

5. The coach should respect his opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require his players to conduct themselves in similar fashion. Before and after the contest, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event
6. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.
7. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, and shall, under no circumstances authorize their use.
8. The coach must recognize the importance of the athlete's academic development and promote the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.

E. Sport Agents, Agencies and Representatives

Any person who is a registered sports agent or an agent or employee of a sports agent or agency, or any person who received compensation or consideration of any kind directly or indirectly from a sports agent or agency is prohibited from involvement in the AAU throughout the entire fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) during which any such compensation or consideration is received except as specifically set out herein.

Violation of this policy may result in the disqualification of the team and/or athlete (or both), as well as other possible penalties as set out in this Code.

Any such agency, agent, employee or representative may apply in writing to the AAU for an exemption concerning this policy. If, in the sole discretion of the AAU, such person's involvement either with the AAU and/or the sports agency is found to be inconsequential, such exemption may be granted. Such exemption, if any, may only be granted by the National Board of Review or a majority of the National Officers. In order to be valid (such exemption) must be in writing and will be subject to review either annually or at any time based upon a change of circumstance related to such persons' involvement

III. Sports Operations

A. Event Operating Rules

The Official Operating Rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book

1. Facilities/Competition Area

All gym floors must be a minimum of standard High School dimensions (84' X 50')

All gyms must be air-conditioned (unless event is held between October 1st and April 15th when air conditioning is not required)

2. Equipment

- a. Basketball Size - The "undersized" basketball shall be used for all 7:U/1st grade, 8:U/2nd grade, 9:U/3rd grade, 10:U/4th grade, 11:U/5th grade and 12:U/6th grade age division competitions. Circumference shall be 28.5.

3. Tournament Entry Procedures

- a. National Championship - No team will be entered into a National Championship tournament that fails to meet entry requirements. Teams that qualify for National Championships must acquire a "National Championship Entry Package," and comply with the requirements and deadlines set forth in the instructions contained in that package. AAU National Headquarters must receive entries by the entry deadline. Entries received after the entry date may be rejected.
- b. **A maximum of two (2) additional athletes may be added to the National Championship Roster after the entry deadline.** Entry fees must be paid online or by

cashier's check or money order (no personal checks). Proof of age must be by one of the following documents:

- i. A photocopy of his certificate of live birth from the State, County or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics on the place of birth (HOSPITAL RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED)
 - ii. A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth if the athlete's birth was not recorded on his day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies.
 - iii. Consular Service Form FS240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. Department of State. Immigration and Naturalization forms I151 and I25 and Form No. 43R3117 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.
 - iv. An unexpired Passport
 - v. Players participating under the Grade Eligibility section must provide confirmation of grade level from the school administrator
- c. Entry Fees**
- i. Teams must register online at www.aauboysbasketball.org.** The entry fee for all Division I National Championships is \$625 (except Senior Boys \$525). No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after the entry deadline.
 - ii. Teams must register online at www.aauboysbasketball.org.** The entry fee for all Division II National Championships is \$600.00. No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after entry deadline.
 - iii. Teams must register online at www.aauboysbasketball.org.** The entry fee for all Division III National Championships is \$425.00. No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after entry deadline.
- d. National Championship Participation Violation Penalties**
- i. Teams/clubs or non-athletes who have entered the National Championship, and who do not participate, are subject to sanctions, including suspension from National Championship play. Deadline for notification of withdrawal will be tournament entry deadline.
 - ii. Teams/clubs or non-athletes who fail to compete in all scheduled games at the National Championship are subject to sanctions, which may include suspension from National Championship play.

