

2025 - 2026 Great Northwest Basketball League

TEAM ENROLLMENT FORM 8th GRADE BOYS

Registration Deadline: September 29, 2025

This 8th grade boys Team Enrollment Form will allow you to send us all the information needed to register your team for the 2025-2026 season of The Great Northwest Basketball League. This enrollment form registers a team to **play** in the League – teams wanting to **host a meet** need to complete and submit the “Meet Hosting Form” on or before August 1. The Meet Hosting Form (and all other League information) is on the website at GNBL.ORG.

Please read the “League Rules” carefully, they contain valuable information. Coaches (or contacts) that register a team in the Great Northwest Basketball League, must abide by all League Rules. These include submitting a roster for each team two weeks before that team’s first meet (or absolutely no later than January 1), listing each player’s name, address, jersey number, etc., as well as having each player’s parent/guardian complete the online Liability Waiver/Concussion Agreement submission (as required by state law) for each player Rule C-16). Please access the Rules on the website at GNBL.ORG.

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.

The following issues are of particular importance as you complete this Team Enrollment Form.

- Multi-Community Rosters Prohibited. League Rule C-1 strictly prohibits a coach from constructing a team with players from more than one community or school district. See Rule C-1 for limited exceptions to this general rule.
- Playing at a different grade level. If a community doesn’t have enough players to make up a team at a certain grade level, players in a lower grade can play up to form a team. *However, no players can play down to a younger grade level.* If the players are from a small community (WIAA Division 3, 4 or 5, or Minnesota AA or A), Rule C-1 provides an option for two small neighboring communities to combine to form a team. All coaches wanting to combine two small communities must note this on the Enrollment Form and/or contact Terri Green at 715-386-4317 or terri@gnbl.org.
- Schedule Black-Out. We need approximately 45 days from the registration deadline to construct a schedule for each grade/gender. This period runs from the registration deadline of September 29 for 8th grade boys, until 45 days after that deadline. If something changes in the team’s availability and they can no longer play on a date(s) you selected, email Tracie Tilton (tracie@gnbl.org) as soon as you are aware of an issue. If it’s before your grade’s registration deadline, we’ll make the change. If it’s after your grade’s deadline, contact us before you commit to any non-League tournament or other event and ask if the change can be made. If your request is prompt and reasonable, we’ll almost always accommodate you, particularly if we haven’t completed the schedule at that time. If you don’t contact us in advance, and don’t tell us about your conflict until after we have completed scheduling, or until you receive your schedule, the financial penalties outlined in League Rules will apply.

Please complete and return pages 4 and 5

INSTRUCTIONS and EXPLANATIONS

Detailed instructions and explanations for filling out this form can be found on the next two pages (2 and 3). The enrollment information that needs to be returned to the League is on pages 4 and 5. **Only pages 4 and 5 need to be returned to the League.** If you are using the "fillable form," we suggest filling it out on a computer rather than a phone because it is much easier to insert the information and see the entire page.

When we receive your Enrollment Form, we will email you to confirm we have it. If you do not get the email confirming receipt within two weeks of submitting the form, please contact Tracie Tilton at tracie@gnbl.org or 715-749-9048 to make sure we've received it. If we have no email address for the coach, we will email the main community contact. If you do not have an emailed receipt, you have no proof that your team is registered.

Section 1: Coaching Information

- List the community or school district that the team is associated with.
- List the name, address, **all** available phone numbers, and current email address of the head coach (and, where appropriate, assistant coach). This is critical information - without it, coaches won't receive League emails, schedules, or important updates such as last-minute changes due to reformatting or inclement weather.
- Complete the information below for interim contact **only if** the head coach and/or assistant coach are unknown when completing this form. Please follow up with the actual coach's information as soon as it is available - - the League **must** have an individual contact point for each team at least one week before the team's first meet.

Section 2: Number of meets and Coordination Issues

- Fill in the number of meets your team would like to play. Please be aware that:
 - The number requested **includes** any date(s) you host.
 - The League Championship Tournament (LCT) **IS counted** as a play date (for example, if your team is highly ranked and wants to play 6 regular meets **plus** the LCT, list the number "7").
 - The Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament (WSICT) is a completely separate event and is **NOT counted** as a play date – teams invited to attend the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament will fill out a separate registration.
- The next question deals with coaches who need to coordinate schedules because they coach more than one team. Fill in this section only if there are two teams coached by the same person that need coordinated schedules or schedules that do not overlap. Please **do not exaggerate conflicts** as this can make scheduling very difficult. Both teams in question must indicate that there can be no overlap or that coordinated schedules are needed on their Team Enrollment Forms. If only one team makes the request, we will treat it as a preference and not an absolute requirement.

Section 3: Team Rating

If you are enrolling a team that played in the League last season, see the Power Rating Chart on the website (at GNBL.ORG, click on "Top 32/Pwr Rtg") which lists the rating of all teams that played in at least one meet in the 2024-2025 season. All teams are referred to by the grade the players will be in this coming season (2025-2026) - - not last season (2024-2025). If you are enrolling the same team, **the team rating will be the same as that listed in the Power Rating Chart.** If you want to change the rating, there are two options: if you want to lower your rating (for example, if we rated the team B+ and you want to register it as a "B" team, you must give us a solid reason for why the rating should be lowered in the "Comments" section, or it will remain a "B+" rated team; or you want to raise your rating (for example, if we rated your team at the "B" level, and you want to play at the "B+" level in 2025-2026, to face stronger competition, or if you are a Wisconsin-based team that wants to prove you are strong enough to be invited to play in the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament), you can increase your rating without listing a reason.

