

2025 - 2026 Great Northwest Basketball League

TEAM ENROLLMENT FORM 5th GRADE BOYS

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2025

This 5th 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 15 for 5th 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.
 - If you have a Wisconsin team and want to play in the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament (WSICT), that is a 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

Please indicate what you feel is the best rating level for your team based on the relative ability of your team, or the general strength of your program. While we will group teams by strength, there will be meets at the 5th grade level with teams of varying abilities so that there are as many different opponents as possible.

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 5th 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.

Great Northwest Basketball League

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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 15, 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:	
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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):

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Section 4: Play Date Options

_____ December 6

_____ December 13

_____ December 20

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

_____ January 3

_____ January 10

_____ January 17

_____ January 24

_____ January 31

_____ February 7

_____ February 14

_____ February 21

_____ February 28

_____ March 7

_____ March 14

_____ March 21

_____ March 28

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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