

2024 MYAS REC STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Tournament Dates: March 16-17, 2024 (boys *and* girls)

Grades: 2nd/3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th/10th and 11th/12th **Divisions:** A (highest level), B and C

Locations: Spring Lake Park, Maple Grove, Elk River and Prior Lake

Awards: **Champions:** Team trophy, championship banner and first medals for players

(Revised 3/6) **Second Place:** Team trophy and second place medals for players

Divisions with seven teams or less: 1st – 2nd place medals for players

Divisions with eight teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and consolation medals for players

Divisions with ten teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and consolation medals for players

Divisions with eleven teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and consolation medals for players

Divisions with twelve teams or more: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and consolation

Refusal Policy: The MYAS reserves the right to refuse entry to any team that has not exhibited good conduct throughout the entire season.

NOTE: The Rec State Basketball Championship is a fundraiser for the tournament hosts. There will be an admission fee at each separate location to help recover some of the cost for the tournament host. The fee is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students/seniors. All players and up to three coaches per team will be admitted free of charge. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

Team Composition

The Rec State Basketball Championship is held for teams that participate in a park and recreation, community education or in-house program. Team rosters must be composed of players from the same league during the 2023-24 basketball season. Players must reside or attend school within the jurisdiction of the league's drawing area. Coaches are **not** allowed to pick up players from other teams that participate in a league outside of their community park and recreation program.

High school teams comprised of players who did **not** make their school program are eligible to participate. High school intramural teams formed by a bona fide organization are also eligible to participate. If a high school intramural team is determined to be illegal, the team will be disqualified from that game at the time of discovery. The team's last game played will be forfeited and all previous results of competition (if applicable) will still be valid.

Teams/Player-Pick up: Teams are **not allowed** to pick-up players from multiple in-house programs/leagues to field a team. In-house or community education teams from outstate the metro areas that use multiple small communities to help form their league (due to lack of participants) are eligible to participate. The teams must consist of players from the same league. If a team is declared ineligible prior to participating in the tournament, the team will be removed, and a refund will be issued. If a team is determined to be ineligible during the tournament, the team will be disqualified from that game at the time of discovery and there will be no refund for the tournament. The team's last game played will be forfeited and all previous results of the competition (if applicable) will still be valid.

Travel basketball teams are not eligible to participate in the Rec State Basketball Championship. A "travel basketball

team” is defined as a team emanating from a school or a bona fide community athletic association via a tryout process. Any team discovered to be a travel basketball team during the event will be disqualified and will not be issued a refund.

In-house teams are not allowed to participate in both the 2024 Rec State Basketball Championship **and** the 2024 Grade State Basketball Championship. Any team discovered to have participated in both tournaments will be disqualified from competition without a refund. The team’s last game played will be forfeited and all previous results of the competition (if applicable) will still be valid.

Special Note: Any unique eligibility situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Determinations on these eligibility issues must be made prior to the entry deadline.

Team Roster/Online Waiver

Team rosters must be completed online (via the Log In tab at www.myas.org). Teams may have a maximum of 12 players and three coaches listed on the team roster and on the bench. The team roster must consist of players from the same league to be eligible for the Rec State Basketball Championship. **All rosters are frozen after the tournament entry deadline. Any requests for exemptions to this rule must be made in writing and sent to Kevin Wilson (kevin@myas.org) for approval.**

The online waiver/code of conduct is required for any youth to participate in any MYAS event. The roster is not complete unless all players and coaches have agreed to the online waiver.

Players may not be rostered on more than one team for the MYAS Rec State Championship. Players may not play on a team in both the 2024 MYAS Rec State Basketball Championship **and** the 2024 MYAS Grade State Basketball Championship.

Team Classification

Coaches are responsible for classifying their teams in the appropriate divisions of play. Coaches should classify their teams based upon the skill level of their players and the level of competition in their league. The MYAS reserves the right to contact park and recreation, community education and/or in-house directors to verify the origin of the team make-up and appropriate level of competition. **Also, we reserve the right to combine divisions and move teams up or down.** Seeding and placement of teams in each division will be via a blind draw. All class designations and subsequent seeds as determined by the MYAS will be final.

Division A: This division is designed for teams that consist of players with advanced skill levels and that finished as one of the top two teams in their league.

Division B: This division is designed for teams that consist of players with intermediate skill levels and that finished as the third or fourth place team in their league.

Division C: This division is designed for teams that did not finish as one of the top four teams in their league.

Tournament Format

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games. Our tournament format has been modified to produce a second, third, fourth, fifth and consolation (in divisions with eight or more teams). Tournament brackets will be dictated by the number of teams registered in each grade and division. A minimum of four teams in a specific division is needed to offer a tournament in that division of play.

Player Participation

- Players must participate in a park and recreation, community education or bona fide in-house program.
- Players who did not make their high school team are eligible to form an intramural team to participate in the Rec State Championship.
- Players participating on intramural teams formed by a bona fide organization or in-house program are also eligible to participate.
- **Players that compete on a travel basketball or high school team are not eligible to participate.**
- Players may not be recruited from other teams that are planning to participate in the tournament.
- Players may not be rostered on more than one team for the tournament.
- Players are not eligible to participate on more than one team in the tournament.
- **Girls may only play on girls' teams or a boys' team (may not play on both).**
- **Boys may only play on boys' teams.**
- **There is no player equal play participation rule in effect for the tournament. The coach may substitute players at any time during the game.**

At the time of discovery, any team participating with an illegal player during the event will be disqualified from that game. The player will still be eligible to participate in the tournament with the first team that he or she played on. At the time of discovery, the team's last game played will be forfeited. All previous results of competition (if applicable) will still be valid.

Player Pick-Up:

Coaches are allowed to pick up players from other teams **in their in-house program** to help complete their roster or strengthen their team. Teams that pick-up players for the tournament are ***not*** required to compete in the A division. (**Note:** However, coaches that pick-up players to strengthen their team are encouraged to move up a division of play.) High school teams consisting of players that did not make their school team are not allowed to pick up players from other schools. The players must all attend the same high school to be eligible to participate.

Player Eligibility

It is permissible for a player to play up from their designated grade division, but they may not play down. **Example:** A 6th grader may play on a 7th grade team, but a 7th grader may not play on a 6th grade team.

Use of Ineligible Players:

If a player is declared ineligible prior to their team's participation in the tournament, the player is disqualified but the team is still eligible to participate. If a team participates in the tournament with an ineligible player, the team and the coach will be disqualified at the time of discovery and the team's last game played will be forfeited. All previous results of competition (if applicable) will still be valid.

Player Proof of Grade

Coaches are required to have proof of their players grade verifications with them on site at the Rec State Championship in the event of a player or team protest. Failure to produce grade verification upon request may result in suspension and/or disqualification. **Any team/player protest must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cash protest fee. The protesting team will be verified BEFORE the team/player being protested is verified.**

For your convenience, it is ***strongly*** recommended that you request a letter from your players' school(s) that identifies them by name and grade. This letter must be on school letterhead and must be signed by a school official. Examples of other acceptable documentation include a student I.D. with grade level or a current report card with grade level. The proof of grade may also be verified online through a school portal.