

2023-2024 Great Northwest Basketball League

4th Grade Boys Team Enrollment Form

Registration Deadline: September 22, 2023

Please carefully read the "League Enrollment Informational Posting" that describes this form (as well as other important information). Also, note that this form registers a team to **play** in the Great Northwest; if a 4th grade boys team wants to **host**, complete the "Meet Hosting Form," which is due on August 4 and is posted on our website (gnbl.org).

By registering a team in the 2023-2024 season of The Great Northwest Basketball League, coaches or contacts must abide by its rules as detailed on our website (gnbl.org). That includes the submission of a roster for each team two weeks before that team's first meet (or absolutely no later than January 6), 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.

Please 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, mailings, schedules or important updates. We also need all your contact points for purposes of reaching you the day before a meet in case of inclement weather or other last minute information.

Name of Community/School District: _____

HEAD COACH*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

ASSISTANT COACH

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

*** If you are not the actual head coach, please use the "Interim Coach" section on the next page.**

Complete the information below for an interim contact **only if** the head coach and/or assistant coach are unknown at this time. Please submit the coaching 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.

Interim Team Contact Person

(Until Head coach is determined)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

The following issues are of particular importance as you fill in the remainder of this Team Enrollment Form. The complete 2023-2024 League Rules are posted on the website.

- **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 sufficient numbers to make up a team at a certain grade level, younger (by grade) players can play "up" a grade to form a team. However, no players can play "down" to a younger grade level. If you are from a small (WIAA Division 4 or 5; Minnesota AA or A) community, have them play with another small, qualifying neighboring community as provided for in Rule C-1 (all teams choosing this option must note this on the Enrollment Form and/or contact Terri Green at 715-386-4317 or terri@gnbl.org).
- **Schedule Black-Out.** This period runs from the registration deadline of September 22 for 4th grade boys, until 45 days after that deadline. We need 45 days from the registration deadline to construct a schedule for that grade. If something comes up after you've submitted this Team Enrollment Form, send Tracie (tracie@gnbl.org) an email detailing your request so you have a written record (do not handle solely via voice mail). If it's before the registration deadline, there's no problem - - as long as we hear from you right away. If it's after your team's registration deadline of September 22, but before the 45 day "black-out" period described above expires, contact us **before** you commit to any non-League tournament or other event and ask if it's possible to drop a certain date. If your request is prompt and reasonable, we'll almost always accommodate you, particularly if we haven't completed the 4th grade boys schedule. If you don't bother contacting us in advance, and don't tell us about your conflict until after we've completed the 4th grade boys schedule, the financial penalties outlined in the 2023-2024 League Rules will apply.

The 4th grade teams that choose to play in the competitive division of The Great Northwest in January/February, will have the following options to play in League meets:

- Fourth grade meets will be three-game events, with participation **limited to 4th grade teams only**.

- Fourth grade teams that aren't able to play a sufficient number of play dates to fill their schedule with 4th grade meets (because there aren't sufficient hosts and/or opponents) will have the option of playing "up" into 5th grade meets. Fourth grade teams will need to declare on this Team Enrollment Form whether they want to play in some 5th grade meets if sufficient 4th grade dates aren't available, or if they prefer to play fewer dates. More information about this option is contained in Question #6 on this form.
- Fourth grade teams also have the option of starting their season by playing from mid-October to mid-December in The Great Northwest Non-Competitive division. For more information about the 3rd and 4th grade Non-Competitive division, please see the information on the League's website (gnbl.org) by clicking on "Non-Competitive."

