

AAU BOYS BASKETBALL

15U/9th GRADE DIVISION I & II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

COACHES INFORMATION

- DATES:** Registration: JUNE 28th 2017 | Competition: JUNE 28– JULY 2, 2017
- FACILITIES:** Houston High School – 9775 Wolf River Blvd., Germantown, TN 38139 (Registration & Tournament Headquarters) and other facilities.
**Additional facilities as necessary*
- ENTRY FEE:** Division I - \$645.00
Division II - \$620.00
**Once a team enters the tournament refunds will not be given.*
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** Teams must be registered via PlayHoops Registration System by **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017**. All participating teams must have a roster submitted online at www.auboysbasketball.org. Entry fees must be submitted via PlayHoops Registration System.
- SPECTATOR ADMISSION:** Daily admission will be available for \$13.00 per adult, \$10.00 per youth (ages 6-14) and under 5, free. A Length of Event pass will also be available for \$45.00 per adult, \$35.00 per youth (ages 6-14).
- OPENING CEREMONY:** No Opening Ceremony will be held.
- REGISTRATION:** **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017** at Houston High School in Germantown, Tennessee. Your registration time will be assigned and posted along with the schedule on www.auboysbasketball.org.
COACHES AND ATHLETES MUST BE AT REGISTRATION.
- ATHLETE VERIFICATION:** Each athlete must present the following eligibility materials at registration:
- 1.) Approved Photo ID / Approved Proof of Age
 - 2.) IF APPLICABLE: Copy of each athlete's Proof of Grade.
- 2017 ELIGIBILITY MATERIAL OPTIONS**
1. **Electronic Age Verification through [SportsAge ID](#).** (Meets age and photo ID requirements)
 2. **Valid Passport** (Meets age and photo ID requirements)
 3. **Valid Driver's License or Learner's Permit** (Meets age and photo ID requirements)
 4. **Military ID card** (Meets age and photo ID requirements)
 5. **Dept. of Motor Vehicles State Identification card** (Meets age and photo ID requirements)
 6. **Report Card** (Meets grade requirement)
- COACH VERIFICATION:** All bench personnel must be present and show government issued photo ID in order to receive credentials. NO EXCEPTIONS

- COACHES' MEETINGS:** **First coaches' meeting:** [TBD] at Houston High School.
- Second coaches' meeting:** [TBD]. The second coaches meeting will be held at Houston High School - 45 minutes after the last game concludes in your pool.
- The Head coach from each team is required to attend BOTH meetings. Penalty for failure of the Head Coach to attend is a one game suspension. Suspensions do NOT include forfeited games.
- ELIGIBLE TEAMS:** Only teams that have qualified through AAU Qualifying Procedures will be eligible to compete in the National Championships. (See 2017 Boys' Basketball Handbook at www.aauboysbasketball.org and click on Rules).
- RULES OF PLAY:** The National Championship Tournament will be played under the 2016-2017 National Federation of State High School Association rules, except where amended by the AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook. Please visit www.aauboysbasketball.org and click on the Rules tab, then Rules/Handbook.
- SCHEDULES/RESULTS:** Schedules and Results will be posted at www.aauboysbasketball.org and will be emailed to each team that provides a valid email address in the Online Roster System.
- GAME FORMAT:** Four (4) 8 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 4 minute overtime.
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** June 28 – Registration/Pool Play
June 29 – Pool Play
June 30 – Pool Play/Bracket Play (Championship or Classic)
July 1 – Bracket Play (Championship or Classic)
July 2 – Conclusion of Bracket Play (Championship or Classic)
*Each team may play one game per day during pool play and one or two games a day during bracket play.
- BENCH RULES:** The home team will sit on the left side of the official scorekeeper, facing the table from the floor. A team may have on its bench only eligible players in uniform and four non-players. Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench. **At least one person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times.**
- PRESS RULE:** 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.
- AWARDS:** Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and the team will receive a trophy. Each athlete and registered coach on the fifth through tenth finishing teams will receive a finalist medal and the team will receive a plaque. Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Classic Bracket will receive a finalist medal and the team will receive a plaque.
- ROSTER:** All athletes and non-athletes allowed on the bench must hold a current AAU membership. A team that qualifies for a National Championship may add a maximum of **three (3)** players to its District Roster for the purpose of participating in the National Championship. Additions must be made 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. Athletes can be removed from the District Championship roster.

