

# 2019 GIRLS BASKETBALL HANDBOOK

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# AAU Girls Basketball Rules & Regulations Online Handbook

## PREAMBLE

*The AAU Girls Basketball National Committee has been established in order to promote the benefits of participation in athletics and hereby adopts these rules & regulations for the advancement of that purpose.*

## VISION STATEMENT

*“AAU Basketball shall be the most influential, respected, trusted, and relevant leader in youth basketball locally, nationally, and globally”.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*“The AAU Basketball program shall meaningfully engage, stimulate, and provide opportunities for amateur athletes through participation in events. We shall promote leadership, sportsmanship, fitness and skill development, in an organized, safe and positive environment”.*

## **I. NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. National Committee Structure and Procedures**

1. **National Chair** – National Sport Chair shall be elected by their National Sport Committee at the committee meeting during National Conventions in which National Officers elected.
  - a. Terms are four years.
  - b. National election policies shall apply.
  - c. Sport Chairs may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the National Officers, subject to the Right of Appeal to the National Board of Review.
  - d. The President, with the approval of a majority of the officers, may appoint a person to fill a vacant Sport Chair position. The appointee will serve until the next regular or special meeting of the Sport Committee, at which time an election shall be held to complete the term.
2. **Executive Committee Composition** – Concurrent with the election of the AAU President and National Sport Chair (every four years), the Girls’ Basketball National Committee will elect a Director of Competition at this same meeting. In addition, one Representative from each AAU Zone will be elected every **four (4) years** to serve on the Girls’ Basketball Executive Committee. The National Chair may appoint additional members to the Executive Committee as well as designate Officers and Tournament Commissioners. Appointed members may be replaced at the discretion of the Chair. Elected members may only be replaced at the next Annual Convention.
3. **National Sport Committee Composition** – The Committee will consist of the National Sport Chair, members of the Executive Committee who are elected as provided by the sport’s operating rules, the elected or appointed Sport Director of each District, or a representative designated by the District Governor, and one appointed representative from each Allied member that registers members in the sport. In addition, the President may appoint up to two (2) members-at-large.
  - a. **Voting** – Only members of the Committee are permitted to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy. Each member of the Committee will have one vote. Only representatives from Districts that registered a minimum of .5% (a half percent) of the total number of athletes in that sport in the previous year shall be allowed to vote in the National Sport Committee meeting.

4. **Other Committee Positions** – At his/her discretion, the National Chair may appoint additional members such as Commissioners, Regional Directors, Disciplinary Committee Members, Bid Committee Members, etc.
  - a. Commissioners: The Chairman will appoint commissioners, the number of which shall be at the chairman’s discretion. The commissioners will supervise the national tournaments, assign game officials at national tournaments and shall have a vote in the selection of national tournament sites, and shall assist the executive board in the execution of its duties as directed by the chairman. The chairman may appoint non-voting Deputy Commissioners to perform such duties as may be assigned.
  - b. Eligibility Committee: An Eligibility Committee appointed by the Girls' Basketball Chairman will be established to rule on player and team eligibility for national tournaments. Decisions of the Eligibility Committee are final.

**B. Sport Committee Meetings**

1. **National Sport Committee Regular Meetings** – Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.
2. **Non-Regular Sport Committee Meetings** – The National Sport Committee may hold a Non-Regular National Sport Committee meeting in odd years subject to the following provisions:
  - a. The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the National Office.
  - b. The National Office has the right to coordinate the meeting and pick the site for the meeting.
3. **National Sport Committee Special Meetings** – Special meetings of a Committee are scheduled at the request of the Chair or upon written request of at least one half (1/2) of the Committee members. Ten (10) days’ notice is required and notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.
4. **National Sport Executive Committee Meetings** – The National Chair shall determine the date and location of Executive Committee Meetings.
5. **Sport Committee Meeting Order (Agendas)** – The Regular National Sport Committee meetings, the Non-Regular National Sport Committee meetings and National Sport Committee Special meetings shall follow meeting order (agenda format) as established by Code (Bylaw 9.5).
6. **Notice of Meeting** – The Girls’ Basketball District Director must notify the National AAU Office of when and where the meeting to determine the dates and locations of their District Qualifying Tournaments (DQT) will be. This must be done no less than 30 days prior to said meeting and no less than 90 days prior to the first Tournament. This notification shall in no case be later than January 31 in the year of competition. If any Director fails to make timely notification, the National Girls’ Basketball Chair shall have the authority to establish a date and location, send notice to all current and previous year registered club and send a representative of the National Girls’ Basketball Executive Committee to facilitate the proceedings.

**II. SPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**A. Current Year Rule Changes**

No rule changes from previous year.