- 1) Total number of meets requested: _____ (This number includes any home meets.)
- 2) Does the **head coach** help with any other team whose schedule ***absolutely cannot*** overlap this schedule because they have no assistants to take either team? Please do not exaggerate conflicts. You must be certain that the coach of the other team also indicates that there can be no overlap on their individual Team Enrollment Form. For example, if the head coach of the 4th grade boys team says that the dates absolutely cannot conflict with the 8th grade boys schedule – unless the person submitting the 8th grade boys Team Enrollment Form also indicates that scheduling on the same day must be avoided, we will do our best to avoid conflicts, but we will treat the request as a ***preference*** and ***not*** an absolute requirement. (Please check one):

_____ No schedule coordination is needed with any other team.

_____ We ***absolutely must not*** overlap schedules with this grade and gender (of the other team): _____

_____ We ***prefer not*** to overlap with another team's schedule, but assistance is available if necessary. Grade and gender of the other team(s): _____

Explain why you are requesting coordinated scheduling: _____

- 3) **PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY.** The following is a list of optional dates on which the League will hold meets. Please indicate which dates will work for your team to play in this way:

- Write "**Y**" or "**Yes**" in front of dates that will work for your team to play.
- Write "**N**" or "**No**" in front of dates that absolutely will ***not*** work for your team to play.
- A common request we have is from teams who want, for example, to sign up for four meets over an eight-week period. The best way to handle this is to answer "4" to question #1, and then put "Yes" in front of the eight dates you have available, with a note in the "Comments" section that you'd prefer playing on as few consecutive Saturdays as possible. This allows us to schedule your team in meets closer to you if these happen to fall on consecutive Saturdays. If instead you write "Yes" in front of the first date and a "No" in front of the second date, "Yes" in front of the

third date, "No" in front of the fourth date, etc., you essentially give us only five dates to work with and you will get a less desirable schedule.

_____ December 2

_____ December 9

_____ December 16

_____ January 6

_____ January 13

_____ January 20

_____ January 27

_____ February 3

_____ February 10

_____ February 17

_____ February 24

_____ March 2

_____ March 9

_____ March 16

_____ March 23

_____ March 30

4th grade teams can choose to play up into
5th grade meets in December - - no 4th grade
only meets are scheduled in December.

Remember:

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

Write "**N**" or "**No**" in front of 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.**

4th grade teams can choose to play up into
5th grade meets in March - - no 4th grade only
meets are scheduled in March.

Comments: _____

- 4) **If your Community/Association is fielding **two** teams at this grade level, would you prefer that they play at different locations or at the same meet in opposite groups? Unless otherwise specified, **all home teams are always placed in the home meet.****

_____ Both teams play at home, otherwise it doesn't matter if they are at same locations or on same dates.

_____ Teams cannot overlap schedules and must play on different dates. If there is a home meet, _____ team plays and _____ team does not attend.

_____ Both teams must always travel together and play on all same dates and same locations. *Please note that teams of different ability levels may not be able to travel together and have opponents of the correct level.*

- 5) Whether all 4th grade teams get to play in the total number of 4th grade meets requested, will depend on whether we have sufficient hosts **and** sufficient participants. If we do not, 4th grade teams will have the option of playing in some 5th grade meets. In case the demand for 4th grade playing slots exceeds the supply, we need to know your scheduling preference (please check one of the following):

_____ If we can't get the number of 4th grade meets requested in our answer to Question #1, we'd still like to play the total number of dates requested. In other words, **we'd rather play in some 5th grade meets than lose any play dates.**

_____ If we can't get the number of 4th grade meets requested in our answer to Question #1, we'd like our total number of meets reduced so that the **maximum number of 5th grade meets we play is: _____.**

_____ If my team can't get into the number of 4th grade meets listed in our answer to Question #1, we will play fewer total dates. In other words, **we do not want to play in any 5th grade meets.**

Hosting. If your team plans to host a meet, that information is recorded on the separate "Meet Hosting Preference Form." The submission deadline is August 4. Please be certain the Meet Hosting Preference Form is submitted by yourself or your community's association coordinator.

There are often too few hosts for the number of 4th grade only meets requested, forcing the League to cut down the number of dates on which teams can play. If possible, please consider hosting a meet at the 4th grade level.

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**Please return this form at your earliest convenience, but no later than:
September 22, 2023**

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Or fax to: 715-749-4198