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Youth 1st Team Award

2020 Minnesota Youth Girls Grade State Championships

(Owatonna, MN) (April, 2020) – Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (MYAS) in strategic partnership with Youth 1st, Federated Insurance, Pearson, Cashwise, Bennerotte & Associates, Jaguar Communications, The Retrofit Companies, U.S. Bank, Profinium, Pizza Ranch, Heartland Chevy Dealers, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Institute for Athletic Medicine, and Urban Air Adventure Parks have selected **Girls Youth Basketball teams from across the state of MN** as the recipient of a Youth 1st Team Award for their outstanding sportsmanship during the 2020 MYAS Grade State Championships, held March 7-8, in 14 locations across the Twin Cities metro area.

As the premier youth basketball event in the state of Minnesota, the Grade State Championships is about showcasing the kids and competition, not the negativity of unsportsmanlike behavior of players, coaches, and spectators that tends to creep into youth events. For the second consecutive year, MYAS and Youth 1st are excited to recognize the teams and associations that received exemplary scores from the officials for their sportsmanship and positive conduct during the tournament.

The Youth 1st Team Award recognizes positive behavior from players, coaches and everyone associated with the team (parents, fans and spectators). “We are placing the emphasis on how you play the game, which is ultimately more important than if you win or lose.” said Mark Arjes, Founder/Director of Youth 1st. “It has become increasingly difficult to find and retain coaches and officials for youth sports because of the abuse that they take during games. We believe it is time to model and encourage values-based actions, creating what we call a Conduct 1st environment where the focus is on the kids, competitive energies are kept in check and officials and opponents are respected.”

“One of the goals within the MYAS mission is to promote sportsmanship, teamwork and cultural interaction through sporting competition.” said Dawson Blanck, MYAS Executive Director. “The entire MYAS team is thrilled to be able to partner with Youth 1st to help us meet those goals within our programs. As a leader in youth sports throughout the great state of Minnesota, we want to be proactive and impact participants (youth athletes, coaches, parents, and officials) in a positive way through a Conduct 1st environment at all our tournaments and events. Implementing this initiative with Youth 1st during the Grade State Championships has significantly decreased the number of unsportsmanlike events that took place compared to previous years.”

About the MYAS: The Minnesota Youth Athletic Services, Inc. (www.myas.org) was organized in 1991 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the delivery of youth sports services to young athletes, coaches, and parents. The MYAS is Minnesota's largest multi-sport organization focused solely on youth athletics with more than 150,000 kids participating in our programs each year. The MYAS is a central clearinghouse for youth sports, serving as an information channel linking hundreds of youth associations, coaches, and thousands of parents.

The educational division of MYAS, Trusted Coaches, is a nationwide platform training coaches to maximize the probability that positive things will happen to young athletes. This is accomplished by: 1) Screening coaches through a nationally accredited nationwide criminal background check; 2) giving coaches the tools to be effective; and 3) creating an online National Coaches’ Registry that parents and associations can access. Additionally, Trusted Coaches has created a cutting-edge education program to foster compliance with the new **Safe Sport Authorization Act**. Information about this program can be found at trustedcoaches.org or @MYASMinnesota and @trustedcoaches on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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The Youth 1st Team Award was created by working with officials and tournament directors. The officials provide a team selection vote after each game during the tournament based on the conduct and sportsmanship exhibited by coaches, players and fans. Teams with an exemplary score from their officials are recognized with Youth 1st Team Awards. The mission of Youth 1st is to connect Conduct, Character and Community to youth activity programs. Youth 1st is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Owatonna, MN. Youth 1st is an official Playball! MN Partner of the MN Twins.

Youth 1st - Connecting **Conduct, Character** and **Community** through Values-Based Youth Development.

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Youth 1st Team Awards selections by division - 2020 Minnesota Youth Girls Grade State Championships

Grade – Division - Team Name

3rd Gr - A	Chanhassen G3A	Lakeville North G3A
	Chaska G3A White	Lakeville South G3A White
	Eagan G3A	Wayzata G3A
3rd Gr - B	Eagan G3B Blue	Stewartville G3B Gold
	Eagan G3B Green	Stewartville G3B Maroon
	Red Wing G3B	Wayzata G3B
4th Gr - A1	Andover G4A Gold	Lakeville South G4A Gold
	Centennial G4A	Park Center G4A
	Elk River G4A black	
4th Gr - A2	Alexandria G4A Red	Prior Lake G4A
	Blaine G4A White	Rogers G4A
	Chanhassen G4B Blue	Shakopee G4A 2020
	Eagan G4A	Tonka G4A Blue
	Edina G4A	Wayzata G4B
	Farmington G4A Black	Woodbury G4B