4. Tournament Format and Seeding

- a.** A pool play system will be used in the National Championships for all age divisions. There will be four (4) teams per pool when possible. Teams from each pool will then advance to a single elimination championship draw, with consolation brackets. Those teams that do not advance to the single elimination championship draw shall automatically advance to the National Classic Tournament.
- b. Tournament Draw** - The actual placement of teams into pools for the National Championship tournament will be complete upon the receipt of all entries. All Districts have been seeded based on:
 - i. Previous results

- ii. A random draw at the annual meeting to place those Districts that did not earn seeding points. No two teams from the same District [or state when possible] will play in the same Pool. (It is impossible to keep teams from the same State or District from meeting one another in the first round of games of the single elimination or consolation bracket part of the National Championship.) Teams that advance from the same pool will be placed in opposite halves of the bracket so that they will not meet again in the championship bracket until the National Championship game. Schedule adjustments may be made in the event of team "no show's."

c. Seeding Policy

- i. Seeding shall be by AAU District, not by individual teams. The first criterion for seeding shall be order of finish in the respective age 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**
- ii. Based on a point system, districts will be placed in order, with the highest total of points first and so on. The host team shall be the 9th seed in all tournaments. Ties are broken by best finish in latest event.
- iii. 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:**
- Seeded teams in order, Host always 9th, followed by silver medal team from districts
 - with seeding points.
 - Removal of seeded teams from placement list
 - Removal of teams not participating from list
 - Teams are advanced upward to fill vacated spots except the host team, which shall remain 9th place in all tournaments. Host 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 submitted to the Local Host by the National Director of Competition

5. Officials

No official may work more than four (4) games in one (1) day or more than two (2) games in succession. No official shall work any game involving teams from the City/County in which he/she resides (Division I and II National Championship pool and bracket play, does not include National Classic).

6. Coaching Requirements

- a. Coaching Restriction - No person may be a coach for any team competing in and event for which he/she is the tournament director.

b. National Championship Coaches' Attendance Requirements

The Head Coach (as designated on the official team roster) is required to attend each of the following functions at the National Tournaments:

- i. Meetings:
 - a. Pre-tournament coaches' meeting.
 - b. Post-pool play coaches' meeting.
- ii. The "AAU Complete Athlete" Seminar:

All teams and their Head Coaches as designated are required to attend the AAU Complete Athlete Seminar as scheduled.
- iii. Opening Ceremonies:

In the 8:U/2nd grade through 14U/8th Grade Divisions, all teams and their head coaches must attend and participate in the Opening Ceremony.
- iv. Violation: Any head coach failing to attend and answer roll call at the coaches' meetings, the AAU Complete Athlete Seminar, or march in with his or her team at Opening Ceremony shall be suspended for one game, and shall have no contact with the team during the game.

7. Awards

AAU medals shall be used at any sanctioned district qualifying event. Medals must be purchased through the AAU medal program or the sanction shall be denied/voided.

Effective September 1, 2009. (Added 3/09)

a. National Awards

- i. Medals - Medals will be presented by all games designated by the schedule
- ii. Trophies - National Championship team trophies will be presented to the top ten (10) placing teams, except in the Senior Boys' Division where trophies will be presented to the final four (4) placing teams. In the National Classic, team trophies will be awarded to the top four (4) places.
- iii. Individual Awards - The Junior Boys' Division I only shall name a Most Valuable Player at the National Championship. The MVP award shall be selected by a committee appointed by the National Commissioner assigned to the Championship. There shall be no All-American awards presented at the National Championships.
- iv. The AAU Boys' Basketball Executive Board may authorize additional awards as appropriate

8. Protest Procedures

- a. The National Boys Basketball Eligibility Committee shall serve as the Protest Committee.
- b. Protests must be made in writing within two (2) hours of the completion of the game being protested. A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany the protest. The written protest must be submitted to the National Commissioner-in-Charge. All decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

B. Competition Rules

The Official Playing Rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book.

This section shall be administered at all District Qualifiers, National Championships, Super Regional Championships, Disney Spring Classic's and Inter-District competitions.