**B. Event Registration**

1. A team and all available members of that team shall attend registration during the assigned registration time.

2. Registration at all National Tournaments will begin at 10:00 a.m. (The National Chair may adjust the Registration Time.) A late athlete must register before she takes part in any game. Penalty: All games in which she participated may be forfeited if she fails to register.
  3. All athletes and coaches must show their AAU membership verification at the time of Registration. If verification is misplaced or cannot be produced, another one must be purchased at that time with no refund.
  4. Copy of report cards and approved birth records\* must be carried to every game. Proof of grade must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU licensed competitions. Acceptable documents include the following:
    - a. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
    - b. A certified copy of birth record from the State, County, or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics in the place of birth (**HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**)
    - c. A certified copy of the delayed registration of birth, if the athlete's birth was not recorded on her day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies
    - d. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. Department of State
    - e. Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25
    - f. Form No. 43-12311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice
    - g. Legal passport
    - h. Driver's License
  5. An athlete who arrives late may register at any time before the conclusion of play in all National Tournaments, however she may not play until she does register. It is the responsibility of her coach to find the AAU Commissioner for late registration to complete registration.
- C. **Divisions of Competition** – All divisions will be Grade Based as of October 1, 2018. (2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade).
- D. **Tournament Days** – The National Championship competition days shall be a maximum of five playing days.
- E. **Player/Team Participation** – An athlete may participate in a maximum of three (3) grade divisions of the AAU Girls' Basketball program for which she can qualify, but only with teams under the same club. An athlete may play in any grade division above her current grade as long as she meets the age requirement. This shall apply to any qualifying event as well as the DQT or SRT. A team that qualifies for Division I may also play up a grade division and participate in Division II.
- F. **Bench Personnel** – In NCAA Certified Events a team must have 1 to 4 Coaches (Non-athletes) on their bench. In Non-Certified Events a team must have a minimum of two and a maximum of four Coaches on their bench.
- G. **Playing Times** – Districts may determine the length of games in their Qualifying Tournaments. However, it is strongly recommended that Districts follow the times used in the National Championships below.

Division	Quarters	Halftime/Warm-Up	Overtime
2nd Grade	12 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
3rd Grade	12 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
4th Grade	14 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime

5th Grade	14 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
6th Grade	14 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
7th Grade	16 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
8th Grade	16 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
9th Grade	16 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
10th Grade	16 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
11th Grade	16 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
12th Grade	16 Minute Halves	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime

1. If a team is up by 15 points or more, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, the leading team cannot press until the offensive team reaches the three point line. In addition, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade National Championship Tournaments, a running clock will be used in the second half when a team is behind by 30 or more points. Regular rules will return if at any time the spread falls below 30 points. The losing coach may opt to ignore this rule at any time.
2. Penalty for breaking the 15-point rule mentioned above is a warning for the first offense and an administrative technical foul for the second offense. If the rule is broken a third time, a technical foul goes to the coach.
3. Timeouts
  - a. Three full (75 seconds) timeouts and two 30 second timeouts

H. **Host Team(s)** – The National Sports Chair may enter a host team(s) in any or all events as needed for bracketing assistance.

I. **Elected Zone Representatives**

- Zone A – Andy Fishman
- Zone B – Jerry Codispoti
- Zone C – Dave Preller
- Zone D – Matt Williams

J. **International Programs**

- a. Any international cultural exchange program and related activities MUST be coordinated with and approved by the AAU National Headquarters and the Officers of the Union with NO EXCEPTIONS. Contact AAU National Headquarters for approval forms and letters to be forwarded to USA Basketball six to eight weeks prior to the planned departure.
- b. International teams are allowed to participate in any Division I, II or III National Championships, provided they purchase AAU Membership and are eligible by age restrictions.

**III. Sport Operations**

A. **Event Operating Rules** – These rules shall apply to all AAU licensed events unless modified by the National Chair.

1. **Equipment**

- a. The foul line for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade National and Qualifying (SRTs and DQTs) tournaments will be moved to 12 feet. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade divisions will also use the 28.5 circumference composite basketball.
- b. The Spalding Franchise Basketball 28.5” circumference composite basketball shall be the official basketball for all AAU National Championship Tournaments. It is not required, but strongly recommended, that this ball be used in all AAU licensed tournaments including the District Qualifying Tournaments.

- c. 30 second shot clocks will apply to ONLY the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade National Championship Tournaments.

## 2. **Judges/Officials/Referees/Umpire Requirements**

- a. During a National Championship an official may not work a game involving a team from the District where that official works or lives. The lead Commissioner may make exceptions to this if deemed necessary.
- b. Division I National Championships for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade shall utilize 3-person officiating crews. The decision on the other Tournaments shall rest with the local tournament director and the referee representative of the Executive Committee. Officiating crews must remain consistent throughout the entire tournament.

## 3. **Coaching Requirements**

- a. **Coaches Dress Code** – All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear dress shorts or long pants (dress slacks or khaki), shirts with collars and sleeves. Team logoed, non-collared athletic apparel shirts are permitted. Dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championships are permitted. Jeans, jean shorts, sweat pants, mesh shorts, cargo pants, t-shirts with no sleeves or hats are not permitted. Women may wear open-toed shoes/dress sandals, but slides or flip flops ARE NOT permitted. Women may wear dresses or skirts appropriate to the occasion. Any non-athlete on the bench will be removed until properly attired. Violation of this rule shall result in a two (2) shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench.
- b. **Coaching Restrictions** – National Championship Tournament Directors cannot coach any team competing in the National Championships for which he/she is director. No National Executive Committee member may function as a member of that committee if he/she is coaching in that tournament.

## 4. **Entry Procedures**

- a. **Online Registration (Only)** – Teams that qualify for a National Championship Tournament must submit all of the following via online registration at [www.augirlsbasketball.org](http://www.augirlsbasketball.org)
  - i. Team Roster
  - ii. Championship Entry Fee - There will be no refunds for entry fees made after the draw.
- b. **Proof of Grade** - must be in available for review at all AAU sanction competitions. Acceptable documents include the following:
  - i. A photocopy of that portion of the athlete's report card for the current school year, which shows name, grade and school must be provided.
  - ii. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean) on school letterhead
- c. **Proof of Age** - must be in available for review at all AAU sanction competitions. Refer back to B.4.d.e.f.

