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<b>10</b> ORLANDO, FL	June 26-July 4 June 4	Mike Driscoll 407-828-4982 michael@aausports.org	Kristy Sampson 407-828-3165 (O) 407-934-7242 (Fax) kristy@aausports.org
<b>11</b> KENNER, LA	<b>July 2-10</b> <i>June 11</i>	Sharon Solomon 800-231-5282 cds803@aol.com	Tresa Snow 985-653-8488 (O) 504-779-6497 (F) treendav@aol.com
<b>12</b> KINGSPORT, TN.	JUNE 25-JULY 3 June 4	Amanda Junot 800-743-5282 423-392-8803 ajunot@kcvb.org	Jeremiah Lounds 423-392-8831 423-392-8833 jlounds@kcvb.org
<b>13</b> ROCHESTER, MN	<b>July 9-17</b> June 18	Ben I 507-28 507-28 bboldt@rock	0-4701 0-4703
<b>14</b> MONROE, LA.	<b>July 16-22</b> <i>June 25</i>	Harolyn Falgoust 800-843-1872 318-324-1752 (F) hfalgoust@monroe-westmonroe.org	Alana Cooper 800-843-1872 318-324-1752 (F) acooper@monroe-westmonroe.org
<b>15</b> WINSTON-SALEM, NC	<b>July 16-22</b> June 25	www.eteamz.com/winstonsalemstealers	Sheila Lyons 336-682-3249-C 336-992-0998-F sjlyons@triad.rr.com
<b>16</b> CHATTANOOGA, TN	<b>July 7-13</b> June 16	Scott Smith (423) 756-8689 (O) (423) 267-6746 (F) scotts@chattanoogacvb.com	Leroy Fanning 423-425-4196 706-657-8367 Leroy-Fanning@utc.edu
17/18 ORLANDO, FL	<b>July 13-19</b> <i>June 21</i>	Mike Driscoll 407-828-4982 michael@aausports.org	Kristy Sampson 407-828-3165 (O) 407-934-7242 (Fax) kristy@aausports.org
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# **2004 DIVISION-II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

DIVISION LOCATION	TOURNAMENT DATES ENTRY DEADLINE	ACCOMMODATIONS	INFORMATION
10 ORLANDO, FL	June 26-July 2 June 4	Mike Driscoll 407-828-4982 michael@aausports.org	Kristy Sampson 407-828-3165 (O) 407-934-7242 (Fax) kristy@aausports.org
10-13 WEST PHOENIX, AZ	June 25-July 1 June 7	480-730 480-83	Moulton 0-0032 (H) 1-7239 (F) otmail.com
11/12 NASHVILLE, TN	July 4-12 June 13	Charlie Tuberville 615-872-2905 (O) 615-871-9167 (F) Charlie.tuberville@marriott.com	Randy Puckett 615-743-3125 (O) 615-244-3540 (F) rpuckett@nashvillesports.com
13 ORLANDO, FL	July 4-12 June 13	Mike Driscoll 407-828-4982 michael@aausports.org	Kristy Sampson 407-828-3165 (O) 407-934-7242 (Fax) kristy@aausports.org
14-18 ORLANDO, FL	July 9-16 June 18	Mike Driscoll 407-828-4982 michael@aausports.org	Kristy Sampson 407-828-3165 (O) 407-934-7242 (Fax) kristy@aausports.org

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		(dates subject to change)		
AGE DIVISION	ТҮРЕ	SITE	DATE	ENTRY DEADLINE
10	Nat'l Championship	DISNEY	6/26-7/4	6/3
10	Div. II-EAST	DISNEY	7/1-7	6/10
10/11/12/13	Div. II-WEST	PHOENIX, AZ	6/24-30	6/3
11	Nat'l Championship	SPRINGFIELD, MO	6/24-7/2	6/3
11/13	Div. II-EAST	TBD	TBD	TBD
12	Nat'l Championship	KINGSPORT, TN	7/1-9	6/10
13	Nat'l Championship	DAYTON, OH	7/8-16	6/17
14/16	Div. II-EAST	DISNEY	7/7-14	6/14
14	Nat'l Championship	ROANOKE, VA	7/22-28	7/1
15/17	Div. II	TBD	TBD	TBD
15	Nat'l Championship	CLARKSVILLE, TN	7/15-23	6/24
16	Nat'l Championship	AMARILLO, TX	7/7-13	6/16
17/18	Nat'l Championship	DISNEY	7/13-19	6/21
HS Eligible	Junior Olympics	NEW ORLEANS, LA	7/26-8/1	7/9

