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Welcome to the **2018 MYAS GRADE BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!** Our 2017 state tournaments featured over 1,450 teams from across the metro area and a significant increase in participation from greater Minnesota communities. We would like to wish the best of luck to youth basketball teams from across the state of Minnesota during your 2017-18 season, and we hope to see you at the “Big One” in March!

GIRLS’ 3rd-9th GRADE

MARCH 3-4, 2018



BOYS’ 3rd-9th GRADE

MARCH 10-11, 2018

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships will feature four levels of competition for the 3rd and 9th grade and six levels of competition for 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The MYAS will add and/or delete divisions for each grade/gender as needed. All teams will be guaranteed three games, and 50% of the participating teams will play four or more. With such a large number of teams participating, the majority of the grades/classes will be competing in 16-team brackets. Therefore, the 2018 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships will once again feature “true” third and fourth place bracket play.

DEADLINE INFORMATION

Entry Deadlines: Girls’ 3rd-9th grade applications, online rosters/codes of conduct, ***and*** entry fees are due by 4:00pm on 1/26/18.

Boys’ 3rd-9th grade applications, online rosters/codes of conduct, ***and*** entry fees are due by 4:00pm on 2/2/18.

The MYAS will accept team entries on a space available basis. Do not delay in submitting your entry materials. *Remember to enclose your application, entry fee and ***printed/signed*** online roster/code of conduct. **NO FAX, E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.***

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All teams that wish to participate in the 2018 MYAS Grade State Championships ***MUST*** turn in their entry application, entry fee, and physical copy of the online roster/signed code of conduct. No renegade or open/all-star teams will knowingly be allowed to participate.

Teams will ***NOT*** be required to submit proof of grade or age for any of their rostered players at time of entry. Rather, each team should have their grade and age verifications available on-site at the Grade State Championships in the event of a player or team protest. **Any team/player protests must be accompanied by a \$100 cash protest fee. The protesting team/players will be verified ***BEFORE*** the team/player being protested is verified.**

2018 INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

Other than accepting applications, entry fees and rosters/codes of conduct (completed via the “LOG IN” tab at www.myas.org, ***printed, and signed***) via mail, the 2018 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships will be conducted solely via the Internet, including schedules, maps, and results. We will ***NOT*** be mailing any of this information. Questions? Give us a call at (763) 781-2220. Please keep checking our website (www.myas.org) for any new information or changes.

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Entry Fee: **\$300** per team if **ALL** of the following are true:

1. Your entry fee is received by the MYAS on/before the applicable entry deadline
2. Your application form is **complete** and is received by the MYAS on/before the applicable deadline
3. Your online roster is **complete** and **printed** and a physical copy is received by the MYAS on/before the applicable deadline
4. Your Code of Conduct is complete (online roster **signed** by coaches and a parent/guardian of all rostered players) and is received by the MYAS on/before the applicable deadline

\$325 per team if **ANY** of the following is true:

1. Your entry fee is received by the MYAS **after** the applicable entry deadline
2. Your application form is incomplete **or** is not received by the MYAS on/before the applicable deadline
3. Your online roster is incomplete **or** a physical copy is not received by the MYAS on/before the applicable deadline
4. Your Code of Conduct is incomplete (online roster not signed by coaches and a parent/guardian of all rostered players) **or** is not received by the MYAS on/before the applicable deadline

NOTE: The MYAS uses a check verification and recovery service. If your check is returned, the maximum penalty will be assessed per Minnesota state law.

Roster Limit: All rosters **must** be completed online (via the “LOG IN” tab at www.myas.org) and a physical copy **must** be submitted to the MYAS. Teams may have a maximum of 12 players and three coaches on the bench. Players may not be rostered on more than one team for the 2018 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships, nor may they play on a 2018 MYAS Rec State Basketball Championship team.

Sites: Both the girls’ and boys’ tournaments will be held throughout the greater Twin Cities and outlying areas. If you would be interested in hosting a portion of the 2018 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships, please contact the MYAS office. **The MYAS will not know where a specific grade and/or classification will be playing until AFTER the seeding meetings (see below). Please do NOT contact the MYAS office requesting site information prior to February 8 (girls) or February 15 (boys).**

Seeding Meetings: All teams that submit a complete application, entry fee, and printed/signed roster/code of conduct prior to the deadline are invited to attend the appropriate seeding meeting. Over 1,300 girls’ and boys’ coaches assisted with the seeding process last year and we encourage your attendance at the 2018 seeding meetings. To insure balanced representation, each team is entitled to send only **ONE** representative. The classification your team initially registers for does **not** guarantee you will be placed there. **THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND!** Once the seeding meetings are complete and we have all the master seeding sheets, the seeding process is finalized and no changes will be made.