## 5. **Format/Scheduling**

- a. All National Championship Tournaments will have a maximum of five (5) playing days.
  - i. The first two tournament days will be pool play (round robin style play).
  - ii. For tournaments with 33 or more teams, the top two (2) teams in each pool following pool play, as determined by most games won, will advance to opposite ends of the National Championship Tournament Bracket.

- iii. For tournaments with 33 or more teams, all teams other than the top two (2) teams in each pool following pool play, as determined by most games won, will advance to opposite ends of the Classic Tournament Bracket.
  - iv. For tournaments with less than 33 teams, all teams will advance to the National Championship Tournament Bracket with priority given to the top teams in each pool following pool play, as determined by most games won.
- b. At least one coach from each team wishing to continue in either the Championship or Classic bracket may be required to check-in with the Tournament Office at the conclusion of pool play to determine their team's bracket position.
- c. If teams are tied at the end of Pool Play the following **TIEBREAKER** rule will determine which team(s) will advance.
- i. In any situation where two (2) teams are tied, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
  - ii. If more than two (2) teams tie, a point differential tie-breaker will be applied. The point differentials of the teams involved in the tie are totaled. Teams are then ranked according to the sum of the point differential - with the highest number placing first, the second highest placing second. (The maximum that you can beat a team and still gain an advantage is 15 points.)
  - iii. If two (2) teams are still tied after the application of the formula, go back to (i.) to break the tie.
  - iv. If more than two (2) teams are still tied after the application of the formula, the point differentials of the teams not involved in the tie are added, and the results recalculated.
  - v. The score of all forfeits shall be 15-0.
  - vi. If there is still a three-way tie, three-way flip of the coin. Odd coin out.

## 6. Tournament Draw/Seeding

Seeding shall be by individual teams and AAU District. The first criteria for seeding shall be order of finish in the previous years' National Championship. For example, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division I National Champion shall be the #1 seed in the next years' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division I National Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place shall be the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed and so forth for all places awarded.

The host team shall be placed in all tournaments immediately following the teams placed based on the order of finish in the previous years' National Championship.

The next criteria for seeding shall be order of finish in the respective grade division for three (3) years when possible. Only teams advancing out of pool play to the championship round will receive points for seeding if they placed in the top sixteen (16) places.

*\*Note\* National Classic Championships does not count towards seeding.*

The placement of teams shall be according to the instructions above. Districts will be placed in order, with the highest total of points first and so on.

All Districts were drawn blind by the voting delegates at the National Convention in order to establish the order of placement in pools after the seeded teams are placed.

### **The order of the placement is as follows:**

- o Teams placed based on the results of last years' National Championship
- o Host team
- o District seeded teams in order
- o Removal of seeded teams from placement list
- o Removal of teams not participating from list
- o Teams are advanced upward to fill vacated spots, including the host team.
- o District gold medal team will be placed according to point total.



- The order of the draw list shall apply to gold medal teams. Silver teams are then placed, then bronze, then 4th, then 5th, etc. according to the draw.
- Pool winners and runners-up advance to championship bracket play. The 3rd, 4th, 5th place teams in each pool will play in the National Classic Championship.

The Local Host Committee is not involved in the seeding or placement of teams into pools. Order of pool play and bracket schedule are predetermined and provided to the Local Host by the National Director of Competition.

## 7. **Misbehavior/Ejections**

- a. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
- b. Players ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Additional penalties, up to exclusion from the tournament, may be imposed by the National Eligibility Committee.
- c. If a coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. The head coach may appeal the penalty by submitting a written request for appeal to the Tournament Headquarters within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game. A Commissioner shall consider the appeal. The Commissioner's ruling is final.
- d. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
- e. Coaches or Players who leave the bench to engage athletes or coaches on the playing floor may be suspended by the National Eligibility Committee for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
- f. The National Eligibility Committee may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occurs at any time and at any location during the event.
- g. Coaches and Athletes who engage in misbehavior are subject to additional disciplinary action from the AAU Girls' Basketball National Infractions Committee. Penalties may include suspension from AAU events in future years.

8. **Host Team(s)** – The AAU District that is host to a National Championship Tournament is allowed to enter a team directly from a District if it meets all AAU Girls' Basketball requirements and has participated in its District Qualifying Tournament. The Host Team(s) is an additional team to those teams that qualified for the tournament and will be named by the organization hosting the tournament. The place of finish will not have a bearing on the naming of this Host Team(s).

## 9. **Awards**

- a. **District and Super Regional Tournament Awards** – AAU medals must be given to the participants of the winning teams at all AAU District and Super Regional Qualifying Tournaments. (Awards should be requested through the AAU National Headquarters.)
- b. **National Championship Tournament Awards** – For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Division I and II each athlete and registered coach on the top ten finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and team trophy. Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Classic Bracket will receive a finalist medal and team trophy. For 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division I, II and III each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and team trophy. Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Classic Bracket will receive a finalist medal and team trophy.

## 10. **Protest Procedure**

- a. The National Girls Basketball Eligibility Committee shall handle all protests at Nationals.
- b. For National Championship play, any eligibility protest that is turned in the first day of competition by 6 p.m. will be reviewed by the eligibility committee, and a decision will be made prior to bracket play. Any eligibility protest that comes after 6:00 pm of the first day of competition will be reviewed at the

Eligibility Committee's discretion. All non-eligibility protests will be reviewed by the Eligibility Committee at their discretion.

- c. A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany all protests. Protests must come from a non-athlete member listed on the official online roster for the event. The written protest must be submitted to the National Commissioner-in-Charge. All decisions of the Eligibility Committee shall be final.

