

2024 Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Basketball Tournament

If you coach a team that is interested in participating in the 2024 Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament, there are a few specific questions we will ask when we contact you (either before or after we email you the Enrollment Form). This tournament is by invitation only and we are looking for the strongest teams in Wisconsin. You can find a great deal of additional information on our website.

While team strength is a critical part of the selection process, the **first criterion is player eligibility**. Every year there are a number of strong teams that we must decline because their players live in multiple school districts. Private schools are welcome to participate in the WSICT, but the eligibility requirements for non-public schools in this tournament are as stringent as those for public schools, with all players required to attend a feeder school of the same denomination or affiliation within the high school's geographic drawing area. We provide exceptions for students currently open-enrolled at a different public school district than the one in which they currently live. We do NOT, under any circumstances, consider where parents say they are *planning to send* a son/daughter to high school (unless they are already open enrolled by the time of the 8th grade WSICT for a player going into 9th grade in 2024-2025). For a very detailed discussion of tournament player eligibility requirements, see WSICT Rule 11, which can be accessed on this website by clicking on "2024 WSICT Rules."

In deciding which teams to invite to the WSICTs, tournament organizers spend a great deal of time researching the strength of potential invitees. That includes:

- ◆ Monitoring traveling league website results and standings. Most of the larger traveling leagues in the state (e.g., The Great Northwest, YGSBL, WYBL, etc.) maintain websites that post standings and/or game results. We monitor these on a weekly basis during the fall/winter season. For older grades (6th, 7th and 8th), we will also take a look at last season's results. We only monitor leagues that are organized on an A/B basis, or where the communities participating field only one team.
- ◆ Recommendations from alumni coaches. The coaches of the teams that enrolled in the 2023 WSICTs were asked to recommend younger teams (last season's 4th grade) from their community or teams from their grade, or other grades, from different communities.
- ◆ Varsity coaches and tournament directors. Throughout the year, we talk to many varsity coaches and tournament directors about strong teams in their area that they have seen.
- ◆ Peer coaches. When applying for the WSICT, teams are asked about other strong teams they have faced. Once we hear about a team for the second or third time from peer coaches, we add that team's coach to our "call" list.

Coaches who are interested in attending the 2024 WSICT, are welcome to initiate the invitation process by submitting the following page of this form and details about the strength of your team.

If you have any questions about the WSICT, please contact Terri Green at 715-386-4317 or terri@gnbl.org.

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I N T E R E S T F O R M

Please note that this form is to express interest only and is **not** an enrollment form. To enroll a team, you must receive an official invitation with enrollment form. The WSICT Enrollment Form must be returned with payment.

School: _____

Grade: _____

Gender: _____

(Grade/Gender of team interested in attending 2021 WSICT)

Are you certain that all players meet WSICT eligibility requirements? _____ Yes _____ No

Coach's Name: _____

(We need to speak to the coach to discuss strength of team and opponents. We will not accept interest form from parents.)

Mailing Address (Street, City State, Zip): _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Name of current league team participates in: _____

Website of League: _____

Describe or attach results showing team record, opponents and strength of schedule. If your team is 5th grade and has not yet started playing, please list opponents you will be facing or relative strength of team or program.
