***2023 Scheels/Grand Forks Fastbreak Club***

***Junior Grand Am Basketball Tournament***

***March 31st, April ,1st &2nd, 2023 Grand Forks, North Dakota***

***Entry Form***

**Entry:**

* The Scheels/Grand Forks Fastbreak Club Junior Grand Am Tournament is open to boys and girls in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and High School.
* The last year we held our tournament we had over 330 teams entered and played close to 600 games on 21 courts at 9 different sites!
* Entry fee is **$200.00**, non refundable for any team dropping out after the **March 17th registration deadline.**
* If a team drops out **before March 17th**, there will be a **$40 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 17th.
* All registrations will be done online using a debit or credit card. The website is setup to register only 1 team at a time. Please return to the JGA webpage to register additional teams.
* Teams are considered “entered” once you have received **(2)** confirmation emails following your online registration and payment. ***(Please check your SPAM folder)***
* Entry guidelines can be found below *(Canadian teams & boys’ teams grades 7-12 only)*
* Canadian teams please follow the guidelines found below when registering.
* Our tournament **does not** require parent waivers.
* Due to the uncertainty of potential Covid 19 restrictions, we may be limited to facility access and therefore might need to limit team registrations. Teams will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. In case we have to limit teams, we recommend completing the registration process early. As of now, we are accepting all teams!

**Games:**

* Girls’ divisions will play March 31st, & April 1st, starting at 5:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am on Saturday.
* Boys’ divisions will play April 1st, & 2nd, 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 Program/Rosters:**

* A tournament program will be published so we are asking each team to fill out the online roster form located on our website.
* 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 17th roster 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 online rosters will be included in the tournament program. Paper copies and handwritten rosters can still be used for wristband distribution at check-in, but roster will not be included in the program. If you have any questions about rosters, please email ncarlson030@mygfschools.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: jodyjay44@gmail.com

**Tournament Manager:**

* ***Before you send an email PLEASE read the Frequently Asked Question information found below, as many of the questions we receive can be found there.***
* For all other questions: epederson120@mygfschools.org

**Website:**

* Tournament rules, brackets, lodging information, and roster form can be found on our website at gffastbreak.com. Brackets will be available **March 26th**.

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

**7th Grade, 8th Grade, 9th Grade & 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 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 dcarlson280@mygfschools.org *(Dan Carlson is the boys’ coordinator)*

**See additional information and**

**registration link 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 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 born in **2013** or younger
* 4th grade - All players must be born in **2012** or younger
* 5th grade - All players must be born in **2011** or younger
* 6th grade - All players must be born in **2010** or younger
* 7th grade - All players must be born in **2009** or younger
* 8th grade - All players must be born in **2008** or younger
* 9th grade - All players must be born in **2007** or younger
* High School - All players must be in high school as of April 8th, 2023
* **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 17th. 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 17th Registration Deadline** – Registration will close at 11:59 pm on March 17th.
* Use the online roster form on the website to submit your team roster by March 17th 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 30th, 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** on March 31st, April 1st. Games will start on Friday at 5:00 pm and on Saturday games will start at 8:00 am.
* **Boys** **will play** April 1st & 2nd. 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 **March 26th**  online at www.gffastbreak.com
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