4th Gr - B1	Blaine G4B Blue	Mankato G4B	
	Brainerd G4B Blue	Mounds View G4B	
	Chaska G4B Purple	OMGBA G4A	
	Chisago Lakes G4B	Orono G4B	
	Edina G4BC White	Roseville G4B Black	
	Forest Lake G4B	Stewartville G4B Maroon	
	Fridley G4B	WBL G4B 2028	
	Lakeville South G4B Red		
4th Gr - B2	Anoka Ramsey G4B	OMGBA G4B1	
	Cottage Grove G4B	Prior Lake G4B Gold	
	Farview G4B 2019	Stewartville G4B Gold	
	Hastings G4C	Tartan G4B Williams	
	Hopkins G4B Blue	Tonka G4B White	
	Mahtomedi G4B	Wayzata G4C1	
	Northfield G4B		
4th Gr - C1	Alexandria G4C Black	Mahtomedi G4B Gold	
	Byron G4C Black	Mounds View G4C	
	Chanhassen G4C Gold	Rochester Century G4C	
	Duluth East G4C	SCAYBA G4C	
	Eagan G4B	St Paul G4C	
	Lakeville North G4B Red	Westonka G4C	
4th Gr - C2	Andover G4C	New Prague G4C Red	Wayzata G4C2
	Burnsville G4C	OMGBA G4B2	
	Coon Rapids G4C Red	Owatonna G4C Blue	
	Eastview G4C	Rochester JM G4C	
	Eden Prairie G4C	Rockford G4C	
	IGH Spartans G4C	St Anthony G4C	

5th Gr - A1	Blaine G5A	OMGBA G5A
	Chanhasen G5A Blue	Orono G5A Blue
	Farmington G5A Black	Prior Lake G5A
	Lakeville North G5A	Roseville G5A Black
	Lakeville South G5A Gold	STMA G5A Gold
	Mahtomedi G5A Blue	Wayzata G5A
5th Gr - A2	Andover G5A Gold	Moorhead Spuds G5A
	Brainerd G5A Blue	Park Center G5B
	Cottage Grove G5B	Roch JM G5B
	Eagan G5A Rogers G5A	Rosemount G5B 2020
	Eden Prairie G5A	Shakopee G5A 2020
	Edina G5A	Wayzata G5B
	Elk River G5A Black	WBL G5A Orange
5th Gr - B1	Annandale G5B	Jordan G5B 2027
	Anoka Ramsey G5B	OMGBA G5B
	Armstrong Cooper G5B Red	Phelps G5B Hall
	Buffalo B5B Jayson	Rogers G5B
	DaVinci G5B 2019	Shakopee G5B 2020
	Foley G5B	Tonka G5B White
	Forest Lake G5B Maroon	Woodbury G5B
	Hospitality House G5B	Zimmerman G5B Navy

5th Gr - B2	Big Lake G5B	Lourdes Eagles G5B	
	Blaine G5B Blue	Mounds View G5B	
	Eastview G5B	New Prague G5B Red	
	Farmington G5B Orange	Northfield G5B	
	Hopkins G5B Blue	Owatonna G5B Blue	
	Lakeville North G5B	Proctor Rails G5B	
	Lakeville South G5B Red	St. Paul G5B Gold	
5th Gr - C1	Belle Plaine G5C	OMGBA G5C	White Bear Lk G5C
	Byron G5C Gold	Richfield G5C 2027	
	Chanhassen G5C Gold	Rochester Mayo G5C	
	Chaska G5C	Rosemount G5C 2020	
	Cloquet G5B	St. Louis Park G5C	
	Cottage Grove G5C	Stillwater G5B Red	
	Hastings G5C	Wayzata G5C1	
5th Gr - C2	Annandale G5C	Orono G5C Red	
	Byron G5C Black	Rochester Century G5C	
	Duluth East G5C	Rockford G5C	
	Elk River G5C Red	Shakopee G5C 2020	
	Inver Grove G5C	St. Paul G5C Blue	
	Mpls Lakers G5C Blue	Stewartville G5C Maroon	
	Mpls Lakers G5C Gold	Tonka G5C Black	
5th Gr - C3	Apple Valley G5C	Mendota Heights G5C	
	Becker G5C	Mounds View G5C	
	Cambridge-Isanti G5C	Prior Lake G5C Gold	
	Eden Prairie G5C	St. Anthony G5C	
	Edina G5BC	Stillwater G5C White	
	Hermantown G5C	Wayzata G5C2	
	Irondale G5C	Zimmerman G5C Columb	

