

# 2009 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

## AAU BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Minnesota AAU Invitational tournaments will be played under the 2008-2009 National Federation High School (NFHS) rules, except for the following changes:

1. **Membership:** Only AAU members may participate. All personnel sitting on the bench must have AAU athlete or non-athlete membership.
2. **Length of game:** 8U/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 12U/6<sup>th</sup> Grade                   **14 minute halves**  
13U/7<sup>th</sup> Grade and older   **16 minute halves**

All games will be stop time. The head coaches may decide, by mutual consent, to go to running time in the second half. Once the decision has been made to start a running clock it will continue until the conclusion of the game.

3. **Time outs:** Each team shall receive **3 Full and 2 - 20 Second time outs per game.**
4. **Overtime:** The first overtime will be **3 minutes** stop time. Additional Overtimes will be **2 minute** stop time. Each overtime will begin with a jump ball. One additional time out shall be granted to each team per overtime, to be added to any remaining time outs from regulation.
5. **Pressing Rule:** 12U and younger, no pressing if up by **30 points.**
6. **Forfeit Rule:** Game time is game time. There is no grace period! A team must have 5 players to start a game. In pool play, a forfeit is 15-0 for tiebreaker situations. In pool play for girls a forfeit is 13-0 for tiebreaker.
7. **Warm up:** A minimum of **5 minutes** will be given for pre-game warm up. No game will start early except with mutual consent by both coaches.
8. **Halftime:** Halftime will be **5 minutes.** The site director may reduce halftime if the court is running behind schedule.
9. **Basketballs:**

Boys' Divisions:	8U/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade - 12U/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>28.5</b>
	13U/7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 19U/Sr Boys	<b>Full Size</b>
Girls' Divisions:	All ages and grade divisions	<b>28.5</b>
10. **Coaches Box:** Only the head coach may stand in the coach's box. If no box is marked, the officials shall designate the area. A bench technical shall remove the right to use the coaches box (head coach must remain seated).

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- 11. AAU Responsibilities:** Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the schedule, officials, eligibility of athletes, etc. should be directed to:  
**McCain Rosonke**  
**612-290-6240**  
[mccain@ausports.org](mailto:mccain@ausports.org)
- 12. Host Responsibilities:** Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the facility or host staff should be directed to the site director.
- 13. Sportsmanship:** MN AAU recognizes the importance of sportsmanship in providing a competitive environment that is positive and fun! MN AAU keeps a file on each team/coaching staff and each game official. Disciplinary Action will be taken for those who display poor behavior!
- 14. Three Strike Rule for coaches:** When MN AAU has received written notice from officials or tournament staff concerning unsportsmanlike behavior during 3 games, MN AAU contacts the coach involved and places him/her on probation (**strike one**). If 2 additional written notices are posted to the team/coaching staff, the offending coach will be suspended for one weekend (**strike two**). The next written notice of unsportsmanlike behavior will result in suspension for the year (**strike three**). Coaches may protest the disciplinary action taken in writing to [mccain@ausports.org](mailto:mccain@ausports.org).
- 14. Three Strike Rule for officials:** When MN AAU has received written notice from coaches or tournament staff concerning unsportsmanlike behavior during 3 games, MN AAU contacts the official involved and places him/her on probation (**strike one**). If 2 additional written notices are posted to the official, the official involved will be suspended for one weekend (**strike two**). The next written notice of unsportsmanlike behavior will result in suspension for the year (**strike three**). Officials may protest the disciplinary action taken in writing to [mccain@ausports.org](mailto:mccain@ausports.org).
- 15. Protests:** The judgement of the game officials is final. Protests will be accepted for eligibility issues and rules violations. All protests must be in writing. Email protests to: [mccain@ausports.org](mailto:mccain@ausports.org), or mail to: **Minnesota AAU, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins, MN 55305.**