If you are enrolling a team that didn't play in the League last season, use games against League opponents in other events to gauge the relative ability of your team, or gauge your team's likely ability based on general program strength.

Where possible, we will attempt to keep teams from playing in a meet where the ratings cover more than three consecutive rating slots. For instance, "A" and "B+" teams (and an occasional "B" team) will be scheduled to play in "A" meets. "B+", "B" and "B-" teams will be placed in "B" meets. "B-" and "C" teams (and an occasional "B" team) will be scheduled to play in "C" meets. The only time we will put "A" teams with "B-" teams, or "B+" teams with "C" teams, is if enforcing the stricter guidelines religiously will result in teams having to travel too great a distance. We will never knowingly schedule "A" teams with "C" teams.

Section 4: Play Date Options

In section 4, you will indicate the dates on which you'd prefer to play, and dates that the team absolutely cannot play. There are a number of factors that are important to consider:

- Please be very conservative in listing any "NO" dates. The League needs as much flexibility as possible to juggle schedule preferences and maximize the number of different opponents the team will face. The more "NO" dates listed, the greater the likelihood that you'll have longer traveling times or face the same opponents repeatedly.
- It is **critical** that you give us several extra dates to work with. All teams should give **at least two, three or more optional dates** in addition to the dates you may "prefer" to play.
- The majority of the 8th grade boys teams that play in The Great Northwest do so in January and February. While there are some meets in December and March, there are significantly less each weekend than there are in January and February. If you give us only December and/or March play dates, be aware that you may have very limited playing options
- Play dates for all grades are **extremely limited in March**, primarily because few teams want to host during high school play-offs. Do not register for most of your meets in March without also giving us enough earlier options. If you really want to play in March, consider hosting then.

There are a number of other events that may cause conflicts. Key dates include:

- High School Basketball Play-offs
 - February 28: WIAA High School Girls Regional Finals
 - March 7: Wisconsin High School Girls Sectional Finals and Wisconsin High School Boys Regional Finals
 - March 14: Wisconsin High School Girls State Tournament, Wisconsin High School Boys Sectional Finals and Minnesota High School Girls State Tournament
 - March 21: Wisconsin High School Boys State Tournament and Minnesota High School Boys State Tournament
- Other dates that cause a significant number of conflicts for many teams are: solo ensembles (these are often in November or February; check with your school's music teacher, since these dates are often not included on school calendars, but students are required to attend), holiday concerts (or other holiday activities), drama events and winter or spring break. If any of these would cause your team to not want to play on a given Saturday, check dates with your school before submitting your Team Enrollment Form.

FILLING IN PLAY DATE OPTIONS:

- Fill in "**Y**" or "**Yes**" for dates that will work for your team to play.
- Fill in "**N**" or "**No**" for dates that absolutely will **not** work for your team to play.
- If your team would prefer to play every other Saturday, or no more than three Saturdays in a row, indicate this in the comments section. It is best not to fill in yes for one Saturday, no for the next, etc. – if you do this, you risk missing a close meet at the right level for your team and may cause your team to travel farther or have fewer play dates than requested.

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We recommend filling in this form on a computer rather than a phone.

Return pages 4 and 5 of this form **ABSOLUTELY** no later than **September 29, 2025**, to:

The Great Northwest - PO Box 506 - Hudson WI 54016
 or
 Email to: tracie@gnbl.org or Fax to: 715-749-4198

Section 1: Team and Coaching Information

Name of School District or Community:			
HEAD COACH:		ASSISANT COACH:	
Mailing Address:		Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:		City, State, Zip Code:	
Cell Phone Number:		Cell Phone Number:	
Home Phone Number:		Home Phone Number:	
Email:		Email:	

Interim Team Contact Person - only fill in if the actual coaches are not yet known			
Name:		Cell Phone Number:	
Mailing Address:		Home Phone Number:	
City, State, Zip:		Email:	

Section 2: Number of meets and Coordination Issues

Total NUMBER of MEETS requested (LCT is included in total):	
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Fill in the next question only if there are two teams coached by the same person that need coordinated schedules or schedules that do not overlap. Please see instructions above on page 2 for details.

Check one		Grade/Gender of other team:
	We absolutely must not overlap schedules with:	
	We prefer not to overlap with another team's schedule, but assistance is available if necessary.	
	No schedule coordination is needed with any other team.	

Section 3: Team Rating

See instructions on pages 2 and 3, for details on team ratings.
 The team registering with this form should be rated (please check one):

A B+ B B- C

If this team played in 2024-2025, and you are indicating a **lower** rating than the one listed in the Power Rating Chart, please explain why it should be lowered:

Comments: _____

Section 4: Play Date Options

_____ December 6	_____ February 7
_____ December 13	_____ February 14
_____ December 20	_____ February 21
	_____ February 28
_____ January 3	_____ March 7
_____ January 10	_____ March 14
_____ January 17	_____ March 21
_____ January 24	_____ March 28
_____ January 31	

No meets will be scheduled on December 27 due to the holiday break.

Please note:

Fill in "**Y**" or "**Yes**" for dates that will work for your team to play.

Fill in "**N**" or "**No**" for dates that absolutely will **not** work for your team to play.

Fill every blank.

Please give as many options as possible.

ALL TEAMS WILL BE SCHEDULED INTO THEIR HOME MEET EVEN IF THERE IS A "NO" ON THAT DATE

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