# 2004 SUPER REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Age Level	Location	Contact	Date
11/u - 13/u	Reno, NV www.jamonit.org/	Matt Williams 775-351-2828	March 12-14
12/u - 15/u	Macon, GA	jamonitreno@sbcglobal.net Reggie Moore 478-751-9284 Reggie.Moore@macon.ga.us	March 26-28
10/u - 14/u	Murfreesboro, TN	Larry Vaughan 615-547-1222 Lvaughan@cumberland.edu	March 26-28
11/u - 13/u	Cocoa Beach, FL www.spacecoastsports.com/aaugirlsbask.html	Connie Alden 321-453-7765 calden@digital.net	March 26-28
10/u - 16/u	Columbus, GA	Herman Porter 706-653-4500 hporter@columbusga.org	April 2-4
11/u - 17/u	Greenville, SC www.aaugirlsbasketball.org	Ken James 864-979-6892	April 2-4
15/u - 16/u	Murfreesboro, TN	upperstateyouth@cs.com Larry Vaughan 615-547-1222 Lvaughan@cumberland.edu	April 16-18
10/u - 18/u	Dayton, OH www.daytonladyhoopstarsaausuperregional.or g/	Duane Williams 937-426-5199 duhoop@aol.com	April 16-18
16/u - 17/u	Providence, RI	Ed Skovron 401-831-8500 eskovron@aol.com	April 16-18
13/u - 16/u	Carbondale, IL	Aaron Lee 618-549-4030 aaronl@brehm.org	April 16-18
10/u & 12/u	Philadelphia, PA www.fencor.org/	Stuart London 215-570-3269 fencoraau@yahoo.com	April 16-18
12/u - 14/u	Atlanta GA www.gapistols.com/	Jack Feagin 404-252-9246 jfeagin2@bellsouth.net	April 23-25
14/u - 17u	Reno, NV www.jamonit.org/	Matt Williams 775-351-2828 jamonitreno@sbcglobal.net	April 23-25
11/u-14u	Riverside, CA leaguelineup.com/teamrampage	Mike Wells 909-637-3975 coachmwells@aol.com	April 30-May 2
11/u, 13/u, 15/u	Hammond, LA	Charles Domino 504-888-5200 dominoaaus@aol.com	April 30-May 2
12/u & 14/u	Kenner, LA	Bucky Lanning 504-343-3211 pklan112@aol.com	April 30-May 2
15/u & 16/u	Panama City, FL www.starsoftomorrowsports.com/	Lewis Bivens 850-650-4102 jrodesbivens@gnt.net	April 30-May 2

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12/u - 16/u	Plainview, TX	806-292-1010	May 2
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		Evan Beauchamp	
14/u - 16/u	Fishers, IN	317-841-1424	May 7-9
	www.indianasuperregionals.com/	eabhmb@msn.com	
		Ollie Ann Pool	
11/u - 13/u	Georgetown, TX	512-943-5137	May 7-9
,		poolo@georgetown.txed.net	
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11/u - 13/u	Mason, OH	800-701-6446	May 14-16
1 17 4 1 67 4	www.ohio4fun.org/aausuperregional.asp	mhecquet@ohio4fun.org	
		Ed Skovron	
12/u - 15/u	Providence, RI	401-831-8500	May 14-16
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		Dexter Washiongton	
11/u - 17/u	Lake Charles, LA	337-721-1506	May 14-16
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10/u – 13/u	Newport News, VA	5 Cascade View Ct.	May 14-16
	,	757-825-1490 (O) 757-825-8690(F)	
		Hampton, VA 23666	
	Fishers IN	Evan Beauchamp	May 21 -
11/u - 13/u	Fishers, IN	317-841-1424	23
	www.indianasuperregionals.com/	eabhmb@msn.com	
		Marty Bednarik	May 24 22
13/u & 14/u	Philadelphia, PA	215-332-1525	May 21-23
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11/u & 12/u	Baltimore, MD	443-506-6016	May 21-23
	www.mdwaves.org/	mdwavesag@hotmail.com	
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12/u & 16/u	Memphis, TN	901-229-3079	May 28-30
,		myatt.becky@hardingacademymemphis.org	
		Larry Weber	
11/u,15/u -	Lehigh, PA	610-861-0360	May 28-31
17/u	www.lvsports.net/default.aspx?pageid=54	larryweber@rcn.com	
		Beverly Cattanach	
10/u - 17/u	Ft. Myers, FL	239-561-5907	May 28-31
10/4 11/4	http://www.highhoops.org/images/registration_form.doc	bevcatt@earthlink.net	
		Ollie Ann Pool	
14/u - 17/u	Georgetown, TX	512-943-5137	June 4-6
1 <del>4</del> /u - 17/u	Ceorgetown, 1X	poolo@georgetown.txed.net	
11/u, 13/u,	Overland Park, KS	Sharon Murphy	June 4-6
	www.mvaauhoops.org/	816-331-9225	
		smaau@aol.com	
15/11 17/11	Greensboro, NC	Bill Christy	June 4-6
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	1 0 0	billchristy@ncaaugirlsbasketball.org	
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# **Summary of AAU Girls' Basketball Rule Changes for 2004**

- Any AAU team may have a maximum of three (3) players from Canada or Mexico
  to participate in our Division 1 tournament provided they register and play in the
  association that they will be playing. No complete teams from Canada or Mexico
  may participate in a Division 1 tournament but would be allowed to participate in
  our division 2 tournaments.
- Approved Super Regional Tournaments beginning in 2004 with details to be determined by the Executive Committee
- 3. Allow up to two (2) 18 & under teams from each Association to advance to the Division I National Championship without participating in an Association Qualifying Tournament (AQT). However, teams must participate in their AQT to retain any seed earned from the previous 17 & under tournament. The National Chair may designate additional at-large teams from any Association.

