2026 Scheels/Grand Forks Fast Break Club
Junior Grand Am Basketball Tournament
April 10-12, 2026 Grand Forks, North Dakota
Entry Guidelines

Entry:

- The Scheels/Grand Forks Fast Break Club Junior Grand Am Tournament is open to boys and girls in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and High School.
- Entry fee is **$220.00 + a 5% processing fee**, non-refundable for any team dropping out after the ~~**March 23rd**~~ **registration deadline.** **REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 29TH.**
- Please rank your team 1-3 with 1 being advanced, and 3 being beginners. *This way we hope to avoid any lopsided games later in our tournament.*
- If a team drops out **before March 22nd**, there will be a **$40.00 processing fee on all refunds**.
- If the tournament should be canceled for reasons beyond our control, a $40.00 processing fee will be applied to all refunds.
- **All teams that meet our entry guidelines will be accepted** as long as the online registration and payment has been received by ~~**March 22nd**~~**.** **REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 29TH.**
- All registrations and payments will be done online. The website is set up to register only 1 team at a time.
- Teams are considered "entered" once you have received **(2)** confirmation emails following your online registration and payment. ***(Please check your SPAM folder)***
- Canadian teams please follow **the Grade Guidelines** found below when registering.
- Our tournament **does not** require parent waivers.
- Please visit our website for more information and any updates.
    - **sites.google.com/view/gffastbreak/junior-grand-am**

Games:

- Girls' divisions will play **April 10th & 11th**, starting at **5:00 pm on Friday** and **8:00 am on Saturday**.
- Boys' divisions will play **April 11th, & 12th**, starting no earlier than **10:00 am on Saturday** and at **8:00 am on Sunday**.
- We will be unable to accommodate teams that request a later start time.
- Each team will be guaranteed three games with individual awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th place finishes.
- Registered officials will be used for all games.
- Games will be played at local schools, the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center, Alerus Center, Choice Health & Fitness, and the UND Wellness Center.

Tournament Manager:

- ***Before you send an email, PLEASE READ the Frequently Asked Questions information found below, as many of the questions we receive can be found there.***
- For all other questions: ***evan.pederson.2@gmail.com***

Website:

- Tournament rules, brackets, lodging information, and roster form can be found on our website at **sites.google.com/view/gffastbreak/junior-grand-am**.
- **Bracket Packets will be posted online ~~on or near March 29th.~~ NEW POSTING DATE WILL BE APRIL 5TH.**

Tournament Rosters & Printed Program:

- A tournament program will be printed so we are asking each team to fill out the **ONLINE ROSTER FORM** located on our website to be included in the program.
    - If we do not receive your roster by the **March 22nd roster deadline**, we will be unable to include your team in the tournament program.
    - Please submit another electronic roster form if you make any roster changes.
- **WE ARE NOT USING THE ROSTER FEATURE ON LEAGUEAPPS**
- The online roster is not official/final. Your official/final roster will be verified at check-in before your first game.
    - **Printed copies and handwritten rosters can still be used for wristband distribution at team check-in**.
- If you have any questions about the roster form, please email ***ncarlson030@mygfschools.org***. *(This email address is for roster form questions only)*
- If you are interested in **advertising** your business or your own upcoming tournament in the program, please contact: **jodyjay44@gmail.com**

Boys Teams Entry Guidelines -7th, 8th, 9th, & High School

7th, 8th, 9th & High School Boys Teams Only:

- In an effort to keep the focus of our tournament on teams who are trying to compete, improve and keep the integrity of the tournament in mind, we have developed a simple criteria for registration.
    - **If you have anyone who did not play organized basketball for their school this year, you will need to get those players approved by Dan Carlson, boys coordinator.** This process must be completed by the registration deadline.
    - You will need to email a roster to ***dcarlson280@mygfschools.org*** for approval.
    - If your team consists of all players who played on their school basketball team this past season *(Grades 7-12)*, this step is not necessary.
    - If you have any questions on this matter please email Dan Carlson at ***dcarlson280@mygfschools.org*** *(Dan Carlson is the boys coordinator)*

See additional information on the following pages

GRADE GUIDELINES
for Canadian & American Teams

American Teams

All American teams must go by the **current grade level** each athlete is in. Athletes can play up, but they are not allowed to play down a grade level. An example would be an 8th grader could not play in the 7th grade division.

Canadian Teams

"Mixer Teams" with mixed age groups, please follow these guidelines:

- 3rd grade - All players must be born in **2016** or younger
- 4th grade - All players must be born in **2015** or younger
- 5th grade - All players must be born in **2014** or younger
- 6th grade - All players must be born in **2013** or younger
- 7th grade - All players must be born in **2012** or younger
- 8th grade - All players must be born in **2011** or younger
- 9th grade - All players must be born in **2010** or younger
- High School - All players must be in high school as of April 8th, 2026

- **Any team found not following these guidelines, will be asked to leave with no refund of their entry fee.**

- **We would ask that all teams please make sure you are playing with all athletes in the correct age level.** In the past, we have had concerns from both Canadian and American teams that not all teams are following our guidelines. The JGA tournament is held each year to benefit all athletes and it would be a shame if this were to be tarnished by a poor decision made by an adult. If any concerns are brought forward with the same teams this year, we will have no choice but to check birth certificates. Thanks for your understanding.

Frequently Asked Questions

- We take all teams that meet our entry guidelines as long as you have registered and paid online by the deadline of ~~**March 22nd**~~. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 29TH.** Teams do not need to check to see if we have room for their team. Teams are considered "entered" once you have received a confirmation email receipt following your online registration and payment.
- ~~**March 22nd**~~ **Registration Deadline** – Registration will close at 11:59 pm on March 23rd. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 29TH.**
- Use the **online roster form on the website** to submit your team roster by **March 22nd** to be included in the tournament program. **WE ARE NOT USING THE ROSTER FEATURE ON LEAGUEAPPS**
- You can change your roster at any time before the tournament starts.
  - Once the tournament starts teams may not add players to their team and we expect all teams to play with the roster they submitted at team check-in.
  - If you make any changes to your roster before **March 22nd**, please submit your updated roster by using the online roster form on the website so everyone can be included in the program.
- **Girls will play April 10th & 11th**. Games will start on Friday at 5:00 pm and on Saturday games will start at 8:00 am.
- **Boys will play April 11th & 12th**. Games will start on Saturday at 10:00 am and on Sunday games will start at 8:00 am.
- We will be **unable** to accommodate teams that request a later start time.
- All players must play at or above age level. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- Boys are not allowed in the girls division and Girls are not allowed in the boys division.
- **A player can only play on one team.**
- The JGA tournament **does not** require parent waivers.
- Tournament **Bracket Packets** will be posted online on or near ~~**March 29th**~~ at **NEW POSTING DATE WILL BE APRIL 5TH.**
  - **sites.google.com/view/gffastbreak/junior-grand-am**

2026 Pacesetter Tournament Qualifier:

The top North Dakota teams in the Jr. Grand Am at each grade level grades 4-9 (adjust if not all grades offered) will again be invited to play in the 2026 Pacesetter Great Five-State

Championships at the Target Center in Minneapolis in the summer of 2026. Top teams from MN-ND-SD-WI-IA play off for the 5-state championships on a Minnesota Lynx home game weekend. All teams play 3-4 games with at least one game played on the main Target Center floor, complete with a game announcer and music for individual player and coach introductions for a thrilling experience for all.