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9th Grade Girls
(Last Season's 8th Grade)
151 Total Teams

1. Eau Claire Purple Reign
2. Stevens Point Red
3. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
4. Eau Claire Fusion
5. Medford
6. Hudson
7. Baraboo
8. Holmen Magic
9. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
10. D. C. Everest
11. Westby
12. Reedsburg White
13. Northland Pines
14. Rice Lake
15. Menomonie Madness
16. Hayward
17. Eau Claire Gems
18. Colfax
19. Osseo-Fairchild
20. Barron
21. Bloomer
22. Weyauwega-Fremont
23. Neillsville
24. Duluth East
25. Wausau West Blue
26. Holmen Jazz
27. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
28. Auburndale
29. Eau Claire Flash
30. Cambridge-Isanti
31. Brookwood
32. Ladysmith

8th Grade Girls
(Last Season's 7th Grade)
154 Total Teams

1. Superior
2. Ladysmith
3. Neillsville
4. Onalaska Suns
5. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
6. Forest Lake Gold
7. Mondovi
8. Nekoosa Blue
9. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
10. Arcadia
11. Eau Claire Premiere
12. Assumption
13. Amherst
14. La Crosse Central Red
15. D. C. Everest White
16. Wausau West
17. Bloomer
18. Colfax
19. Durand
20. Barron
21. Goodhue
22. Altoona
23. White Bear Lake Black
24. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight White
25. Hermantown
26. Ellsworth
27. Holmen Hustle
28. Marshfield
29. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
30. Hayward
31. New Richmond
32. Eau Claire Cavaliers

7th Grade Girls
(Last Season's 6th Grade)
152 Total Teams

1. White Bear Lake Orange
2. Eau Claire Xplosion
3. Marshfield
4. Cambridge-Isanti
5. Forest Lake Maroon
6. Cameron
7. Barron
8. D. C. Everest Green
9. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
10. Stevens Point Red
11. Adams-Friendship
12. La Crosse Central
13. Neillsville
14. Holmen Lightning
15. Eau Claire Impact
16. Fall Creek
17. Boyceville
18. St. Croix Central Black
19. Poplar
20. Auburndale
21. Bangor
22. Eau Claire Hoops
23. Amherst
24. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
25. Stillwater
26. Brookwood
27. Aquinas
28. La Crosse Logan
29. Marathon
30. River Falls Gold
31. Hudson White
32. Siren

6th Grade Girls
(Last Season's 5th Grade)
123 Total Teams

1. Eau Claire Hurricanes
2. Fall Creek Green
3. D. C. Everest
4. Holmen Shockers
5. Black River Falls
6. La Crosse Logan
7. Rice Lake
8. Altoona
9. Somerset Black
10. Marshfield
11. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
12. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
13. Prairie du Chien
14. Stillwater White
15. Onalaska Suns
16. Stillwater Black
17. White Bear Lake Orange
18. West Salem Black
19. Columbus
20. La Crescent
21. Adams-Friendship
22. Stanley-Boyd Orange
23. Stevens Point Black
24. La Crosse Central
25. Assumption
26. Westby
27. Merrill
28. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
29. Neillsville
30. Stevens Point White
31. Hayward
32. Menomonie Maroon

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9th Grade Boys
(Last Season's 8th Grade)
152 Total Teams

1. Onalaska Royals
2. Superior
3. Durand
4. Hudson White
5. Duluth East Red
6. Menomonie Bucks
7. Barron
8. White Bear Lake Orange
9. Marshfield
10. Aquinas
11. Wausau West Blue
12. Rice Lake
13. Medford Area
14. River Falls Cats
15. Stillwater Red
16. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
17. Cambridge-Isanti Blue
18. Regis
19. Stillwater White
20. Mauston
21. New Richmond
22. Red Wing Purple
23. Chisago Lakes
24. La Crosse Central Red
25. Stevens Point Red
26. Eau Claire Storm Purple
27. Amherst
28. Rhinelander
29. Eleva-Strum
30. Mosinee
31. D. C. Everest Green
32. Elmwood

8th Grade Boys
(Last Season's 7th Grade)
157 Total Teams

1. Holmen Junior Vikings
2. Mondovi Magic
3. Marshall
4. La Crosse Central Red
5. Menomonie White
6. Marshfield Tigers
7. Onalaska Royals
8. Eau Claire Cagers Purple
9. Chetek
10. Eau Claire Rebels White
11. Stillwater Red
12. Cochrane-Fountain City
13. D. C. Everest Gold
14. West Salem
15. Pacelli
16. Stillwater White
17. Westby Red
18. Stevens Point Red
19. Blair-Taylor
20. Reedsburg Blue
21. Duluth East Red Rebels
22. Somerset
23. Bloomer Black
24. White Bear Lake Orange
25. Hudson White
26. Chisago Lakes
27. Barron
28. Poplar
29. Elk Mound
30. Colfax
31. Altoona Red
32. Auburndale

7th Grade Boys
(Last Season's 6th Grade)
154 Total Teams

1. Poynette
2. Eau Claire Suns
3. White Bear Lake Orange
4. Athens
5. Holmen Force
6. Menomonie White
7. West Salem Black
8. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Red
9. Reedsburg
10. La Crosse Central Red
11. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
12. D. C. Everest Green
13. Onalaska Royals
14. Wausau West
15. Prescott White
16. Neillsville
17. Marshfield
18. Hudson White
19. Eau Claire Tigers
20. Baldwin-Woodville
21. Chisago Lakes Green
22. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln White
23. Altoona
24. Stillwater White
25. Arcadia
26. Stillwater Red
27. Eau Claire Rebels
28. Superior
29. Cloquet
30. Ellsworth
31. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red
32. Mosinee

6th Grade Boys
(Last Season's 5th Grade)
131 Total Teams

1. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
2. Eau Claire Thunder
3. D. C. Everest Gold
4. Neillsville
5. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red
6. Marshfield
7. Holmen Rimrockers
8. Red Wing Red
9. Marshall
10. Onalaska Royals
11. West Salem Black
12. Melrose-Mindoro
13. Stillwater Red
14. Hermantown
15. Stillwater White
16. Bloomer
17. La Crosse Central Red
18. Holmen All-Stars
19. Bangor
20. Fall Creek
21. Menomonie White
22. Eau Claire Rebels
23. Altoona Red
24. Westby
25. Wisconsin Rapids Red
26. Barron Bears
27. Blair-Taylor
28. Black River Falls
29. Lakeland
30. White Bear Lake
31. St. Croix Central
32. Cochrane-Fountain City