# 4. Roster Additions

A team shall be allowed to add a maximum of three (3) players to their official roster used when advancing to a National Championship with an overall maximum of fifteen (15) players. >Pick-up players may be either from the same age division AQT or from the same CLUB in any other of the AQT Age Division as long as they qualify by age and residence.< EXAMPLE: A 14 year old, who played for a Club in the AQT in the 15 & under age division but did not qualify for the National D 1 tournament, may then be picked up by another of her Clubs 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18/u team that qualify for a National Championship. No player whose team has qualified for a Division I Championship may be picked up for Division II.

# 5. Player Eligibility

Each and every player participating in the National Championships must have been present at her own Association Qualifying Tournament. The National Chair and a designated committee will review any exception due to injury or other unavoidable circumstance. Any player in question must have her name appear on the official scoring rosters as part of her team's entry. THAT DECISION IS FINAL.

To be eligible to participate in the National tournaments, (D1 & D2) a player's name must be on the roster of her team and her name appears in the score book at the Association Qualifying Tournament (AQT

- 6. Change format for the "Shootout Tournaments": All who do not qualify for the Championship bracket goes directly into a Modified Double Elimination Bracket with no "IF" game.
- 7. Change the 14/u & 15/u to the 16s, 17s, 18s format. (6 or 7 team pools with all teams advancing to a single elimination bracket).

# NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

# **Association Delegates**

-Only individuals designated in writing by their AAU Association Office as a Girls' Basketball Delegate shall be allowed to vote in the annual meeting of the Girls' Basketball Committee. Associations composed of more than one state that conduct separate qualifying competitions may elect/designate a Chair for each state. Said Chair shall be eligible to serve as an Association Delegate on the National Committee.

# **Elections/Nominations**

-The Girls' Basketball Committee will elect for nomination only a National Chair and a National Certification Chair. This is done on four (4) year blocks (in concert with election of AAU President).

-The National Chair will appoint the Commissioners and a Secretary.

# **Annual Meeting**

-The Girls' Basketball Committee encourages all individuals participating in the program to attend the Annual AAU Convention. Future dates and sites are:

2004	September29-October 2	Stamford, CT (Marriott)
2005	TBD	Philadelphia, PA (Tentative)

-Rule changes shall be voted on at the National Convention as specified in the AAU Code. The AAU National Headquarters must receive all proposals of rule changes by August 15. Recommendations occurring after September 1 may be brought to the floor of the Annual Girls' Basketball Meeting, but, in such case, written copies must be made available to all Girls' basketball delegates in attendance.

# **Eligibility**

# AAU Membership

-All participants in the AAU Girls' Basketball program, at any level, must be a current member of the AAU. Every club must have an AAU Club Membership for the current year.

# **Age Determining Date**

-January 1st, at 12:00 a.m. of the current year, shall be the determining date for the age of the competitor and shall hold true for the Association and National Championships.

# **Age Divisions**

-National Competition for 2004 in AAU Girls' Basketball shall be in the following age divisions: 10/Under (born in 1993 or earlier), 11/Under (1992), 12/Under (1991), 13/Under (1990), 14/Under (1989), 15/Under, (1988), 16/Under (1987), 17/Under (1986), 18/Under (1985), and remaining high school eligibility at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

# **Player Participation**

-Any player competing in a specific age division must remain in that age division and only that age division throughout ANY Qualifying Tournaments (Association [AQT] OR Super Regionals [SRT]) and the National Championships [NC], both Division I [D-I] and Division II [D-II].

Players will be allowed to play in Division I **AND** II National Championships, only if their team does NOT qualify for Division I. Individual players (NOT A TEAM) will be allowed to play in both the D-I National Championship by being picked up by a Qualifying team) & the D-II National Championship either by being picked up by another NON- Qualifying team or with their original NON- Qualifying team).

# College Eligible

-College students are eligible for participation in the AAU Girls' Basketball program if their college or university clears them and they meet all other eligibility criteria. Permission from the college or university must be in writing and filed with both the Association and the National Tournament entry.

NCAA Division I student athletes are restricted, at the present time, from AAU participation by the NCAA.

# Participating In A Bordering Association

- -An athlete may participate in her Association of residence, where she attends school full time OR in a bordering Association qualifying tournament. At no time will a player be eligible to play in an Association that is not her own or does not border her own. She shall register in her resident Association.
- -A maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Associations will be allowed on any team at Association level or National level.

# **Sanctions and Penalties**

-Upon the recommendation of the AAU Girls' Basketball Executive Committee, the National Basketball Committee may impose sanctions at the AAU Convention against any coach, club, or team for unsportsmanlike conduct or other actions considered detrimental to the AAU Girls' Basketball program.

# **Infractions Committee**

- -The National Chair shall appoint a five-person committee to comprise the Infractions Committee, one of which shall serve as Committee Chair.
- -The <u>National AAU Sport Committee</u> has jurisdiction to determine all qualifications, requirements or terms necessary for participation in the national program.
- -Penalties may be imposed for violations of AAU Girls' Basketball rules, ethical policies, or the AAU Code. Penalties that may be imposed include, but are not limited to, suspension, expulsion, probation, fines, reprimands, warnings, or other limitations or penalties.
- -Decisions of the Executive Committee or of its process may be appealed to the AAU Board of Review under the procedures set forth in the AAU Code. Petitions for reinstatement or for modification or commutation of penalties shall be made to the National Basketball Chair. The Chair may act on the petition or refer it to the Infractions Committee for review.