## **B. Competition Rules**

- a. The official rules for grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> are the 2018-2019 National Federation of State High School rules unless otherwise stated in this online handbook.
- b. The official rules for grades 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> are the 2018-2019 NCAA Women's Basketball rules unless otherwise stated in this online handbook.
- c. Bonus Free Throws: After the 7<sup>th</sup> team foul, teams shoot 1-and-1 free-throws. A team is awarded 2 (two) free throws for each foul beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> (tenth) team foul of the half. This rule applies to all grade divisions.
- d. Player Foul Rule

### Player Foul Rule for District Qualifying Tournaments, Super Regional Tournaments and National Championships

A player will be disqualified on her 5<sup>th</sup> personal foul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

A player will be disqualified on her 6<sup>th</sup> personal foul in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Player Foul Rule for Super Showcases

A player will be disqualified on her 6<sup>th</sup> personal foul in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **1. Meetings**

- a. Coaches should attend a Pre-Tournament meeting at the National Championship Tournaments or designate a representative on their behalf. Failure to attend the Coaches' Meeting could result in loss of information that could lead to a game forfeit.
- b. The Complete Athlete Program is mandatory for all players and coaches in grade divisions 8<sup>th</sup> grade and higher. If a team fails to attend this program, the Head Coach may be suspended from coaching the team's next game and he/she may not be allowed in the playing venue where the team is competing.

## **2. Qualification Procedure**

- a. The following Schedule will apply to all District Qualifying Tournaments. Exception: District Qualifications NOT required for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades.

### **DIVISION I DISTRICT QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

#### **District Finish**

1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **National Championship**

Division I

2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Division I
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Division I or Division II (team's choice)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Division I or Division II (team's choice)

### **DIVISION II DISTRICT QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

<b><u>District Finish</u></b>	<b><u>National Championship</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Division II
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Division II
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Division II or Division III (team's choice)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Division II or Division III (team's choice)

### **DIVISION III DISTRICT QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

<b><u>District Finish</u></b>	<b><u>National Championship</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Division III
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Division III
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Division III
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Division III

All teams advance to Division III

- b. Some Districts have separate Division I, II or III qualifying tournaments. If a District has separate Division I, II or III qualifying tournaments, they will be counted as separate Divisions.
- c. To petition to attend a different National Championship other than qualified, submit request to [specialrequestgirlsbball@aausports.org](mailto:specialrequestgirlsbball@aausports.org)
- d. Any club that finishes in the top four in the previous year's National Championship Tournament will receive an automatic bid to the next higher grade division the following year. (Example – 4<sup>th</sup> grade division 2018 first place team, SW – DC Queens Orange, will receive an automatic bid to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade division National Championship Tournament in 2019.)
- e. If an automatic bid recipient qualifies from the 2019 District tournament advancement structure, the bid may be used by the club to advance another team from their club in the same grade division. If the club does not use the automatic bid in this manner, the bid will revert to the District to be awarded to the next highest place team not otherwise qualified.
- f. The quarter final round in each district tournament will determine the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place by draw unless those games are played.
- g. If there is a Division III qualifying tournament at the district level, all teams advance to the Division III National Championship.
- h. All teams advance to the National Championship in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade divisions.
- i. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade divisions all teams are eligible to compete in the National Championship.
  - i. Any teams in these Divisions that are eligible by grade, age, residence and membership may participate in the respective AAU National Championship without participating in a District Qualifying Tournament.
  - ii. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade District Qualifying winner must play in the Division I National Championship Tournament.
  - iii. Teams in each grade division must participate in their DQT to retain any seed earned from the 2016 Tournaments.

### **3. Participating in a Bordering District**

- a. An athlete may only participate in her District of residence, where she attends school full time or in a bordering District Qualifying Tournament. She must register in her resident District. 8/9/2017 11
- b. For grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, a maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Districts will be allowed on any team at the District, Regional or National level.

- c. For grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, participants on nonscholastic teams must reside in the state in which the team is located or a geographically adjoining state, will be allowed to participate on any team at the District, Regional or National level.
- d. EXCEPTION: An athlete that resides in a metropolitan area as defined by the NCAA is not considered a cross boundary athlete. The NCAA's Metro Area Rule and Metro Area Maps can be found at this NCAA link - <http://www.ncaa.org/enforcement/basketball-certification/metro-area-maps>

#### 4. **Eligibility**

##### a. **Grade Divisions**

#### **Competition Divisions for District Qualifying Tournaments, Super Regional Tournaments and National Championships.**

#### ***Competition in girls' basketball shall be determined by the following:***

##### **12th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 19 on or before August 31, 2019.

##### **11th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2018 can be no older than 18 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 11th grade division they can be no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2019.

##### **10th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 10th grade division they can be no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2019.

##### **9th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 9th grade division they can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2019.

##### **8th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 8th grade division they can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2019.

##### **7th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 7th grade division they can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2019.

##### **6th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 6th grade division they can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2019.

##### **5th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 5th grade division they can be no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2019.

#### **4th Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 4th grade division they can be no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2019.

#### **3rd Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 3rd grade division they can be no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2019.

#### **2nd Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2019. For an athlete that is in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2018 wanting to petition to play down, in the 2nd grade division they can be no older than 8 on or before August 31, 2019.

The AAU is a grade based organization. Each grade division consists of a 24-month age window which determines an athletes' participation in that division. If an athletes' age is outside the 24-month window for their grade, the athlete must play up to the grade division that is normal and customary for their age. If an athlete is in any grade above what is normal and customary for their age, that athlete may petition to play down provided they meet the established criteria.