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Girls	4 th /5 th /7 th	February 6	6:30pm	Marriott Minneapolis West
Girls	3 rd /6 th /8 th /9 th	February 7	6:30pm	Marriott Minneapolis West
Boys	4 th /5 th /7 th	February 13	6:30pm	Marriott Minneapolis West
Boys	3 rd /6 th /8 th /9 th	February 14	6:30pm	Marriott Minneapolis West

Awards: Champions — Team trophy, individual awards, champion banner
 2nd through 4th place — Team trophy and individual awards

NOTE: Awards will be prorated for any division with fewer than eight teams.

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION *(continued)*

Refusal Policy: The MYAS reserves the right to refuse entry to any team that has not exhibited good conduct throughout the entire season. This includes, but is not limited to, invitational tournaments, league play and the **2017 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships**.

Refund Policy: Entry fees will be refunded in full to any team that withdraws their application **PRIOR TO** their respective seeding meeting. **NO** refunds will be issued after the seeding meetings.

CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Girls'/Boys' Divisions: Divisions in all grade levels will be determined based upon entries received.

Teams will initially sign up in the A, B or C division and supply the MYAS with their season record. The MYAS will then separate the teams into preliminary divisions (A+, A-, B+, B-, C+ or C-). Divisions will be finalized by the **coaches** at the seeding meetings. Coaches will base the final seeding of each division on a combination of each team's league record, league classification, invitational tournament record, strength of schedule and results from the 2017 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championships. If warranted, more divisions will be added. **All class designations and seedings, as determined by the participating coaches, will be FINAL.**

PLAYING RULES

All games will be played under National Federation of State High School Association rules, with some modifications. A complete list of playing rules will be available on our website at www.myas.org.

Timing Factors: The 3rd grade teams will play 20-minute, running time halves. All 4th-9th grade teams will play two 14-minute, stop-time halves with a minimum of three minutes for halftime. Time outs are limited to three 60-second time outs per game. Teams will receive one additional time out per overtime period.

Scorekeeping: The home team will provide the official scorer. The official scorer **must** sit at the scorer's table and is responsible for filling out the official MYAS score sheet. A coin flip will determine home team.

Uniforms: Jersey tops must be of identical color and it is recommended they be numbered on the front **AND** back. The following numbers are legal: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 00, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55. A team may **NOT** have both numbers 0 and 00. The penalty for illegal numbers is one technical foul per infraction if discovered prior to the initial jump ball. **NOTE:** MSHSL rules prohibit using high school uniforms without permission from the high school.

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

Players/Teams: **Players must be residents of Minnesota and must participate on the team nearest to their residence, or for the school team (must be sponsored/recognized by the school) or community travel association where they are enrolled. Exception:** If a player fails to make the roster of the team nearest their residence or school, they may participate with the next nearest team. Girls may only play on girls' teams and boys may only play on boys' teams. **Teams from Minneapolis or St. Paul must be recognized Coalition Members in order to participate.** No renegade or open/all-star teams will knowingly be allowed to participate.

Waivers: **If a player participates with a team outside of their residence or school, that player must provide the appropriate waiver release forms and submit them to the MYAS office with the team's application and other tournament entry materials in order to be considered eligible for the tournament.** If you need a waiver form, please contact Eric Rathke at (763) 746-1730 or eric@myas.org.

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS (continued)

Grade/Age Requirements: Players must play in the grade division in which they are currently enrolled and must meet the appropriate age limitation specified below:

3 rd Grade	Born on or after September 1, 2007
4 th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 2006
5 th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 2005
6 th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 2004
7 th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 2003
8 th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 2002
9 th Grade	Born on or after September 1, 2001 (<i>see MSHSL rule below</i>)

It is permissible for a player to play up from their designated grade division, but they may not play down. For example, an 8th grader may play on a 9th grade team but a 9th grader may not play on an 8th grade team. **Exception:** A player who has been accelerated in school may participate in the grade level that would be their “natural” grade.