# Procedures of the Infractions Committee:

- 1. Infractions are to be reported to the Infractions Committee Chair in writing. The Chair may request the reporting party to provide additional information or evidence before initiating an investigation of the complaint. The Chair must determine whether there is probable cause to believe that an infraction has occurred over which the Sport Committee has jurisdiction. Complaints over which the Committee has no jurisdiction may be referred to the Association or the AAU Board of Review. If there is no probable cause, the Committee Chair will discuss the complaint and advise the complaining party.
- 2. The Chair shall give written notice of the complaint to the accused party. In all cases in which probable cause is found, the Chair of the Infractions Committee will send to the accused party a written notice of the facts of the complaint, the rules which are alleged to have been violated, and the procedures that are to be followed during the investigation. The notice shall advise the accused party that it has twenty days to submit

any evidence that it wishes the Committee to consider or to otherwise respond to the complaint.

- 3. The Chair shall receive the evidence.

  Evidence may be presented by writing or by telephone. If evidence is given by telephone, the Chair will make his own notes of the conversation to be included in the body of evidence
- 4. The Infractions Committee shall conduct a hearing. The Chair shall distribute copies of all evidence to the Committee members. He/she may include his own report on the findings of the investigation. During its deliberations, the Infractions Committee may choose to hold a conference call or communicate by mail, e-mail, or facsimile. It may choose to interview any witnesses, to make any further investigation, and/or to examine any evidence bearing on the case.
- 5. The Infractions Committee shall make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.
- 6. The Executive Committee shall render the decision.

  The Executive Committee may accept, reject, or modify the Infractions Committee penalty recommendation.
- 7. Infractions Committee Chair shall notify all affected parties of the results, penalties, and appeal rights.

# **Competition Rules**

## Rules

-The official rules for AAU Girls' Basketball are the 2003-2004 NCAA Women's Basketball rules. Rule Books may be obtained from NCAA Publishing Dept., P. O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222 or online at <a href="http://ncaa.org">http://ncaa.org</a>. There is a \$7.50\* charge for the book. (\* Fee may be subject to change.)

#### **Roster Size**

-A maximum of fifteen (15) players is allowed on a team throughout the AQT, SRT and/or the National level. Any team entering 15 players in an AQT or SRT may not pick up players for the National Championships. However, a team shall be allowed to add a maximum of three (3) players to their official roster used when advancing to a National Championship with an overall maximum of fifteen (15) players. > Pick-up players may be either from the same age division AQT or from the same CLUB in any other of the AQT Age Division as long as they qualify by age and residence. < EXAMPLE: A 14 year old, who played for a Club in the AQT in the 15 & under age division but did not qualify for the National D 1 tournament, may then be picked up by another of her Clubs 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18/u team that qualify for a National Championship. No player whose team has qualified for a Division I Championship may be picked up for Division II. No team, after their roster has been accepted for the Association Qualifying Tournament, may drop any player to pick another. Please, also refer to Player Participation under Eligibility above. A maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Associations will be allowed on any team at Association level or National level.

# **Game Playing Times**

-Associations may determine the length of games in their Qualifying Tournaments. However, it is strongly recommended that Associations follow the times below.

Age Division	Game Length
10/U	7-Minute Quarters
11/U, 12/U, 13/U	16-Minute Halves
14/U, 15/U	18-Minute Halves
16/U, 17/U, 18/U, AAU Junior Olympic Games	20-Minute Halves

-Overtime periods are 5 minutes, except for the 10/Under age division. Overtime period for 10/Under division is 3 minutes.

Half time is 10-minutes for all age divisions.

- -Teams shall have a minimum of 15 minutes to warm-up before games.
- -Game time is game time. If a team arrives prior, then they shall have 15 minutes to warm-up.

# Official Basketball

-The Rawlings 10 panel 28.5" circumference composite basketball shall be the Official AAU Basketball for all AAU National Championship Tournaments as well as Super Regional Tournaments. It is not required, but strongly recommended that this ball be used in all AAU Sanctioned Tournaments including the Association Qualifying Tournaments (AQT).

## **Bench Personnel**

-Only those persons whose names appear on the roster sheet may sit on the players' bench. This is limited to 15 players and <u>no more than 4 other persons</u> (coaches, trainers, score keepers, etc.) for a maximum of 19 persons (All of which must have AAU membership verification). No young children will be allowed to sit on the bench. <u>All non-uniformed personnel on the bench (INCLUDING COACHES) must wear the Championship credential. Due to insurance reasons, no exceptions will be allowed.</u>

- 1. All teams must have at least 2 and no more than 4 registered bench personnel during all games.
- 2. Bench personnel may be added (up to a max of four) at National Championship registration.