**An athlete is eligible to play down a grade provided they meet the requirements listed in the chart below.**

#### **AGE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE DIVISION**

<b>Grade as of Oct.1<sup>st</sup>, 2018</b>	<b>Requested Grade</b>	<b>Birthdate Requirements</b>
12th Grade	11th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2001
11th Grade	10th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2002
10th Grade	9th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2003
9th Grade	8th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2004
8th Grade	7th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2005
7th Grade	6th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2006
6th Grade	5th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2007
5th Grade	4th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2008
4th Grade	3rd Grade	born on or after 9/1/2009
3rd Grade	2nd Grade	born on or after 9/1/2010

**\*\*Questions regarding eligibility may be directed to the National Office by calling 407-934-7200**

#### **b. Player Participation Restrictions**

- i. Only females may participate as players.
- ii. An athlete may participate in a maximum of three (3) grade divisions of the AAU Girls' Basketball program for which she can qualify. An athlete may play in any grade division above her current grade as long as she meets the requirements.
- iii. Athletes that compete in more than one grade division must compete with the same AAU club until the conclusion of the District Championship.
- iv. A team advancing to a Division I National Championship may not add a player from another team advancing to a Division I National in the same grade division **without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.**

- v. A team advancing to a Division I National Championship may add a player from a roster of a team advancing to a Division II National Championship.
  - vi. A team advancing to a Division II National Championship may not add any player from a team that has qualified for a Division I National Championship in the same grade division.
  - vii. A team advancing to a Division II National Championship may not add any players from another team that is advancing to a Division II National Championship in the same grade division **without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.**
5. **Roster Size** – A maximum of fifteen (15) players are allowed on a team throughout the District Qualifying, Super Regional and National levels. A team shall be allowed to add (pick up) a maximum of seven (7) players to their official roster when advancing to a Division I, II or III National Championship with an overall maximum of fifteen (15) total players.

6. **Bench Personnel**

- a. Only those persons whose names appear on the roster sheet may sit on the players' bench. This is limited to fifteen (15) players and no more than four (4) other persons (coaches, trainers, score keepers, etc.) for a maximum of nineteen 19 persons. Everyone sitting on the players' bench must have verified AAU memberships. Young children will not be allowed to sit on the bench. All non-uniformed personnel on the bench, including coaches, must wear the Championship credential provided at registration. No exceptions will be allowed.
- b. All teams in NCAA certified events must have at least one (1) and no more than four (4) registered bench personnel on the bench during all games.
- c. Up to a maximum of four (4) bench personnel for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade may be added at National Championship registration.
- d. Bench personnel for any NCAA certified event, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, 12<sup>th</sup> grade and Super Showcase Events must register through the NCAA in order to sit on the bench during certified event competition.

7. **Uniforms**

- a. Each team participating in any AAU National Tournament must have two (2) different color team jerseys (shirts). One of the jerseys must be light.
  - i. Violation of this rule shall be penalized by a two (2) shot technical foul for each illegal jersey, to be assessed at the time the player with the illegal jersey enters the game.
- b. Team shirts shall be of the same color front and back. Referees discretion on what constitutes as a dark uniform color. Uniform bottoms do not have to be of the same color or style as the uniform top.
- c. A player's shirt designed to be worn inside the game pants shall be tucked inside the game pants throughout the game. An undershirt is considered to be part of the shirt and must be a color similar to the shirt. Logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, lettering and numbering are not allowed on an undershirt.
- d. No more than two identifying names or abbreviations of the names may be placed on either, or on both, the front and back of the shirt. The name(s) must be placed so that the following can take place.
  - i. Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back. (Numbers can be from 0, 00 to 99.) Minimum size of numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back.
  - ii. Placement must be such that the number(s) is clearly visible.
- d. The HOME team shall sit to the official scorer's right when sitting at the table. A team may have on its bench only eligible players in uniform and four non-players. **At least one person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times.**

- i. Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench.

**8. Super Regional Tournaments (SRT)**

- a. A complete list of Super Regional Tournaments will be listed on the AAU Girls Basketball website [www.aaugirlsbasketball.org](http://www.aaugirlsbasketball.org).
- b. The duration of a Super Regional Tournament will be a maximum of three days with the following exceptions: takes place over a federally recognized holiday or is approved by the National Chair.
- c. Teams will be awarded invitations (bids) to the Division I, Division II, or Division III National Championships based on their finish in their Super Regional Tournaments.
- d. The maximum number of bids that will be awarded to the National Championships from a SRT is based on the number of teams entered as shown below.

**SUPER REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

Number of Teams Entered	Number of Bids Per Division		
	Division I	Division II	Division III
Up to 3	1	1	1
4 to 6	2	2	2
7 to 9	3	3	3
10 or More	4	4	Not Limited

All teams that receive a bid to a National Championship Tournament at a Super Regional Tournament shall play in their District Championship Tournaments (DQT) to validate their bids. Exception: High school Division, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are NOT required to play in a DQT to validate a bid earned in a Super Regional Tournament Event.