MSHSL Rule: Any player that has participated at the 10th grade, junior varsity or high school varsity level is ineligible to participate. **Note:** A 7th or 8th grader called up to the 9th grade team is eligible to come back and play with their appropriate grade division.

Proof of Grade: **Any team participating in the 2018 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championship must have proof of grade (and age) available at their Grade State Championship playing site. This information does NOT need to be submitted to the MYAS prior to the tournament.**

Listed below are a few examples of documentation that will prove an athlete’s grade eligibility.

- Signed letter, on school letterhead, from school official verifying player’s name and grade level
- **Copy** of current student I.D. with player’s name, school year and grade level clearly indicated
- **Copy** of current report card with player’s name, school year and grade level clearly indicated

It is strongly recommended that teams request a letter from the players’ school(s) that identifies them by name and grade. This letter must be on school letterhead and must be signed by a school official.

Team Roster: All rosters must be completed online (via the “LOG IN” tab at www.myas.org) and **a physical copy must be printed, signed by coaches and all players’ parents/guardians (Code of Conduct) and submitted to the MYAS office.** Teams may have a maximum of 12 players and three coaches on the bench. Your roster/code of conduct must be submitted with your entry form and entry fee.

ALL ROSTERS ARE FROZEN THE NIGHT OF YOUR RESPECTIVE SEEDING MEETING. Any requests for exceptions to this rule must be made in writing and submitted to the MYAS office.

GRADE/AGE DOCUMENTATION — PROTESTS

Coaches do **NOT** need to submit grade or age verification for their players to the MYAS prior to the tournament. However, **they MUST have grade and age verification for all players with them at all times during the tournament.** Failure to produce grade verification (see above) or age verification (i.e. copy of birth certificate or student I.D. with birth date, or letter from school verifying birth date) upon request may result in suspension of play and/or disqualification.

If a team files a protest and requests to see another team’s grade and/or birth documentation during the tournament, they must **FIRST** supply their own team’s grade/birth documentation and a \$100 cash protest fee to the MYAS Tournament Director. The protest fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Please use the following checklist to ensure that you have included everything that is required to complete your team’s registration in the 2018 MYAS Grade Basketball State Championship.

- Completed Entry Application (*see page 7*)
- Completed and ***Printed*** Online Roster (*see “LOG IN” tab at www.myas.org*)

NOTE: Your Online Roster also serves as your Code of Conduct and ***must*** be signed by your coaches ***and*** a parent/guardian of all of your players (*see Code of Conduct on page 6*).

- Entry Fee (*see below*):

\$300 per team if <u>ALL</u> of the following are true:	\$325 per team if <u>ANY</u> of the following is true:
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Your online roster is complete and printed, and a physical copy is received by the MYAS on/before the applicable entry deadline	Your online roster is incomplete or a physical copy is not received by the MYAS office on/before the applicable entry deadline
Your code of conduct is complete (online roster is signed by coaches and a parent/guardian of all rostered players) and is received by the MYAS on/before the applicable entry deadline	Your code of conduct is incomplete (online roster is not signed by coaches and a parent/guardian of all rostered players) or is not received by the MYAS on/before the applicable entry deadline

REMINDER: Teams are NOT required to submit proof of grade along with their other entry materials. Coaches MUST have grade (and age) verification for ALL rostered players available on-site at the MYAS Grade Basketball State Championship. If a player/team is protested, failure to produce proper documentation upon request may result in suspension of play and/or disqualification.

MYAS COACH AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

*** MANDATORY ***

- 1) I will not berate the officials or “trash talk” my opponent.
- 2) I will not use profanity.
- 3) I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, contest administrators and officials at every game.
- 4) I will place the emotional and physical well being of my teammates and opponents ahead of my personal desire to win.
- 5) I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.
- 6) I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all MYAS sporting events.
- 7) I will do my best to remember that youth sports are supposed to be **FUN** and that winning and losing are part of everyone’s experience.
- 8) I will express my concerns through the proper channels in a dignified manner.
- 9) I will respect the volunteers who are assisting with the conduct of MYAS events.
- 10) I will respect and adhere to the rules governing eligibility and competition.

PENALTY

It is **mandatory** that coaches and a parent/guardian of all rostered players sign their team’s Online Roster prior to participation in any MYAS event.

Persons refusing to sign the Code of Conduct will be withheld from competition.

Any violation of the MYAS Code of Conduct may result in temporary or permanent banishment from any MYAS sponsored events. PLEASE BEHAVE OR BE GONE. THANK YOU!