1. Eligibility

a. Player/Team Disqualification

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements. If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of a sanctioned competition, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will continue. If a player is found to be ineligible after the competition has started, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player was listed on the official score sheet. The team may continue to participate, if applicable, without the expelled player.

b. Player/Club Attachment

A player becomes attached (a member of) to an AAU club when he participates in an AAU sanctioned competition, which involves two (2) or more AAU clubs (This does not include practice or league sanctions issued by AAU).

c. Age/Grade Divisions

Competition in boys' basketball shall be in the following age divisions: 7U/1st Grade(Authorized for competition at the District Level Only) 8:Under/2nd Grade, 9:Under/3rd grade, 10:U/4th grade, 11:U/5th grade, 12:U/6th grade, 13:U/7th grade, 14:U/8th grade, 15:U/9th grade, 16:U/10th grade, Junior Boys, and Senior Boys.

d. Age Determination/Grade Exception Rule

September 1, 2010 shall be the determining date for the age of the competitor for all districts and national championship events. Eligibility to participate is based first on the age determining date. The grade of the athlete is not a consideration if the athlete meets the age determining date. An athlete who does not meet the age determining date may qualify under the grade exception rule. In the 8U/2nd Grade through the 14U/8th Grade division, each team is allowed a maximum of **three** (3) grade exception athletes. There is **no limit** on the number of grade exception athletes in the 15U/9th Grade divisions through the Senior Boys' division.

i. Senior Boys Division - born on or after - September 1, 1990 (no later than summer following H.S. Class Graduation or Prep School graduation). No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.

ii. Junior Boys Division - born on or after September 1, 1992

Grade Exception 1: A player who is in the 11th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1991 can participate in the Junior Boys/11th grade division.

iii. Junior Boys Division - born on or after September 1, 1992

Exception 2: A player who is enrolling in Prep School is eligible to participate in the AAU Jr. Boys' Basketball Program provided he was born on or after September 1, 1991) (Subject to the approval of the National Chair). Contact the National Chairman (Boo Williams) to apply for approval. No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.

iv. 16 and Under/10th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1993

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 10th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1992 can participate in the 16: under/10th grade division. No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.

- v. **15 and Under/9th grade** - born on or after - September 1, 1994
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 9th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1993 can participate in the 15: under/9th grade division. No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.
- vi. **14 and Under/8th grade** - born on or after - September 1, 1995
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 8th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1994 can participate in the 14: under/8th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.
- vii. **13 and Under/7th grade** - born on or after - September 1, 1996
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 7th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1995 can participate in the 13: under/7th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.
- viii. **12 and Under/6th grade** - born on or after - September 1, 1997
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 6th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1996 can participate in the 12: under/6th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.
- ix. **11 and Under/5th grade** - born on or after - September 1, 1998
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 5th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1997 can participate in the 11: under/5th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.
- x. **10 and Under/4th grade** - born on or after - September 1, 1999
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 4th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1998 can participate in the 10: under/4th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.
- xi. **9 and Under/3rd grade** - born on or after - September 1, 2000
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 3rd grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1999 can participate in the 9: under/3rd grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.
- xii. **8 and Under/2nd grade** - born on or after - September 1, 2001
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 2nd grade and who was born on or after September 1, 2000 can participate in the 8:under/2nd grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.

e. Grade Confirmation

Players participating under the grade eligibility exception must present a birth certificate and confirmation of grade level from the School Administrator. NOTE: Grade level is determined by players grade on March 1, 2010 (See Grade Exception Form at www.auboybasketball.org click on forms to obtain a copy)

f. Player Participation Restrictions

- i. Only males may participate as players.

- ii. A player may not participate later than the summer following his class graduation from high school or prep school.
- iii. A player may participate in a maximum of three (3) age/grade divisions of the AAU Boys' Basketball program for which he can qualify. Players that compete in more than one age/grade division must compete with the same AAU club.

g. Residency

Residency – An athlete must compete with (attach to) a club registered in the district of his bona fide residency unless he elects to compete under one of the following exceptions:

- i. An athlete may attach to a club in any district which shares a common border with the athlete's district of residency.
- ii. An athlete enrolled as a bona fide student at an educational institution located outside his district of residency may elect to treat the district in which the school is located, as his district of residency.
- iii. An athlete who is subject to a written joint custody arrangement may elect to treat the district of either custodian as his district of residency.

h. Eligibility Committee

An Eligibility Committee appointed by the Boys' Basketball Chairman will be established to rule on player and team eligibility for national tournaments. Decisions of the Eligibility Committee are final.