6th Gr - A1	Delano G6A	Mahtomedi G6A Blue	
	East Ridge G6A	Monticello G6A	
	Elk River G6A	Black OMGBA G6A	
	Farmington G6A Black	Orono G6A Blue	
	Farview G6A 2019	Roseville G6A Black	
	Forest Lake G6A Maroon	Shakopee G6A 2020	
	Hopkins G6A Blue	STMA G6A Gold	
	Lakeville South G6A Gold	Wayzata G6A	
6th Gr - A2	Alexandria G6A Red	Eden Prairie G6A	Tonka G6A Blue
	Champlin G6B	Janesville Bulldogs G6B	
	Chanhassen G6A Blue	Jordan G6B 2026	
	Chaska G6A	Lakeville North G6A	
	Cottage Grove G6B	Rosemount G6A 2020	
	Eagan G6A	Stewartville G6A Maroon	
	Eastview G6A	Stillwater G6A Black	
	6th Gr - B1	Albany G6B White	Esko Eskomos G6B
Anoka Ramsey G6B		New Prague G6B Red	
Blaine G6B White		Rochester Century G6B	
Brainerd G6B Blue		Rochester Lourdes G6B	
Centennial G6B		Rogers G6A	
Eastview Lightning G6B		Wayzata G6B1	
6th Gr - B2		Andover G6B	Prior Lake G6B Blue
	Hermantown G6B	Saint Anthony G6B	
	Lakeville South G6B Red	St. Paul G6B	
	Mankato G6B Purple	Stillwater G6B Red	
	Mpls Lakers G6B Gold	Tonka G6B White	

6th Gr - B3	Apple Valley G6B	Forest Lake G6B Gold
	Buffalo G6B	Fridley G6C
	DaVinci G6B 2019	Hastings G6B
	Delano G6B	Holy Angels G6B Jackson
	Eagan G6B	Lakeville North G6B Red
	Eden Prairie G6B	NYA Raiders G6B 2026
	Elk River G6B Red	Rockford G6C
	Farmington G6B Orange	Sartell G6B
6th Gr - C1	Albany G6C Purple	OMGBA G6C
	Anoka Ramsey G6C Tonna	Owatonna G6C Blue
	Chaska G6B	Rogers G6C Blue
	Duluth East G6C	Shakopee G6C 2020
	Edina G6B/C	St. Michael's-PL G6C
	Hutchinson G6C	Wayzata G6C
	Mendota Heights G6B	Zimmerman G6C Navy
6th Gr - C2	Lady Gamble G6C1	Roch JM G6
	Monticello G6C	Rochester Mayo G6CC
	Mounds View G6C	Tonka G6C Black
	Orono G6C1 Red	Westonka G6C
	Richfield G6C 2026	
6th Gr - C3	Armstrong Cooper G6C	Lady Gamble G6C2
	Becker Bulldogs G6C	Mahtomedi Gold G6C
	Big Lake G6C	New Prague G6C Black
	Byron G6C Black	Prior Lake G6C White
	Byron G6C White	

6th Gr - C4	Byron G6C Gold	Mpls Lakers G6C Blue
	Byron G6C Silver	Prior Lake G6C Gold
	Eden Prairie G6C	Rosemount G6C 2020
	Elk River G6C White	Roseville G6C Silver
	Hospitality House G6C	
7th Gr - A1	Alexandria G7A Red	MLK Mpls G7A
	Brainerd G7A Blue	OMGBA G7A
	CP Rebels G7A	Prior Lake G7A
	Eden Prairie G7A	STMA G7A Gold
	Edina G7A	Tonka G7A Blue
	Hopkins G7A Blue	Wayzata G7A
7th Gr - A2	Becker G7A Blue	Park Center G7A
	Buffalo G7B Black	Roseville G7B Black
	Byron G7B Black	Shakopee G7A 2020
	Elk River G7A Black	Wayzata G7B
	Lakeville S G7A Gold	White Bear G7A Orange
7th Gr - B1	Andover G7B Gold	Eastview G7B
	Annandale G7A	Farmington G7B Orange
	Anoka Ramsey G7B	Forest Lake G7B Maroon
	Austin G7B	Holy Angels G7B Smith
	Blaine G7B	New Prague G7B Red
	Cambridge-Isanti G7B	Rogers G7B
	Chanhassen G7B Blue	STMA G7B Blue
	Chaska G7B	Woodbury G7B

