 <small>(Deer opener)</small>			NO	NO	NO
December 6					NO
December 13					NO
December 20					NO
January 3					
January 10					
January 17					
January 24					
January 31					
February 7					
February 14					
February 21					
February 28					
March 7					NO
March 14					NO
March 21					NO
March 28					NO

Only pages 3 through 6 need to be returned to the League by August 1

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or

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