2. Playing Times

<u>Division</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Halftime/ Warm up Times</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
7U/1 st Grade	6 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
8U/2 nd Grade	6 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
9U/3 rd Grade	6 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
10U/4 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
11U/ 5 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
12U/6 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
13U/7 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
14U/8 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
15U/9 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
16U/10 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
Jr. Boys	8 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
Sr. Boys	8 Minute Quarters	8 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime

Game Time:

The game time will also be the forfeit time. No grace period will be allowed.

3. AAU Super Regional Championships

If a team qualifies in the District Tournament advancement structure or has an automatic bid and earns a bid from a Super Regional Championship, the Super Regional Championship bid reverts to the next highest placed team at the Super Regional Championship, not otherwise qualified (not to be awarded below 4th place).

4. **Host Team**

Notwithstanding the qualification criteria, the local organizing committee that is host to a National Championship is allowed to enter teams provided that it meets all AAU requirements.

- a. Host Teams may participate in AAU District Championships, but it is not required.
- b. If Host Teams do not participate in its District Championship, they may pick up seven (7) players, as provided by these rules.
- c. The Host may select teams as it wishes. It is not required to use any particular formula or criteria.

C. **Team Rosters**

1. **District Championship, Super Regional Championship, & Inter-District Competitions**

- a. A maximum of fifteen (15) athletes and four (4) non-athletes are allowed on a team roster. All athletes and non-athletes on the roster must be registered AAU Members.
- b. A team may have a maximum of 3 players from a bordering district (Cross Boundary Athlete).
- c. All rosters used for Super Regional Championships, Disney Easter Classic, Disney Spring Classic and District Championships must be submitted online at www.auboybasketball.org for teams to be allowed to advance to Nationals.
- d. For District Qualifying Events: Please consult District rules and bylaws as it pertains to rosters for District Qualifying Events
- e. For Super Regional Championships: Rosters to be submitted online. Rosters may be modified prior to the teams' first game of the Super Regional. Host/Tournament Director will check eligibility documents as directed by the Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee.

2. **National Championship**

- a. A team that qualifies for a National Championship Tournament may add a maximum of **seven (7)** players to its District Roster for the purpose of participating in the National Tournaments by the entry deadline date of the event. The total number of players designated to play in the National Tournament may not exceed fifteen (15) players.
- b. Players added to a roster must meet the following criteria:
 - i. An athlete must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding age, residence, etc.) **unless approved by the Eligibility Committee.**
 - ii. There shall be a maximum of three (3) cross boundary athletes on a roster at any time.
 - iii. In age groups 8:Under/2nd Grade through 14:Under/8th Grade, each team roster is limited to a maximum of three (3) players who qualify under the Grade Exception rule. This limitation includes add-on's/replacements under this rule (Athletes on the District Roster can be replaced).

- iv. A team advancing to a Division I National Championship may not add a player from another team advancing to a Div. I National Championship in the same age group **without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.**

Policy: The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will not consider request for transfers under this rule until after the completion of the District Qualifier.

- v. A team advancing to a Div. 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 Div. II National Championship may not add any player from a team that has qualified for a Division I National Championship in the same age group.
- 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 age group **without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.**

Policy: The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will not consider request for transfers under this rule until after the completion of the District Qualifier.

D. National Championship Division I Qualifying Requirements

1. All rosters used for Super Regional Championships, Disney Easter Classic, Disney Spring Classic and District Championships must be submitted online at www.aauboysbasketball.org for teams to be allowed to advance to Nationals.
2. In order to compete in a National Championship a team must qualify in a District Championship, a Disney Spring Classic, an AAU Super Regional Championship or acquire an automatic entry as set out below. **Exception:** The designated host teams are not required to compete in any qualifying tournament.
3. District Championships may be conducted in every age division. A minimum of three (3) teams representing two (2) clubs are required to play in an District Age Championship in order for participants to advance to the National Championship in that age division.