Pick-up/replacement players listed on the roster are subject to the following restrictions: These players must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding grade, age, residence, etc.) unless approved by the Eligibility Committee. Teams may not add players from the rosters of other teams advancing to the National Championship Tournament. 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.

For further clarification, please refer to the 2017 AAU Boys Basketball Handbook at www.aauboysbasketball.org (click on Rules/Info).

AGE/GRADE DETERMINATION: An athlete can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2017. Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 9th Grade as of October 1, 2016 and who is no older than 16 on August 31, 2017

ELIGIBILITY: Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the National Chair or his designee in attendance. No member of the local Tournament Committee shall have the authority to rule on eligibility. The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will handle all of these matters.

TEAM DOCUMENTATION: Each team **MUST** present "**ELIGIBILITY MATERIALS**" for review. The "**ELIGIBILITY MATERIALS**" must contain:

1. Copy of the team AAU Online Roster to be used at the event.
2. Approved Photo ID / Approved Proof of Age
3. Copy of each athlete's Proof of Grade (if applicable).

The "**ELIGIBILITY MATERIALS**" will be reviewed at registration time by a member of the AAU Tournament Staff. Failure to have proper documentation at registration or during the event may result in athlete or team disqualification. Acceptable documents can be found at www.aauboybasketball.org in the Rule Book.

PROTESTS: For National Championship play, any eligibility protest that is turned in the first day of competition by 6:00 pm will be reviewed by the eligibility committee, and a decision will be made prior to bracket play. Any eligibility protest that comes after the first day of competition will be reviewed at the Eligibility Committee's discretion. All non-eligibility protests will be reviewed by the Eligibility Committee at their discretion.

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

CODE OF CONDUCT: Players', coaches' and spectators' conduct should be above reproach, on and off the court. Misbehavior or misconduct may result in disqualification from the tournament. Coaches listed on the official team roster are responsible for the conduct of their players and any damages incurred to the hotel or facilities used by the players. If a coach or a player is suspended during a game, the suspension does NOT include forfeited games. The suspension will be for the next game played

MISBEHAVIOR/EJECTIONS

1. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
2. Players ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Additional penalties, up to exclusion from the tournament, may be imposed by the National Eligibility Committee.

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

UNIFORM:

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 **LIGHT** and **DARK** jerseys. The Home team wears Light jerseys and Visitor wears Dark jerseys. The top/left team on the schedule shall be the home team and sit on the scorekeepers' left. The bottom/right team on the schedule shall be the visiting team and sit on the scorekeepers' right. **Violation of this rule shall be penalized by a two (2) shot administrative technical foul for each illegal jersey. The penalty will be assessed at the time the player with the illegal jersey enters the game.**

COACHES' ATTIRE:

All non-uniformed persons on bench shall wear long pants, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championships. Jeans, jean shorts, sweat pants, mesh shorts, tee shirts, hats and open-toed shoes are not permitted. Any non-uniformed person on the bench will be removed until properly attired. Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench.

COACHES EDUCATION:

The PCA Coaches Education Course is MANDATORY and FREE for all AAU Non-Athletes. Please visit www.aausports.org and click on PCA Button in order to enter and take the MANDATORY AAU/PCA coaches educational course. Membership may be revoked from Non-Athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

WARM-UP & GAME BALLS:

Basketballs are provided during warm-up sessions. Spalding, the official ball of AAU Boys Basketball, shall provide basketballs for warm-ups and games. **DO NOT** bring basketballs to games.

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.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Please contact Leora Washington at 901-825-0208

STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE

The AAU cannot and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has licensed (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's

expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

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