- e.
  - i. If a team receives a bid from their Super Regional Tournament, but is unable to play in their District Championship Tournament, they must submit a written request to play in the National Championship Tournament stating their reasons for not participating in the District Championship Tournament. The AAU Girls Basketball Committee will consider these to determine if the team is eligible to use their bid.
  - ii. Teams from outside the United States may enter a Division II or Division III National Championship without having to qualify, however if they want to play in a Division I National Championship Tournament they must qualify at a SRT.
- f. If a team qualifies for a National Championship Tournament at a SRT before their District Qualifying Tournament the following applies.
  - i. The team’s roster cannot be changed until after participation in their District Qualifying Tournament. If players are added, the team will lose the bid from the SRT.
  - ii. If the team previously qualified in Division I and qualifies again in their District Qualifying Tournament, the next highest place team in that DQT will receive a bid to the Division I National Championship Tournament.
  - iii. The grade division a team plays and qualifies in is the grade division in which they must play in their DQT and the National Championship Tournament.
- g. If a team plays in their District Qualifying Tournament, but does not qualify for the National Championship Tournament, they can do the following.
  - i. With approval from the team’s District Registrar, they can pick up players from other Division I or Division II non-qualifying teams in the same DQT and play in a Super Regional Tournament.
  - ii. Without prior approval, the team can pick up players from their club that participated in a different grade division tournament but did not qualify for a National Championship Tournament.

- h. If a team plays in their District Qualifying Tournament and qualifies for a National Championship Tournament before playing in a Super Regional Tournament, they may pick up AAU member players who qualify by grade and residence per AAU rules mentioned above to play in the SRT.
- i. If a team that has previously qualified to play in a National Championship Tournament in one grade division plays in a Super Regional in an older grade division, they may not advance in the tournament unless they declare to be a non-qualifying team. If they finish high enough in the SRT to qualify for a National Championship Tournament, their bid will go to the next highest team.

#### IV. EXCERPTS FROM AAU CODE BOOK

- A. **AAU Membership** – All participants must be members of the AAU in order to participate in any AAU licensed Event. Event Operators may not collect AAU membership money at any AAU licensed event.
  - 1. **Membership Requirements** – Membership in the AAU is a privilege granted by the AAU. It is not a right. The AAU at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject applicants for membership.
  - 2. **Conditions for Membership** – Membership in any class may be granted only after an application is submitted and approved. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to comply with all the provisions of the AAU Code, including its Constitution, Bylaws, policies, procedures and rules of the AAU.
  - 3. **Classes of Membership** – Classes of Membership in the AAU include:
    - a. **District Member** – The organization chartered by the Congress to provide administrative services within a designated geographic area.
    - b. **Club Member** – An organization or group that has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code.
    - c. **Individual Member** – A person who has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code. Individual membership categories are:
      - i. Youth Athlete
      - ii. Adult Athlete
      - iii. Non-Athlete
    - d. **Allied Member** – An organization or group approved by Congress which is engaged in athletics or sports-related activities.
  - 4. **Membership and Residency**
    - a. Adult members will not be bound by residence requirements.
    - b. Youth members must register in the District of their bona fide residency, except as follows:
      - i. A youth member who resides in the county of one District that adjoins a county of another District and who attends a school located in the adjoining county will have the option of registering in either District.
      - ii. A youth member subject to a written joint legal custody arrangement whose custodians reside in different Districts shall have the option of registering in either District.
      - iii. A bona fide student at an educational institution may be considered a resident of the District in which the institution is located.
      - iv. The National Board of Review will determine issues of residency.
    - c. Persons living outside the U.S. may register online or through the AAU National Office. The respective National Sport Committee rules shall govern the participation of non-US residents in AAU competition..



B. **Eligibility** – A youth member may elect to participate in his or her District of bona fide residence or a District that geographically adjoins that District. Exception: In team events the National Sport Committee shall determine the number of youth members permitted to participate on a team from an adjoining District.

C. **Club Attachment**

1. A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU licensed event (practice not included). A youth member may be attached to only one club with the following exceptions:
  - a. An athlete may attach to additional clubs (one in each sport) if he/she participates in additional sports.
  - b. Participation in an AAU authorized league does not create club attachment.
2. Transfers – Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees. After a youth member becomes attached to a club, he/she may only transfer to another club in the same sport as follows:
  - a. If the youth member has not competed in any AAU authorized events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days no permission is necessary.
  - b. If the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. (Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees.)
  - c. When the transfer is for the purpose of competing with a team which has qualified for a National Championship as provided by National Sport Committee rules.
  - d. If the Registrar determines that the transfer is due to events outside the control of the athlete or that the transfer serves the best interest of the AAU.

D. **Use of Logos and Trademarks**

1. The AAU name, mark, seal, logo and other insignia (all "AAU marks") are protected through trademark registration and are defined as the intellectual property of the AAU. No person or entity may use the AAU's intellectual property without the prior and continued approval of the National AAU. Only those subordinates and affiliated organizations which are expressly authorized by the National AAU may use the intellectual property of the AAU. The National AAU may withdraw its approval to use its marks, in its sole discretion. Members shall immediately comply with notice to cease and desist from the use of the AAU's intellectual property. The unauthorized use of any of the intellectual property of the AAU is a violation of this policy as well as the (Federal) Lanham Act and may subject the member/entity to penalties set out in the AAU Code. If granted approval/permission to use any of the AAU marks, the limited right to use the marks shall be non-exclusive and the user shall not acquire any ownership in or of such mark(s).
2. Only chartered Districts, District Sport Committees and National Sport Committees may use the AAU marks in their name.
3. There are three (3) levels of AAU club membership. Level 1 AAU Clubs acquire no rights to use the AAU's intellectual property. Level 2 and Level 3 Clubs may use AAU's registered marks only as follows:
  - a. For the purpose of promoting an AAU licensed event.
  - b. For the purpose of promoting the club's AAU related activities.
  - c. Neither members nor clubs may not use the name AAU in their legal names, domain name, email or any other name without the express written consent of the National AAU.
4. In the event of a dispute or conflict as to a member's/entity's claim(s) to use any of the intellectual property of the AAU, the Officers of the AAU shall decide and determine the dispute in their sole discretion.