E. National Championship Division II Qualifying Requirements

1. The National Boys Basketball Executive Committee may extend additional invitations to the Division II National Championship by the request of a District Sports Director or a member of the Boys Basketball Council. Interested teams should contact their District Sports Director, a Boys' Basketball Council Member, a Boys' Basketball Executive Committee Member or a Boys Basketball Sports Manager at AAU Headquarters.
2. Teams must compete in the District Championship in order to receive a National Division II Championship invitation
3. District Sports Director may choose any of the following three (3) options to determine qualifiers for the Division II National Championships:
 - a. **Hold one District Qualifying event:**
Award an equal number of bids to Division I and Division II National Championship as called for by the AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook, including automatic bids; [example; 10 teams in District Tourney = four (4) qualifying spots,

plus two (2) automatic bids equals six (6) qualifiers for Division I. Top six- (6) advance to Division I, next six (6) qualify for Division II (4th, 5th and 6th place finishers may choose to attend Division II National Championship or both National Championships).

b. Hold District Qualifying events for Division I and Division II on separate weekends:

If the DII Tournament follows the DI Tournament, teams that do not qualify for the DI National Championship may participate in the DII Qualifier. In this scenario, any team may choose to bypass the DI Qualifier and just compete in the DII Qualifier.

Total of all teams participating in both DI and DII count towards the team totals for advancement to Nationals.

c. Hold District Qualifying events for Division I and Division II on the same weekend:

If both DI and DII are on the same weekend, teams must choose either DI or DII, they may not compete in both.

Total of all teams participating in both DI and DII count towards the team totals for advancement to Nationals

F. National Championship Advancement Criteria

1. The number of teams that qualify for National Tournaments through district or super regional championships is based on the number of teams entered into the qualifying event. (In District Championships the total number of teams participating in Division I & Division II are counted to determine the number of teams qualifying for the National Championship. {NOTE}: Teams that qualify through a Super Regional must participate in their District Qualifier in order to validate their bid to Nationals. **Super Regional bids for Division I are not to be awarded below 4th place.**

- a. When there are 3 teams** – (A) First Place team only may advance for Division I. (B) One (1) team may advance for Division II.
- b. When there are 4-6 teams** – (A) Two (2) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Two (2) teams may advance for Division II.
- c. When there are 7-9 teams** – (A) Three (3) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Three (3) teams may advance for Division II.
- d. When there are 10-12 teams** – (A) Four (4) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Four (4) teams may advance for Division II.
- e. When there are 13-15 teams** – (A) Five (5) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Five (5) teams may advance for Division II.
- f. When there are 16-18 teams** – (A) Six (6) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Six (6) teams may advance for Division II.
- g. When there are 19-21 teams** – (A) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division II.
- h.** At their discretion, the District Sport Director and the National Chair may each name one additional qualifier for Division I and Division II for each additional increment of 3, starting with 22 teams.
- i.** Teams that finish in 5th Place or lower which qualify for Division I may choose to use their bid for either Division I or Division II or both.
- j. EXCEPTIONS:**
In the 8:U/2nd grade, 9:U/3rd grade and Sr. Boys Division all teams are eligible to compete in the National Championship.

2. Division III - All eligibility rules for AAU Boys' Basketball Age/Grade Divisions and roster limitations shall apply to Division III.
 - a. Teams which qualify to advance in the Division I District Qualifying event may not participate in Division III
 - b. Teams which finish 1st through 4th in the District Qualifying event for Division II may not participate in Division III
 - c. Teams must compete in the District Championship in order to receive a Division III National Championship invitation or petition the Boys' Basketball Chairman.

3. Disney Classics (Easter/Spring)
 - a. The top four teams in each age/grade division in the 2010 AAU Easter/Spring Classic Tournament will receive a national bid into the 2010 National Championship. The national bid only applies to the same age group.
 - b. **Teams must participate in the 2010 District tournament to receive their national bid.**
 - c. If a team qualifies in the 2010 District Tournament advancement structure, the national bid from the Easter/Spring Classic is null and void and does not revert to the Club or the District.

