



Our tournament is an official Qualifier for the **2026 Nebraska Middle School Basketball Championship** to be held in Lincoln and Omaha on March 13-15, 2026. All teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in each division will qualify for the States Championship to battle top teams from towns throughout the Midwest Region

## WBDA Wayne Youth Basketball Tournament

Saturday, February 14, 2026 and Sunday, February 15, 2026

Tournament Games to be Played At:

Community Activity Center  
901 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Wayne High School  
611 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Wayne Elementary School  
312 Douglas Street

Wayne Early Learning Center  
903 W 7th St

WSC Rec Center  
1111 Main Street

**Registration:** Registration fee per team is \$150. Registration Deadline is February 2, 2026. We will not guarantee placement by phone, email, or text message. **We must have your Payment, Roster and Registration before your team will be placed.** We reserve the right to refuse the entrance of any team. Please no elite teams. Register online at <https://wbdabasketball.com/tournament>

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**Brackets:** Our intention is to guarantee 3 games, we do reserve the right to combine grades to fill divisions with the same grade teams playing each other in the first round games.

**Players:** Players must compete in their own grade classification. Exception: Younger players may participate in older divisions. Players can only play on one team. \*Special situations will be considered\*

**Basketballs:** Game balls will be provided. Teams are to bring their own practice balls. All games will be played with 28.5" balls.

**Awards:** Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third place finish in each full division. Medals for first and second place will be awarded in four and five team brackets.

**Officials:** Two paid game officials along with clock operators and score keepers will be provided for all games.

**Expectations:** Rude or intolerable behavior towards officials or any volunteer will not be tolerated. Coaches are responsible to control their fans. Violators will be asked to leave.



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### Rules:

#### Game Setup

- All games consist of (2) 18 minute halves.
- Running clock throughout the game except the last 2 minutes of the second half where the clock will stop on all whistles.
- Clock will run continuously on all 15+ point leads, but will run normally on a 14 point and under lead.
- Three minute half times.
- **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BRACKETS ARE TO PLAY ONLY MAN-TO-MAN DEFENSE, NO ZONE DEFENSES. FIRST VIOLATION WILL BE A TEAM WARNING, SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN 1-POINT AWARDED TO THE OFFENSE & OFFENSE KEEPS POSSESSION. NO ZONE DEFENSE ALLOWED ON IN-BOUNDS PLAYS.**

#### Press

- Grades 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> may only full court press in the last 2 minutes of the second half.
- Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> may full-court press all game to a 15-point lead.
- A team leading by 15 or more points cannot press.

#### Time Outs

- Each team is allowed two 1-minute time outs per half. Timeouts do not carry over.

#### Fouls

- A player will foul out of the game on their 5<sup>th</sup> foul
- A team will enter the bonus at 7 fouls and will shoot 1-and-1 and the double bonus at 10 fouls to shoot two.
- All players will shoot from the regular free throw line. 4th grade division will not be penalized for stepping over the free throw line on an attempt; stepping over will be a violation in all other age groups.

#### Overtime #1

- The period will be 2 minutes long.
- Whichever team scores 5 points first or is the leading team at the end of 2 minutes is the winner.
- Each team receives one 30 second time-out.
- The clock stops on all whistles.
- Full court press is allowed in all age brackets.

#### Overtime #2

- The winner of the game will be the first team to score.
- No time-outs are given.
- Full-court press is allowed in all age brackets.

#### **All Other NFHS rules apply.**

Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes before their scheduled start time. We will run ahead of schedule if possible.

Rude or intolerable behavior towards officials or any volunteer will not be tolerated. **Coaches are responsible to control their fans. There will be one crowd warning given to the coach. The second crowd violation will result in a technical foul and violators will be asked to leave.**