5. No license will be granted by the AAU for any event where the word “Olympic” or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisement or notice in any manner in connection with AAU competition.

## B. Event Licenses

1. No event shall be conducted under the auspices of the AAU unless a license has been issued for the activity. A license is the written approval of the AAU for the conduct of the activity.
2. Only AAU members may participate in licensed events unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.
3. Licenses may be issued to any club in good standing that meets the membership criteria. A license should be reviewed by the District Sport Committee Director or the Governor if there is no District Sport Director. If the license is reviewed and rejected, the organization submitting the license shall be notified.
4. No license shall take effect until approved or until the 15-day review period has expired.
5. The National Registration Executive Committee has the authority to:
  - a. Issue a license in an unchartered District.
  - b. Issue a license for events in locations where there is no active District member.
  - c. Issue a license for events in Districts where there is no current active participation. (No District Championship in the prior membership year).
  - d. Issue a license for events directly sponsored by the National AAU or National Sports Committee. (The National Sport Committee shall consult with the District Sports Director and Governor prior to seeking an event license.)
  - e. Review and approve any license rejected by the District.
  - f. Revoke an approved license for good cause.
6. Event licenses issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another organization.
7. No license will be issued for any event where the word “Olympic” or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisements or notice in connection with the event except upon the specific written approval of the Board of Directors.

## C. District Sport Committee

1. **District Sport Committee Biennial Meeting** – It is the duty of the District Sport Committee to in even years hold a biennial meeting in which the date, time and location shall be approved by the District Executive Committee, not the Sport Committee Executive Committee.
  - a. **Notice of District Sport Meetings** – Notice of the biennial meetings of the District Sport Committee will be given to all clubs with members registered in the sport. Notice shall be sent not less than 30 or more than 60 days prior to the scheduled biennial meeting. **In election years, the notice of election must be sent 60 days prior to the meeting.**
  - b. **Quorum** – Five (5) member clubs with voting eligibility must be present to constitute a quorum of the Biennial Sport Committee meeting.
  - c. **Voting** – Each club with has registered at least five (5) individual members in the sport during the current year shall appoint one (1) representative to serve on the District Sport Committee. The representative shall be designated on the club membership application.

## 4. Functions of District Sport Committees

- a. **District Sport Committees** – In each approved AAU sport in which the District has athletes actively participating, there may be a Committee to manage competition within the District.
- b. **Composition** – The District Sport Committee shall include the following:
  - i. Each member club that registers at least five individual members in the sport shall have one representative on the District Sport Committee.
  - ii. District Sport Committee Officers defined by that sport’s operating rules.
  - iii. The Governor may appoint up to two (2) at-large members.
- c. **Duties** –The duties of the District Sport Committee are to:
  - i. In even years, hold a Biennial meeting, the date, time and location of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee.
  - ii. Adopt at the Biennial Meeting, rules of operation of the Committee to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and which shall not conflict with the provisions of the AAU Constitution, Bylaws, National Policies or National Sport Committee rules.
  - iii. Determine whether to establish a Committee operating count, and if so, to comply with all relevant AAU procedures and policies.
  - iv. Provide for the conduct of the District Championships.
  - v. If the District Sport Committee is organized as an administrative club under the AAU, it shall annually file the Location of Assets Report with the District Office and forward a copy to the National Office.

## 5. **Functions of the District Sport Director**

- a. **District Sport Director**
- b. **Election.** In each sport in which five or more club members have designated the sport as its primary sport, the Director shall be elected by the Committee at its Biennial Meeting. The District Sports Director takes office upon election.
- c. **Appointment.** When there are fewer than five clubs registered to the Sport, the Sport Director may be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the National Sport Committee Chair. The District Sport Director takes office upon appointment.
- d. **Term of Office.** The term of office for an elected District Sport Director shall be four (4) years to run concurrently with the District Officers. Once elected, each District Sport Director is required to purchase a four (4)-year membership that will complete their entire term. The term of office for an appointed District Sport Director shall be one year or until removed by the Governor; or until the Sport Committee meets the criteria to elect a Director.
- e. **Vacancies** – A vacancy occurring in an elected District Sport Director shall be filled by the Governor with approval of the National Sport Committee.
- f. **Duties** – The Sport Committee Director shall:
  - i. Develop a budget for the Sport Committee to file with the District Treasurer
  - ii. Perform the duties set forth in the Committee Rules of Operation
  - iii. Review and approve, or for reasonable cause deny, event licenses in the sport
  - v. Maintain records of the District Sport Committee, including but not limited to the minutes of all meetings, the budget, location of assets report (if required), and the District Sports Committee operating rules. Preside at Sport Committee meetings
  - vi. f. Prepare, or have prepared, meeting minutes (which shall be approved at all District Sports Committee meetings). Forward a copy of all minutes to the National Office and District Secretary no later than 30 days following the District Sport Committee meeting.
  - vii. g. File a copy of all records requested by the District Secretary and the AAU National Office Compliance Department no later than 30 days following District Sport Committee meetings.