G. Automatic Entry Qualification

1. Teams may receive an automatic entry into the 2010 Division I or II National Championship based upon the following:
 - a. **Teams receiving automatic bids into the 2010 AAU National Championship must participate in the 2010 District tournaments.**
 - b. If an automatic bid recipient qualifies from the 2010 District tournament advancement structure, the automatic bid may be used by the club to advance another team from their club in the same age/grade division. If the club does not use the automatic bid to advance another team from their club, the bid will revert to the District to be awarded to the next highest place team not otherwise qualified.
 - c. All automatic entries advance to the older age level in ages 8U-16U (EXCEPTION: Jr. Boys) (Example: A 13:U/7th Grade team medals in 2009, the team receives an automatic entry into the 2010 14:U/8th Grade National Championship.)
 - d. Teams that earned medals in the 2009 Jr. Boys' National Championship will receive an automatic entry into the 2010 Sr. Boys' and Jr. Boys' National Championship.
 - e. Teams which earn medals in the 2009 Championship Bracket
 - f. Teams which earn medals 1st through 4th place in the 2009 Classic Bracket
 - g. Teams that place 1st – 4th will receive choice of an automatic bid back to the Division II Championships or to the Division I Championships in 2009. **(DII Only)**
 - h. Teams that finish 5th – 12th will receive automatic bids back to the Division II National Championship in 2009. **(DII Only)**

2. Club Program/Automatic Entry

A club will receive one automatic entry (for the following year) for every four (4) teams entered into National Championship events (combined total for Division I and II). The entry may be used for any age/grade division.

H. Competition Rules

1. Pool Play Tie Breaker

- a. In any situation where two (2) teams are tied, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
- b. 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.)
- c. If two (2) teams are still tied after the application of the formula, go back to (a.) to break the tie.
- d. 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.
- e. The score of all forfeits shall be 15-0. (For Tie Breaker Examples please see Appendix i.)
- f. If there is still a three way tie, three way flip of the coin. Odd coin out.

2. Press Rule

- a. For 8U/2nd, 9U/3rd and 10U/4th Grade:
Teams ahead by 20 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.
- b. For 11U/5th Grade and older:
Teams ahead by 30 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.

3. Bench Decorum

a. Uniforms

Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back. Numbers can be 00-99. Minimum size of numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back. Teams competing in National Championship tournaments must have white and dark jerseys.

Uniforms: Home wears White and Visitor wears Dark.

b. Home Team

The top/left team on the schedule shall be the home team and shall wear WHITE JERSEYS. Home team shall sit on the scorekeepers left. Visiting team shall wear DARK JERSEYS and sit on the scorekeepers' right.

c. Dress Code

All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear slacks, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championship.

Shorts, jeans, sweat pants, athletic wear, tee shirts, hats, and open-toed shoes are not permitted. The dress code applies to female bench personnel as well. Women may wear dresses or skirts appropriate to the occasion. **Dress Code does not apply to the Opening Ceremonies.**

d. Bench Personnel

- i. A team may have on its bench only the eligible persons listed on its official roster, including four (4) non-players (coaches, ball boy, scorekeeper, etc.). Only eligible players may wear uniforms on the bench.
- ii. At least one person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times. If as the result of a removal, illness, etc., no roster member of the minimum age of 18 available, tournament administrators shall select a person of suitable age to supervise the bench.

e. Violation

- i. Violation of Section A 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.
- ii. Violation of Sections C & D (1) of this Rule shall result in the assessment of a 2-shot technical foul for each violation. Thereafter, the offending team shall have one minute to correct the violation. If violation is not corrected the violator shall be removed from the playing floor until violation is corrected
- iii. All Technical fouls under this Rule are Administrative, and are not assessed to any coach or player.

f. Coaches Restrictions

No person may be a coach for any team competing in an event for which he/she is the tournament director

4. Opening Ceremony

- a. All participating teams shall **dress uniformly** during the Opening Ceremony.
- b. The "Bench Decorum" rule (II-D) **DOES NOT** apply to the Opening Ceremony
- c. Only roster members may participate in the Opening Ceremony.