# **Coaches Dress Code**

-All bench personnel, both male and female, must adhere to the Coaches' Dress Code by wearing a shirt with a collar, long pants or dress shorts/skirts, closed toe shoes, plus no HEAD ATTIRE may be worn while on the bench or during opening ceremonies. Each violation to the bench rule will result in a technical foul (administrative, not charged to the coach.) Example: If a person is charged with the technical foul then he/she must leave the bench area until his/her attire meets the code.

# **Temporary Transfer/Pick-Ups**

-An athlete may be granted a temporary transfer from her team/club to another team/club. For the purpose of competing in an AAU National Championship, or other event a team may pick up a maximum of three (3) from the rosters of other teams that participated in the SAME AQT or from other non-qualifying members within the same club. The maximum of 15 players on any roster still applies. (Refer to **Eligibility**)

# **Association Qualifying Championships**

# **Age Divisions**

-Associations are encouraged to conduct qualifying competitions in all age divisions.

# **Notice Of Meeting**

-The Girls' Basketball Chair of each Association must notify the National AAU Office of when and where the meeting to determine the dates and locations of their Association Qualifying Tournaments (AQT) 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 Chair fails to make timely notification, then the National Girls' Basketball Chair shall have the authority to work in conjunction with the Association President to establish a date, send notice to all current and previous year registered clubs, and send a representative of the National Girls' Basketball Executive Committee to facilitate the proceedings.

# **Qualifying Requirements**

- -Athletes and teams that have qualified in their respective AQT and or SRT will be eligible to compete in the National Championship held during that calendar year.
- -Associations, which do not field and play a minimum of 3 teams from at least 2, separate AAU clubs in their age division Qualifying Tournament shall not participate in the D-I National Championships, unless qualifying in a SRT. Or may participate in Division II (East, West or both).
- -Procedures for advancing to National Championships:

# **Division I and Division II**

Associations may have separate D-I and D-II brackets in their <u>Association Qualifying</u> Tournament (AQT) with no crossover required. All teams, both D-I & D-II, will count toward sending teams to the National Championship tournaments. However, teams playing in a D-II bracket qualify only for D-II tournaments. D-I bracket teams can qualify for either D-II or National Championship tournaments. **If a team in D-I qualifies for the National Championship, they cannot play in D-II**. (**Both athlete & team**) Teams that qualify for D-I or D-II <u>may</u> pick up a player from D-II. (See additional rules in the Handbook regarding "pick-up" players.)

Age Division	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 1 Team	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 2 Teams	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 3 Teams	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 4 Teams
10/Under	3	3	3	4
11/u to 17u	3 – 9	10-17	18-35	36 or more
18/Under	See next col.	3 - 8	9-12	13 or more

<sup>\*</sup>Participation is generally defined as a registered team that has <u>actually played</u> in its Association Qualifying Tournament. A registered team that does not play any of its games shall not be counted as a participating team. Exceptions to this may only be granted by the National Chair.

-In the event a qualified first, second, third, or fourth place team from an Association tournament relinquishes its right to play in the National Championships:

- 1. The team must notify the Association Girls' Basketball Chair by certified letter of its inability to fulfill its obligation to participate.
- 2. Upon receipt of the certified letter, the Association Girls' Basketball Chair shall select, in descending order of qualification, the teams to fill the announced vacancies and notify the AAU Girls' Basketball National Certification Chair of these changes.
- 3. Exceptions to the above may be granted by the National Chair.
- -No Association may be represented at the National Championships by more teams than it qualified thru their AQT or Final Four National finish or SRT. The Host Organization (LOC), is granted an additional position for a Host Team.

# **Notification**

-Each Association Girls' Basketball Chair or Tournament Director is to notify the AAU National Headquarters of the sites and dates of Association Qualifying Tournaments 3 weeks prior to their beginning (copy of tournament information sheet). Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of qualifying teams' right to advance.

## Awards

-Association Qualifying Tournaments <u>must give</u> AAU medals to the winning participants. Request awards through the AAU National Headquarters.

# **ENTRY PACKETS**

-ASSOCIATION GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAIRS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT ALL QUALIFYING TEAMS RECEIVE THE NATIONAL ENTRY PACKET AND FOR SENDING "PROOF OF TOURNAMENTS." THE AAU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS MUST BE INFORMED OF THE NUMBER AND THE DESTINATION OF PACKETS TO BE SENT.

# **Dividing Associations to Qualify for Nationals**

-If an Association consists of two or more states, the Association has the option of conducting individual State Championships for any or all sports. Champions resulting from such competition shall have the right to advance to Regional Championships and/or National Championship. Athletes within the Association may compete in only one such State Championship, per sport, within the Association. Athletes from each State shall be governed by residency requirements as if they reside in different Association. The advancing teams must identify themselves in entry information by using Association/State (i.e., Southeastern/Tennessee, Southeastern/Alabama).

# **Top Four Associations in National Tournament**

Associations that finished in the top four of the 2003 National Championship will get an additional bid to the 2004 Division I National Championship.

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AGE DIV	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	SP	IN	SW	PV	GA	PV	MA	ОН
2	SP	OK	MV/KS	MA	.MA	OK	CE	PV
3	PA	PA	SP	SO/LA	PA	SW	SE/TN	СТ
4	SP	SP	SP	CE	CT	MN	MV/KS	SO/LA
The bid is extended to the winning ASSOCIATION, not the team.								