7th Gr - B2	Blmt Kndy G7B Drew	Mankato G7B
	Burnsville G7B	Roch JM G7B
	DE Eagles G7B	Sauk Rapids G7B
	Duluth East G7B	South St. Paul G7B
	Eagan G7B2	St. Paul G7B
	Esko G7B	Tonka G7B White
	Fairmont G7B Red	
7th Gr - B3	Armstrong Cooper G7B	St Anthony G7B
	East Ridge G7B	St. Louis Park G7B
	Eden Prairie G7B	Tonka G7B Gray
	Irondale G7B	WBL G7B Black
	Prior Lake G7B Gold	Westonka G7B
	Rochester Eagles G7B	
7th Gr - C1	Albany G7C White	Mahtomedi G7C
	Chaska G7C	Milaca G7C
	Columbia Hts G7C	North St. Paul G7C
	Cottage Grove G7B	Prior Lake G7C White
	Grand Rapids G7B	Rockford G7C
	Hastings G7B	Stillwater G7B Red
7th Gr - C2	Blmt Jeff G7B 2020	Lakeville South G7C Red
	Chanhassen G7C Gold	Mpls Lakers G7C Gold
	Elk River G7C Red	Rogers G7C Blue
	Farmington G7C White	Sartell G7C
	Forest Lake G7C Gold	Tonka G7C Black
	IGH G7C	Wayzata G7C

7th Gr - C3	Buffalo G7C White	Rogers G7C White
	Fairmont G7C White	Shakopee G7C 2020
	Minnehaha G7C	STMA G7C White
	Owatonna G7C Slvr	WBL G7C
7th Gr - C4	Andover G7C	Coon Rapids G7C Red
	Becker Bulldogs G7C White	St Michael Blues G7C
	Brainerd G7C White	Woodbury G7C Ruzynski
8th Gr - A1	Albany G8A	OMGBA G8A
	Chanhassen G8A Blue	Prior Lake G8A Blue
	East Ridge G8A	Roseville G8A Black
	Elk River G8A Black	Shakopee G8A 2020
	Forest Lake G8A	STMA G8A Gold
	Fridley G8A	Tonka G8A Blue
	Mounds View G8A	Wayzata G8A
8th Gr - A2	Alexandria G8A	Holy Angels G8A O'Rourke
	Anoka-Ramsey G8B	Jordan G8B 2024
	Armstrong Cooper G8B Red	Lakeville South G8B Gold
	Blaine G8A White	Mahtomedi Zephyrs G8A
	Buffalo Black G8A	Mendota Heights G8B
	Eagan G8A1	Orono G8A Blue
	Edina G8A	Stewartville G8B Maroon
	Farmington G8A Black	

8th Gr - B1	Andover G8B	Farmington G8B Orange
	Becker G8B	New Prague G8B1 Red
	Brainerd G8B Blue	Owatonna G8B Blue
	Burnsville G8B	Rogers G8B
	Cambridge G8B	STMA G8B Blue
	Eastview G8B	Tonka G8B White
	Esko G8B	
8th Gr - B2	Blmt Jeff G8B 2020	IGH Spartans G8C
	Champlin Park G8B	New Prague G8B Black
	Coon Rapids G8B Red	Shakopee G8B 2019/2020
	Fairmont G8B	Spring Lk Pk G8C
8th Gr - C1	Edina G8C1	Richfield G8C 2024
	Elk River G8C Red	Rochester Century G8B
	Forest Lake G8C Gold	Rosemount G8B
	Grand Rapids G8B	Tartan G8B Brown
	Mounds View G8C	Tonka G8C Black
	Northfield G8B	Westonka G8C
	Phelps Falcons G8C Addison W19-20	
8th Gr - C2	Buffalo Purple G8C	Prior Lake G8C Gold
	Farmington G8C White	Salem Lutheran G8C
	New Prague G8C	St. Anthony G8C
	Orono G8C Red	St. Paul G8C Blue
	Princeton G8C	Wayzata G8C



8th Gr - C3 Apple Valley G8C
Byron G8C Gold
Chaska G8C
Cottage Grove G8C

Eden Prairie G8C
Edina G8C2
Hermantown Hawks G8C
OMGBA G8C