



2018 AAU FOOTBALL LEAGUE BASED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DECEMBER 5-9, 2018 | ORLANDO, FL





Important Information:

Northeast Recreational Park - 50901 Hwy 27, Davenport, Florida 33897 (Pool and Bracket Play)

Bishop Moore High School - 3901 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, Florida 32804 (Championships)

DATES: December 5; Team registration at the Host Hotel
December 6-8; Pool play and bracket play
December 9; Championship Sunday

ENTRY FEE: \$775 per team. Team fee includes registration fees and unlimited fan entry for pool and bracket play December 6th-8th. Championships are \$10 for adults; \$5 ages 6 -14. Free for ages 5 and below.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Registration must be complete including payment no later than Friday, November 30, 2018.

QUALIFYING: A team must consist of athletes that have participated in AAU League Play throughout the 2018 Fall Football season. All Star teams are prohibited. No roster additions after October 1, 2017, will be allowed. Ages 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U.



Accommodations and Checkin:

ACCOMMODATIONS: All teams must stay at the designated host hotel or other provided accommodation. The tournament host must sign off on any exception. Proof of stay will be required at team check in. Each team will be required to book enough rooms to accommodate every participant rostered while abiding by the hotel's occupancy requirement.

RESORT BOOKING: This year's host resort is Diamond Resorts International. The property locations are **Liki Tiki Resort**, 17777 Bali Blvd, Winter Garden, FL 34787 and **Mystic Dunes Resort**, 7600 Mystic Dunes Lane, Celebration, FL 34747 **All teams must stay at the Host Hotel. Booking information can be found at www.riddlesportsgroup.com.**

Booking Instructions:

For Teams that wish to create mini blocks for their parents and fans, contact: Anne Lederer - 574.277.0955 or email anne.lederer@diamondresorts.com

For direct booking, use the information below:

By Email: Derrick Knight – derrick.knight@diamondresorts.com
- By Phone – Reservations: 800-438-2929: (Sunday – Sunday)
- By Phone - Modifications: 800-438-2929: (Sunday – Sunday), derrick.knight@diamondresorts.com (Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm)



Accommodations and Checkin:

TEAM CHECK IN:

**December 5th, 3:00pm to 7:00pm at
Mystic Dunes Resort, 7600 Mystic Dunes
Lane, Celebration, FL 34747**

A person listed as sideline personnel shall register the team at the appointed check in time. This is a mandatory requirement. Players do not attend check in. Hotel stay will be verified.

Each team shall present for review, an “Eligibility Book” for review at check in.

The “Book” must contain:

1. Team Roster including AAU membership number.
2. Athlete’s Proof of Age
3. Season Hard Card which should include picture and games played

The “Book” may be held at registration for review or requested to be seen by a member of the AAU staff at any time during the tournament. Always have the book onsite and available during your games. Any book held for review will be returned to the team at the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to have proper documentation at registration or during the event may result in athlete or team disqualification. Credentials and player gifts will be distributed at team check-in.





SCHEDULE AND FORMAT: The schedule shall be created and posted by the AAU National Office to insure objectivity and fairness to all teams competing. The first 3 days will consist of round robin pool play with teams seeded into bracket play based on record. Bracket play shall be single elimination until the final two teams from each age division are determined. Pool play and bracket play will be “half games” consisting of two halves. The final two teams from each age division will earn a bid to the Championship Game on the final day. All final day games shall be 4 quarters of play.

UNIFORMS: See NFHS Rule Book

COACHES ATTIRE: All coaches and sideline personnel shall be in appropriate and matching athletic attire consistent with the team uniform (i.e. collared shirts, coaches dress shorts or play dry fit shorts, khaki Chinos, etc; caps and athletic shoes. No baggy shorts below the knee, street clothes, open toed shoes, etc... Sideline personnel are expected to have a professional and neat appearance. Proper attire will be at the sole discretion of the tournament director and/or Head Referee or “White Hat”.



2018 AAU TACKLE FOOTBALL National Championship Rules of Play

The 2018 AAU Tackle Football National Championships will be run using the most current High School Football Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) except where specifically amended in the sections to follow or the tournament packet. It is strongly recommended that coaches have a copy as it is the responsibility of the Head Coach to be knowledgeable of the rules.