In the 18 & under division two (2) teams from each Association may advance to the Division I National Championship without participating in an Association Qualifying Tournament (AQT). However, teams must participate in their AQT to retain any seed earned from the previous 17 & under tournament. The National Chair may designate additional at-large teams from any Association.

# **Super Regional Tournaments**

-In addition to the Spring Fling at Disney's Wide World of Sports, April 16-18, there will be several additional Qualifying Tournaments referred to as *Super Regionals (SRT)*. Please visit our website <a href="https://www.aausports.org">www.aausports.org</a> for a complete list. AUTOMATIC BIDS: Teams that finish first (1st.) or second (2nd) in any SRT may receive an automatic bid to the D-I National Championship Tournament. The following table will determine the number of teams.

3 to 5 teams = 1 team may advance

6+ Teams = 2 teams may advance

Qualifiers must also participate in their Association Qualifier, if offered. After a team qualifies, whether in a SRT or AQT, and then finishes high enough to qualify in a subsequent Tournament, the next highest team in **that subsequent** Tournament will also qualify for the Division I National Championship.

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

# **Entry Materials**

-ALL ENTRIES TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MUST BE SENT BY THE ADVANCING TEAM TO THE NATIONAL CHAIR OR THEIR DESIGNEE AND THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BY UPS OVERNIGHT, FEDEX OR AIRBORNE EXPRESS, TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE DEADLINE DATE.

-Teams whose paperwork is incomplete and/or not received by the entry deadline will not be accepted into the tournament and will not be drawn into the brackets. No team will be entered in the National Championship that fails to meet all entry requirements.

Teams that qualify for the National Championship must submit all of the following:

- 1. Team Roster
- 2. Birth Records
- 3. College Permission Letters, if applicable
- 4. Individual Entry Applications (complete with current pictures and signatures)
- 5. Team Entry Form
- 6. Entry Fee: \$600.00 for Division I or Division II. (Cashier Check, Money Order or Association Checks ONLY) (NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

# THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF FEES FOR THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AFTER THE "DRAW" HAS BEEN MADE"

# **Roster Additions**

-A team shall be allowed to add a maximum of 3 players to their official roster for the Nationals, making a maximum of 15 players. However, those "pick-up" players must have been present at the same AQT as the team that wishes to add them. No player may be dropped from the roster to add another.

-A maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Associations will be allowed on any team at Association level or National level. This includes the original Roster AND any "pick up" players as described above.

# **Player Eligibility**

-Each and every player participating in the National Championships must have been present at her own Association Qualifying Tournament. The National Chair and a designated committee will review any exception due to injury or other unavoidable circumstance. Any player in question must have her name appear on the official scoring rosters as part of her team's entry. THAT DECISION IS FINAL.

# **Birth Records**

Teams that qualify for National Tournaments must submit proof of birth records. This must be one of the following:

- 1. A certified <u>copy</u> of birth record from the State, County, or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics on the place of birth
- 2. A certified <u>copy</u> 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
- 3. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. Department of State
- 4. Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25
- 5. Form No. 43-12311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice
- 6. Legal passport.
- 7. Driver's License (at the AAU Junior Olympic Games only)

# **Eligibility Questions**

-Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the National Chair or his/her designee. No member of the LOC committee shall have the authority to rule on eligibility.

# **AAU Junior Olympic Games**

The National Championship that is held as part of the AAU Junior Olympic Games is different in many ways:

- -Each Association (excluding Host and those Associations that have separate state qualifiers that choose to have separate teams for each entity) may send 2 teams to the AAU Junior Olympic Games.
- -The criterion for qualification and team composition is to be determined by each Association.
- -Athletes in the AAU Junior Olympic Games are not required to have previously registered or participated in the AAU, but must have high school eligibility remaining for the 2004-2005 school year.
- -The National Chair may designate additional at large teams from any Association.
- -A team that has qualified for other National Championships must participate in that championship in order to participate in the JO games. If the qualifying team does not participate, then no member of said team may participate in the Junior Olympic Games.
- -Athletes may have participated in any age division of the program.
- -Participants may change teams/clubs for this competition without having to transfer.

# **Proof of Tournament**

Association Girls' Basketball Chair or Tournament Director must forward the following list of items to the National Certification Chair. These proofs should be received 3 weeks after the AQT or SRT **OR** by the entry deadline for the Nationals, whichever is EARLIER.

- 1. All actual roster sheets used in the Qualifying Tournament
- 2. All score book sheets from the Qualifying Tournament
- 3. Qualifying Tournament bracket showing team names, scores, and dates of play.

# **Host Team**

-The AAU Association that is host to a National Championship is allowed to enter a team directly from that Association if it meets all AAU Girls' Basketball requirements and has participated in its Association Qualifying Tournament. The Host Team is in addition to the teams that qualified and shall be named by the organization hosting the Championship. The place of finish shall have no bearing on the naming of this Host Team.

