

25TH ANNUAL JUNIOR GRAND AM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 4, 5, & 6, 2014

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

Dear Coach and/or Sponsor:

The Junior Grand Am Tournament is open to boys and girls in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & High School. Entry fee is \$185.00 per team, non refundable for any team dropping out after the **March 20 registration deadline**.

Girls' divisions will play April 4 & 5 and the boys' divisions will play April 5 & 6, starting no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Each team will be guaranteed three games with individual awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th place finishes. Our tournament rules can be found on our website.

Games will be played at local schools, the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center, Alerus Center, Choice Wellness, and the UND Wellness Center. We feel we have one of the finest tournaments in our region with incredible facilities, registered officials, and over 330 teams entered last year! This year we will take all teams as long as you are entered by the **March 20 registration deadline**. Even though we are taking all teams, you are encouraged to enter as soon as possible. **Please do not send an email and ask to reserve a spot.** You will be considered entered when both the entry form and fee have been received by the tournament manager, Brian Halvorson. No exceptions.

Tournament pairings/brackets will be posted on our website, www.gffastbreak.com on March 30. There will be no mailings as all the information you will need can be accessed through our website. Also, our tournament does not require parent waivers.

A tournament program will be published so we are asking each team to **fill out the electronic roster form located on our website**. Please include city, team name, grade level, player names, uniform numbers, and coaches names. Please submit another electronic form in you make any roster changes. If we do not receive your roster by the **March 20 registration deadline**, we will be unable to include your team in the tournament program. This is not an official roster, so it is all right if your roster does not match up exactly with your roster at registration. **Only electronic rosters will be included in the tournament program. Paper copies and hand written forms can still be used for wristband distribution.** If you have any questions about rosters, please email nate.carlson@gfschools.org. All other questions should be directed to brian.halvorson@gfschools.org. ****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****

If you are interested in advertising your business or your own upcoming tournament in the program, please contact: jody.thompson@gfschools.org

If a team drops out before March 20, there will be a \$35 processing fee on all refunds. If the JGA tournament should be cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a \$35.00 processing fee will be applied to all refunds. We can only accept U.S. funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Halvorson via his email address listed below.

Hotel and lodging information can also be found on our website. We **strongly encourage** you to make hotel reservations early!

Thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you in April!

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

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Entry Form

Please type or print:

Grade Level _____ Boys or 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 inform that you are officially entered in the Junior Grand Am Tournament. **Please print legibly.**

9th Grade & High School Boys Teams – In effort to keep the focus of our tournament on teams who are trying to compete, improve, & keep the integrity of the tournament in mind we have developed a simple criteria for registration. We ask if your team has any players who did not participate on a freshman or high school level basketball team this past season, 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 the high school basketball team this past season (9-12), 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 as long as you are entered by the deadline of March 20th. Teams do not need to check to see if we have room for their team. If the entry form & fee have been received by March 20th you are in!
- **March 20 Registration Deadline** - You will be considered entered when both the entry form and fee have been received. Any entries received after March 20th will NOT be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS. If the entry is mailed on March 20th 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 20th.
- 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 20 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 20th, 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 4 & 5. Games will start on Friday at 5:00 p.m.
- **Boys** will play April 5 & 6. Boys will play no earlier than 10:00 a.m. 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. **Also, a player can only play on one team.** Boys are not allowed in the girls division and girls are not allowed in the boys division.
- All tournament pairings/brackets will be posted on March 30 online at www.gffastbreak.com
- ****PLEASE**** do not email and ask for information on the brackets, they will all be posted on our website no later than March 30.
- 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, 2013
- ▶ 4th grade - All players must be 10 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2013
- ▶ 5th grade - All players must be 11 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2013
- ▶ 6th grade - All players must be 12 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2013
- ▶ 7th grade - All players must be 13 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2013
- ▶ 8th grade - All players must be 14 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2013
- ▶ 9th grade - All players must be 15 years old or younger as of Dec. 31st, 2013
- ▶ High School - All players must be in high school as of Dec. 31st, 2013

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 by an adult. If any concerns are brought with the same teams this year, we will have no choice but to check birth certificates. Thanks for your understanding.**