5. Ejections

- a. Any player recorded on the official score sheet as ejected for fighting by the officials (striped shirts) will be prohibited from playing in the next scheduled game.
- b. If a coach or player is ejected from a game, he/she will be placed on probation (unless ejected for fighting).
- c. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will sit out that game and the next game.
- d. If a coach or player is ejected a third time, he/she will be suspended from the tournament.

6. Hotel/Motel Policy

Upon approval by the National Sport Chair, a National Championship Host may designate certain hotel/motel properties not to be used by teams participating in a National Championship Event. The exact name and address of each property must be provided to the National Sport Chair. The AAU Boys' Basketball Committee may reject entries of teams who reserve rooms in these designated properties. Once the National Championship Event begins, team(s) can be required to vacate the designated property in order to continue to participate in the event.

7. Team Certification

For its teams to be eligible for the National Championship, the District must submit to the National Basketball Administrator the following items:

- a. All roster sheets used in the District Tournament for teams that participated in the District Tournament.
- b. All roster sheets used in the District Tournament for teams that qualify to participate in the National Tournaments (including At Large Entries).
- c. All score book sheets for teams that qualify to participate in the National Tournaments (including At Large Entries).
- d. Form provided by the National Director of Competition indicating the top six (6) teams, including correct contact person, address, city, state, zip, and telephone numbers.

8. District Suspension

Districts not turning registrations in to AAU National Headquarters MAY BE suspended from participating in National Championships. However, teams who have successfully met requirements may be allowed to participate at the discretion of the Boys' Basketball Executive Committee.

I. Championship Site Selection

- a. Fees
Proposals must include a deposit of 50% of award fee. Deposit will be returned within thirty (30) days after survey, if tournament site is not selected.
- b. Bid Selection Procedure
National tournament sites will be surveyed by members of the Boys' Basketball Executive Board and approved by a vote of the Boys' Basketball Council (Executive Board and Commissioners). No voting member may vote on sites involving his District.
- c. Contract
Host Organizations must return signed contract within thirty (30) days of receipt.

J. Inter District Competition

- a. National Committee Approval
Inter-District competition must be approved by the National Executive Board.
Applications for national approval will not be considered until the Host Organization submits the following:
 - i. Completed application form, which may be obtained from the AAU National Headquarters.
 - ii. Event flyer which sets forth the criteria for participation according to these rules.

- iii. Satisfactory proof that the proposed competition has been or will be sanctioned by the District in which the competition is being held.
 - iv. All Inter-District applications are due 60 days prior to the start of competition. Applications received less than 60 days will not be reviewed. Approval will not be granted for an Inter-District competition if applicant has distributed tournament information prior to receipt of approval by AAU Boys' Basketball.
 - b. Eligibility
 - i. All player-participants must be current AAU members.
 - ii. All teams must be AAU member teams/clubs in good standing.
 - iii. Players may compete only for the AAU club or organization with which they are attached, as provided by the AAU Code.
 - iv. Registration Requirements: The Host Organization shall be responsible for reviewing the credentials of players and clubs to verify individual registration and club membership status of participants
 - c. Rules

All of the provisions for roman numerals I, II, III, IV shall be observed for inter district competition
 - d. Reporting Results

Within 10 days of the completion of any Inter-District competition, the Host Organization shall provide the following to the National Basketball Administrator at AAU National Headquarters:

 - i. Copies of all rosters for teams participating in the event.
 - ii. Results of all games and the order of finish.
 - iii. Inter-District competition report form, as provided by the National Basketball Administrator
 - e. National Committee Representative

As a condition of national approval, the Executive Board may require the Host Organization to provide the expenses (travel, housing and food) for a National Boys' Basketball Committee Representative to observe and monitor the event.
 - f. Schedule Limitations

The Executive Board will not approve Inter-District competition between the dates of August 15th and March 15th, for athletes older than age 14 and under/eighth grade division.

IV. Excerpts from the AAU Code Book

- A. **AAU Membership** - All participants must be a member of the AAU in order to participate in any AAU Sanctioned Event. Event Operators may not collect AAU membership money at any AAU sanctioned event.
- B. **Membership Requirements** - Membership in the AAU is a privilege granted by the AAU. The AAU at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject applicants for membership.