- viii. h. At the conclusion of service as Sport Director, turn over all records to the successor to the position.
- e. **Removal** – District Sport Directors may be removed as follows:
  - i. **By District Sport Committee** – An elected Sport Committee Director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sport Committee at the Biennial meeting provided that the Notice of the meeting specifies that a motion to remove is on the agenda
  - ii. **By National Sport Chair** – Each National Sport Chair shall annually review the number of events held in their sport. If the minimum number of licensed days of activity, excluding practice licenses, is below the minimum established by the National Sports Council, the National Sport Chair may remove the District Director with consent of the Governor. If the District Governor does not agree with the removal, the President shall appoint an arbiter who will make the final decision, which shall be binding.
  - iii. **By National Board of Review** – A Sport Director may be removed by order of the National Board of Review following the filing of a complaint and the Board’s proceedings.
  - iv. **By the National Board of Review Chair after the failure of the District Sports Director to file minutes, reports and records as required by this article.**

**G. Chair Duties and Responsibilities**

**1. National Chair** – Responsibilities of the National Chair for AAU Girls’ Basketball are:

- a. The primary responsibility is to plan, coordinate and facilitate the conduct of the National Program, in particular, the National Championship Tournaments. The AAU Girls’ Basketball Committee shall recommend the National Chair, subject to the approval of the AAU National President.
- b. Coordinate all activities of the AAU Girls’ Basketball Program with the Executive Committee, Commissioners, Boards and AAU National Headquarters.
- c. Plan and chair annual meeting of the AAU Girls’ Basketball Committee. Plan and chair Executive Committee and Commissioner Meetings as needed.
- d. Represent and speak about AAU Girls’ Basketball to other organizations, particularly other organizations involved with the sport of basketball, such as USA Basketball and the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).
- e. Promote participation in AAU Girls’ Basketball.
- f. Oversee all elements of the program from publications to “sponsorship.”
- g. Perform other duties and responsibilities as necessary.

**2. Certification Chair** – Responsibilities of the Certification Chair for AAU Girls’ Basketball are:

- a. The primary responsibility of the National Certification Chair is to verify team and individual athlete eligibility for the AAU Girls’ Basketball National Championships. The AAU Girls’ Basketball Committee shall elect the Certification Chair.
- b. Verify team eligibility for those teams advancing to the AAU Girls’ Basketball National Championships.
- c. Verify individual athlete eligibility for those teams advancing to the AAU Girls’ Basketball National Championships.
- d. Represent and speak about AAU Girls’ Basketball to other organizations.
- e. Promote participation in AAU Girls’ Basketball.
- f. Act in an advisory capacity at AAU National Championships.

**H. Commissioners** – The National Chair shall appoint Commissioners to assist in the conduct of the business of AAU Girls’ Basketball.

- I. **Director of Officials** – The National Chair shall appoint the Director of Officials. The primary responsibility of the Director of Officials or their designee for AAU Girls' Basketball is to recruit, coordinate, contract and approve all assignments of National Officials to the AAU Girls' Basketball National Championships.

## V. Appendix

### A. **Glossary of Terms**

**AAU** – The abbreviation for the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc. AAU refers to the entire national organization. The AAU is a national organization composed of affiliated Districts, authorized to work with sport-oriented groups, in the administration and development of sports at all appropriate levels.

**AAU Year** – September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Birth Record** – Copy of certified record of birth showing date and other information. Must be a copy of a State record of birth (not a hospital record or mother's copy). A State issued driver's license or passport.

**Code of Ethics** – Code signed and agreed to by coaches concerning their conduct as AAU coaches. (See below)

**Complete Athlete Program** – Program that is required by AAU Girls Basketball and the NCAA to cover such items as recruiting, grades, sportsmanship, etc.

**Coaching Excellence Program (CEP)** – Program designed by and for Coaches of girls' basketball for the good of the game and to enhance the unique opportunity provided by the AAU Girls Basketball Program

**District** – A group of clubs, organizations, groups and individuals in a certain geographic area, which has been chartered by the AAU Congress as a member of the AAU to provide administrative services for amateur sports and to foster AAU sports programs. There are currently 56 AAU Districts across the United States.

**District Director** – Person elected or appointed in each District to oversee a certain sport.

**District Qualifying Tournament (DQT)** - Tournament held by each District to determine who advances to the different National Championship Tournaments. Exception: District Qualifications NOT required for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades.

**Division I (D-I)** – Top Level Teams that qualify through one of the above Tournaments.

**Division II (D-II)** – Next level of teams that qualify through one of the above Tournaments

**Division III (D-III)** – Teams that participate in their DQT and do not qualify as above are eligible for D-III.

**National Qualifier** – Team or athlete that earned a position in a National Tournament by placing in a DQT or SRT.

**National Championship** – Winner of a certain grade division at a National Championship Tournament.

**License** – The written approval of the AAU to authorize registered athletes to participate in a specific competition or activity. This license provides the Host Club with the best General Liability coverage in amateur sport.

**Spring Fling** – Super Regional Tournament held at Disney.

**Super Regional Tournament (SRT)** – A Tournament placed across the US to give teams an additional opportunity to play and to qualify for the D-I National Championship.

## B. Code of Ethics

In a National Championship Tournament, if a coach receives two technical fouls, he/she shall leave the game and the facility as well. The ejected coach may not coach the next game. However, if in a subsequent game, the same coach again receives two technical fouls, he/she shall be removed from the competition venue and will not be allowed to coach the remainder of the tournament. Coaches must sign Coach's Code of Ethics at registration:

### ***COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS***

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same grade division.
- I will take reasonable measures to honor all commitments to athletes.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of girls' basketball and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not for adults.

## C. Directory- Executive Committee/ District Directors

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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