

27TH ANNUAL JUNIOR GRAND AM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 7TH, 8TH, & 9TH, 2017 GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

Entry:

- The Junior Grand Am Tournament is open to boys and girls in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and High School.
- Last year we had over 300 teams entered and played over 500 games on 22 courts at 9 different sites!
- Entry fee is \$185.00 per team, non refundable for any team dropping out after the March 23rd registration deadline.
- If a team drops out before March 23rd, there will be a \$35 processing fee on all refunds.
- All teams that meet our entry guidelines will be accepted as long as the entry fee & entry form have been received by March 23rd.
- Entry guidelines can be found on the entry form (Boys' teams grades 7-12 only)
- Teams are considered "entered" once both the entry fee and entry form have been received. No exceptions.
- Teams do not need to inquire if "we still have room" as all teams are accepted up to the deadline of March 23rd.
- Canadian teams please follow the guidelines on page four of this entry form.
- We only accept American funds and do not have the capability to accept credit/debit cards.
- Our tournament does not require parent waivers.
- If the tournament should be cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a \$35.00 processing fee will be applied to all refunds.

Games:

- Girls' divisions will play April 7th & 8th, starting at 5:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am on Saturday.
- Boys' divisions will play April 8th & 9th, 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.
- Our tournament rules can be found on our website: www.gffastbreak.com
- Games will be played at local schools, the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center, Alerus Center, Choice Wellness, and the UND Wellness Center.

Lodging:

- Hotel and lodging information can also be found on our website: www.gffastbreak.com
- We strongly encourage you to make hotel reservations early.

Tournament Brackets:

- Tournament pairings/brackets will be posted on our website, www.gffastbreak.com on April 2nd.

Tournament Program/Rosters:

- A tournament program will be published so we are asking each team to fill out the electronic roster form located on our website: www.gffastbreak.com
- Please include city, team name, grade level, player names, uniform numbers, and coach's names.
- Please submit another electronic roster form if you make any roster changes.
- If we do not receive your roster by the March 23rd registration deadline, we will be unable to include your team in the tournament program.
- This is not an official roster, your roster does not need to match exactly with your roster at registration. Your official roster will be verified at check-in before your first game.
- Only electronic rosters will be included in the tournament program. Paper copies and hand written rosters can still be used for wristband distribution at check-in. If you have any questions about rosters, please email nate.carlson@gfschools.org. (This email address is for roster questions only)
- If you are interested in advertising your business or your own upcoming tournament in the program, please contact: jody.thompson@gfschools.org

Tournament Manager:

Before you send an email PLEASE read the entry form & the Frequently Asked Question page as many of the questions we receive can be found there. For all other questions: brian.halvorson@gfschools.org

Complete the Entry Form and return with Entry Fee (\$185 per team) to:
(Make checks payable to Jr. Grand Am Basketball Tournament -U.S. funds only)
(We do not have the capability to accept credit/debit cards)

Mark Sanford Education Center
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Entry Form

Please type or print:

Please circle your grade level & gender

Grade Level: 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 HS

Gender : Boys Girls

Team Name _____ City _____

Name and address of contact person:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____

(In case we need to contact the team while the tournament is going on)

*Email Address _____

*An email will be sent to each team upon receiving the entry form and fee to confirm that you are officially entered in the Junior Grand Am Tournament. **Please print legibly.**

Entry Guidelines

7th Grade, 8th Grade, 9th Grade & High School Boys' Teams Only – In 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 submit a roster with your entry form for approval from the boys' coordinator. 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 dan.carlson@gfschools.org (Dan Carlson is the boys' coordinator and will handle all questions on this matter)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- We take all teams that meet our entry guidelines as long as you are entered by the deadline of March 23rd. Teams do not need to check to see if we have room for their team. If the entry form & entry fee have been received by March 23rd and you meet our guidelines, you are in!
- March 23rd Registration Deadline - You will be considered entered when both the entry form and entry fee have been received. Any entries received after March 23rd will NOT be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS. If the entry is mailed on March 23rd it will not be received that day, so you will not be accepted!
- Canadian Teams should consider that standard mail could sometimes take up to two weeks to reach its destination in the United States. We strongly suggest that Canadian teams enter early to make sure the entry form and fee have been received by March 23rd.
- We can only accept U.S. funds and we do not have the capability to accept credit/debit cards.
- Use the electronic roster form on the website to submit your team roster by March 23rd to be included in the tournament program.
- 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 23rd, please submit your updated roster by using the electronic roster form on the website so everyone can be included in the program.
- Girls will play on April 7th & 8th. Games will start on Friday at 5:00 pm and on Saturday games will start at 8:00 am.
- Boys will play April 8th & 9th. Boys will play no earlier than 10:00 am on Saturday. 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. Also, a player can only play on one team. If a player is found to be playing on more than 1 team, the player will be disqualified from the tournament and all games will be forfeited. Brackets will be adjusted if possible.
- All tournament pairings/brackets will be posted on April 2nd online at www.gffastbreak.com
- The JGA tournament does not require parent waivers.

Grade Guidelines for Canadian & American Teams

American Teams

All American teams must go by current grade level each athlete is currently 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 9 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2016
- ▶ 4th grade - All players must be 10 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2016
- ▶ 5th grade - All players must be 11 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2016
- ▶ 6th grade - All players must be 12 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2016
- ▶ 7th grade - All players must be 13 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2016
- ▶ 8th grade - All players must be 14 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2016
- ▶ 9th grade - All players must be 15 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2016
- ▶ High School - All players must be in high school as of Dec. 31st, 2016

Teams must play at the level of your oldest player. For example, if you have a team made up of 10, 11, 12 year olds, you must play at the 6th grade level because a 12 year old can not play in the 5th grade division.

- ▶ **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.**