

2023-2024 Great Northwest Basketball League

8th Grade Girls Team Enrollment Form

Registration Deadline: August 11, 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 an 8th grade girls 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 November 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.

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 August 11 for 8th grade girls, 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 August 11, 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 8th grade girls schedule. If you don't bother contacting us in advance, and don't tell us about your conflict until after we've completed the 8th grade girls schedule, the financial penalties outlined in the 2023-2024 League Rules will apply.

1) Total number of meets requested: _____

- The number of meets requested includes any date(s) you host.
- The League Championship Tournament (LCT) **IS counted** as a League play date (for example, if your team is highly ranked and wants to play 6 regular meets plus the LCT, list the number "7").
- For our Wisconsin-based teams, the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament (WSICT) is a completely separate event and is **NOT counted** as a League play date – teams invited to attend the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament will fill out a separate application.

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 8th grade girls team says that the dates absolutely cannot conflict with the 6th grade boys schedule – unless the person submitting the 6th 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) **Scheduling Flexibility.** In question #4 below, you will be asked to list the dates on which you'd prefer to play and when you absolutely cannot play. 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 teams you'll be playing. *The more "NO" dates you list, the greater the likelihood that you'll have **longer traveling times** to some of your meets.* It is **critical** that you give us several extra dates to work with over and above the number of dates you want to play.

- If you want to play in four or less meets, you must give us **at least one extra** quality date with which to work.
- If you want to play five to seven meets, you need to give us **at least two** additional quality dates over and above the number of meets you want to play (i.e., if you want to play six dates, you need to give us eight or more dates with which to work).
- If you want to play eight or more dates, we need **three** extra dates (i.e., if you want to play ten dates, we need 13 or more dates with which to work).

When we talk about "quality" date options, be advised it is not acceptable to do the following:

- Virtually all of the 8th grade girls teams that play in The Great Northwest do so in November and December. While there are some meets in October, January, February and March, there are **significantly less** each weekend than there are in November and December (because many Wisconsin girls junior high teams play school basketball in January and February, they often opt not to play traveling basketball during those months; others prefer to play school and traveling basketball at the same time). If you give us only January and February play dates, be aware that you may have very limited playing options. Generally, more northern and central area 8th grade girls teams play traveling basketball in January and February than do southern (La Crosse area) and eastern teams (Wausau area).
- Play dates for all grades are **very limited in March**, primarily because few teams want to host during high school play-offs. Do not register for a majority of your meets in March without also giving us a sufficient number of earlier options. If you really want to play in March, consider hosting then.

If you fail to give us sufficient alternative dates as described above, we need to know which course of action you want us to pursue (**check one of the options below**):

- _____ **Schedule the team in fewer meets:** If there are no meets within one and one-half hours, at your ability level, on one or more of the date options you provide us in question #4 below, we will simply **schedule the team in fewer meets**. The only option will be to pick up openings on other dates if they develop after the scheduling process is completed.
- _____ **Travel a longer distance:** If there are no conveniently-located meets at your ability level on one or more dates, we have your permission to schedule you in the closest meet at your ability level even if it involves a **trip of more than two hours (one-way)**. If we do so, you will not get a free drop on such dates if you ultimately decide not to travel that far. Also, if there are dates that you requested on which the League has no meets scheduled, your total play dates will be reduced accordingly.

If a team does not provide us with adequate play date alternatives (as described above) and fails to answer this question, we will presume that the answer is to "**play fewer meets**" (the first option listed above). We regret that we must be so demanding on this point, but there is no single issue that does more to complicate the scheduling process every season than coaches who want to play "x" number of meets and only give us "x" number of dates to choose from.

- 4) **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.

_____ October 28

_____ November 4

_____ November 11

_____ November 18 (*Deer hunting opener*)

No meets will be scheduled on November 25
due to Thanksgiving break

_____ December 2

_____ December 9

_____ December 16

No meets will be scheduled on December 23 or
December 30 due to the holiday break

_____ 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 (*Easter weekend*)

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**

Comments: _____

- 5) 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 Rtgs") which lists the rating of all teams that played in at least one meet in the 2022-2023 season. Note that all teams are referred to by the grade the players will be in this coming season (2023-2024) - - not last season (2022-2023). If you are enrolling the same team, **your rating will be the same as that listed in the Power Rating Chart, unless you provide a compelling explanation in the "Comments" section below as to why it should be changed.** In other words, if we rated your 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, or it will remain a "B+" rated team. If we rated your team at the "B" level, and you want to play at the "B+" level in 2022-2023, either because you disagree with our rating, 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 as a means to gauge the relative ability of your team, or gauge your team's likely ability based on relative school size and 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.

The team being registered with this form should be rated as follows (please check one):

_____ A _____ B+ _____ B _____ B- _____ C

Comments: _____

- 6) 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.*

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.

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**Please return this form at your earliest convenience, but no later than:
August 11, 2023**

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