# **Tournament Format**

-All AAU Girls' Basketball National Championships shall begin by using the pool play format. In the 10, 11, 12 & 13/u D-I National Championships there will be a maximum of four (4) teams and a minimum of three (3) teams in each pool. The top 2 teams from each pool will advance to the Championship double elimination bracket. All teams that do not advance to the Championship bracket may participate in the consolation Shoot-Out at no additional cost. Shoot-Out participants will go directly into a Modified Double Elimination Bracket with no "IF" game.

-A mandatory meeting of at least one registered coach from each team wishing to continue in either the Championship or Shoot-out bracket will be held at the conclusion of pool play at a preannounced location.

-In the 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18/u D-I National Championships there will be a maximum of seven (7) and a minimum of six (6) teams in each pool with every team advancing to a *single* elimination bracket. Teams will be seeded by the way they finish in their respective pools. There will be no Shoot-out in these five Divisions. Circumstances may require adjustments to the prescribed format. The National Chair shall make the final decision on any adjustment.

**TIEBREAKER** - In Pool Play where 2 teams are tied, "head-to-head" competition between the 2 teams will determine the winner. If *more* than 2 teams are tied, a point differential (*maximum of 13 points*) Tiebreaker will be applied. The point differentials of each game are totaled and the teams are ranked accordingly. In the case of a three-way-tie, the team with the most points is declared the top team, the team with the next most points is second and the team with the third most points is third.

-In case of a three or four-way tie with points all even, then you choose from the following:

- a. Flip of coin with odd man out until there are only two (2) left and then refer back to the original head-to-head. ALL COACHES MUST AGREE TO THE FLIP.
- b. If coaches cannot agree to the coin flip, then the tied teams will play a 5-minute round robin with total points counting in the round robin. The team or teams with the highest number of points wins. The Tournament Director will handle the coin flip and/or round robin. The Director will determine when the round robin will be held with no appeal. NOTE: All teams will be in the bonus.

## **Tournament Draw**

- -16 Associations will be seeded from the previous year's National Championships. A blind draw shall be made for all other entries. (Example: The 13/U will be seeded by last year's 12/U finish, etc. However, the 10/U, AAU Junior Olympic Games, and D-II's are a blind draw.)
- -Blind draws shall begin with the remaining Associations 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> place, then 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers. Teams qualifying from a Super Regional Tournament shall be place in the blind draw in the same manner.
- -The draw will be held at the AAU National Headquarters the week following the deadline for entries to be received. The Commissioner-In-Charge, Tournament Director, Tournament Coordinator, and National Chair or his/her designee shall administer the draw.
- -Teams finishing first and second in the same pool will advance to the opposite side of the Championship bracket as will third and fourth place and fifth and sixth finishers.
- -If a seeded team is unable to attend, but notifies the National Chair prior to the entry deadline date, all other seeded teams below would move up one in the bracket. However, no 17th place team will be seeded.
- -If a team is unable to attend after making their official entry, a new POOL will NOT be drawn. Instead, a BYE will appear on the bracket.
- -The Host Team and the Host Association Champion shall be drawn into opposite pools for the National tournament.
- -Teams from the same Association will be put in different pools.
- -NO REFUND OF FEES WILL BE MADE AFTER THE DRAW HAS BEEN COMPLETED:

# Registration

- -A team and all available members of that team shall attend registration during the assigned registration time.
- -Registration at all National Tournaments will begin at 10:00 a m. (The National Chair may make adjustments to the Registration Times if numbers dictate.) A late athlete must register before she takes part in any game. Penalty: All games she participated in will be forfeited if she fails to register.
- -All athletes and coaches must show their AAU membership verification at the time of Registration. If a verification is lost or cannot be produced, another one must be purchased at that time with no refund.
- -A late athlete may register at any time before the conclusion of play in all National Tournaments.

-Any athlete that participates before she registers forfeits her eligibility for the remainder of the tournament and the team forfeits any game in which she participated. IT IS THE COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND THE AAU COMMISSIONER FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Registration for the JO Games competition players may use their driver's license as proof of age.

# Venues

-Host may not change a competition venue after the site inspection and execution of the contract without the approval of the lead Commissioner assigned to the Tournament; any violation may subject Host to a fine.

# Meetings

- -Coaches are required to attend two meetings at the National Championship or designate a representative on their behalf. Failure to attend the First Coaches' Meeting may result in loss of valuable information and even a forfeit. Failure to attend the Second Coaches' Meeting may result in the team not advancing to the Shoot-Out Bracket.
- -The Complete Athlete program is mandatory in the age divisions where it is presented. If a team fails to attend this program, the HEAD coach is suspended from coaching the team's next game. He/she shall not be allowed in the playing venue where the team is competing.

# **Opening Ceremony Attire**

-Athletes and coaches may wear their game uniforms, team warm-up uniforms or AAU t-shirts distributed at registration. No hats may be worn. Any team not attending the Opening Ceremony will result in the head coach not being able to coach the first game his/her team plays in the tournament. THERE WILL BE NO THROWING OF ITEMS DURING ANY PART OF THE OPENING CEREMONY

# **Program**

-Each head coach shall receive a National Championship program.

## Warm-Up

Participating teams are encouraged to bring their team fight song or state song. Music may be played during warm-up period over venue's p.a. system or on portable music system. If both teams provide music, music shall be alternated.

# **Coach's Conduct**

-In a National Championship, 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.

# **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.

## **Officials**

- -Official may not work a game involving a team from the Association where that official works or lives.
- -Division I National Championships for 11/u, 12/u, 13/U, 14/U, 15/U, 16/U, 17/U, 18/U, and AAU Junior Olympic Games 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.

#### **Awards**

- -Each athlete and registered coach on the top eight finishing teams all age divisions will receive a finalist medal and the top four teams will receive a trophy.
- -All trophies and awards will be ordered by the National Executive Committee and billed to the Host Committee.
- -All-American Awards shall be presented in the 16/U, 17/U, and 18/U divisions only.
- -Shoot-Out trophies and medals shall be awarded to the top four teams in the 10 to 13 age divisions. There is no Shoot-Out Tournament for the 14/u, 15/u, 16, 17 & 18 age divisions.

# **Disciplinary Committee**

The Disciplinary Committee at the National Championship Tournament will consist of:

- 1. The Tournament Director will be the Chair.
- 2. The Tournament Coordinator
- 3. Two members of the National Executive Committee attending
- 4. The Referee Assignor

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTION

# **Bid Requirements**

-Minimum bidding requirements are listed in the AAU National Championship Bid Book, which may be ordered from the AAU National Headquarters. Call or write AAU Headquarters to receive a bid book. No bid will be considered without completing proper forms.

Girls Basketball Bid Book AAU National Headquarters P.O. Box 22409 Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830-2409 407-934-7200

**Bid Procedures** 

-National Championship bids are awarded at the AAU Convention. Presentations shall be coordinated through a designated Executive Committee member. Each bid will be presented to the Bid Selection Committee, which will present recommendations to the delegates attending the annual meeting at the National Convention for approval or rejection. If only one bid is received, the Executive Committee is not required to, but may, approve that bid or wait until such time as other bids might be obtained. The Executive Committee may award any National Championship not awarded at the AAU Convention. Audiovisual presentations are subject to availability and are the responsibility of each presenter. Whenever possible, tournaments will be awarded 3 years in advance. Bids will be awarded for the year 2006 at the 2004 Convention.

# **National Championships**

Any National Championship host organization is required to have its Tournament Director or their representative attend the National Championship the year before they are to host. Said representative shall take part in registration, observe Opening Ceremonies, monitor daily operations, and meet with the local host and AAU Executive Committee members in attendance. The Host must also attend a meeting of all current year hosts as arranged by the AAU Girls' Basketball Committee.

## INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

# **Policy**

- -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 planned departure.
- -International Players are not allowed to play in the Division I National Championships.
- -International teams are allowed to participate in the D II National Championships, provided they purchase AAU Membership and are eligible by age restrictions.

# NCAA UNIFORM RULES

# (From Section 5)

- a. Team shirts shall be of the same solid color front and back. A player's shirt designed to be worn inside the game pants shall be tucked inside the game pants. An undershirt is considered to be part of the shirt and must be a color similar to the shirt. No logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, lettering or numbering may be used on an undershirt. An illegal undershirt may not be worn.
- b. Tights that extend below the game pants must be similar in color to the game pants.
- c. 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 conform to the following:
  - Placement must be such that the number(s) is clearly visible.
- d. Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of the shirt with plain Arabic numerals.
- The following numbers are legal: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 00, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55. (But double zero and zero cannot both be used for the same team)
- The number shall be at least 6 inches high on the back and at least 4 inches high on the front and not less than 3/4-inch width.

# **Chair Duties and Responsibilities**

# **National Chair**

The primary responsibility of the National Chair for AAU Girls' Basketball is to plan, coordinate, and facilitate the conduct of the national program, in particular, the National Championships. The AAU Girls' Basketball Committee shall elect the National Chair, subject to the approval of the AAU National President.

- 1. Coordinate all activities of the AAU Girls' Basketball Program with the Executive Committee, Commissioners, Boards, and AAU National Headquarters.
- 2. Plan and chair annual meeting of the AAU Girls' Basketball Committee. Plan and chair Executive Committee and Commissioner meetings.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Promote participation in AAU Girls' Basketball.
- 5. Oversee all elements of the program from publications to "sponsorship."
- 6. Perform other duties and responsibilities as necessary.

# **Certification Chair**

The primary responsibility of the National Certification Chair for AAU Girls' Basketball is to verify team and individual athlete eligibility for the AAU Girls' Basketball National Championships and D-II's. The AAU Girls' Basketball Committee shall elect the Certification Chair.

- 1. Verify team eligibility for those teams advancing to the AAU Girls' Basketball National Championships and D-II's.
- 2. Verify individual athlete eligibility for those teams advancing to the AAU Girls' Basketball National Championships and D-II's.
- 3. Represent and speak about AAU Girls' Basketball to other organizations.
- 4. Promote participation in AAU Girls' Basketball.
- 5. Act in an advisory capacity at National Championships and D-II's.

## **Commissioners**

The National Chair shall appoint Commissioners to assist in the conduct of the business of AAU Girls' Basketball.

## **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 and D-II's.



# "COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS"

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL** 

• 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 age group.
- 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 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.
- 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.

Signed