2018 Rule Changes:

1. There will be a book check before every game. Athletes will line up in a designated area for book check. There are no coaches or team representatives allowed in the book check area. Books should be in good order. Every effort to resolve discrepancies will be made in order to get athletes to the field on time.

2. There will be NO electronic equipment allowed on the sidelines inside the coaches box or by personnel designated as sideline staff. This includes, however is not limited to, cell phones, tablets, video cameras, etc... One warning will be issued. A second warning will be removal from the field and/or coaching box. Failure to comply will constitute dismissal from the remainder of the tournament.



DIVISIONS: The tournament shall consist of four age divisions, **8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U** with the age requirement being the age that the athlete is at 11:59pm on August 1, 2017. An athlete may play in a higher division provided he or she has done so throughout the season. An athlete may not play in a lower division for any reason.

ATHLETES: A team shall consist of a minimum of 16 players and a maximum of 35 players. Any exceptions must be in writing by the tournament host. See the Divisions section for age determination. All athletes must be in compliance with the AAU Membership section of this packet. Any athlete found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament will be expelled from the tournament. Once the tournament has begun, any athlete found to be ineligible will be expelled along with the Head Coach. The team will forfeit all games in which an athlete participated illegally and will be seeded accordingly.

NON-ATHLETES: A team may carry up to 8 persons on the sideline that are allowed inside the coaches' box. This may consist of any combination of Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Team Mom, or Jr. Coach. All shall check in at team registration and must have tournament provided sideline credentials. All AAU membership rules regarding non-athletes apply and any violation will result in removal from the sidelines up to and including team expulsion from the tournament. No exceptions.



- FOOTBALLS:** 8U - Pee Wee
10U - Pee Wee
12U - Junior
14U - Youth or Official High School

All games must use the ball provided by the tournament committee. Every effort shall be made to provide additional balls for the purpose of warm ups, however, will be contingent upon quantity provided by sponsors.

TIEBREAKERS: NFHS Rules shall apply with the exception of the initial spot of the ball. Overtime play shall begin with the ball spotted on the 10 yard line with no possibility of a first down.



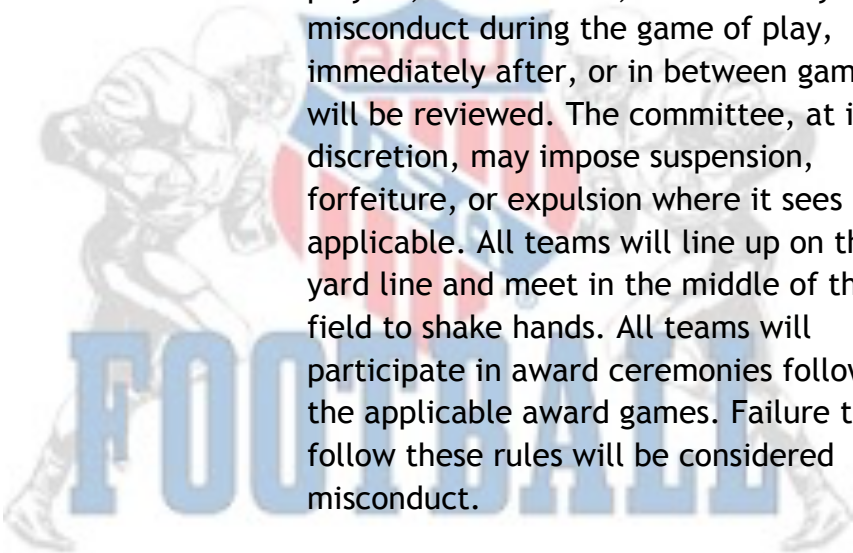


SIDELINE STAFF:

The sideline staff may consist of 8 adults and 2 Junior Coaches. Junior coaches should be of high school age, hold a current AAU Athlete Membership, and be in proper coaching attire. The 8 members of the sideline staff shall hold a current AAU Non-Athlete Membership and have proper tournament credentials for the sideline. This staff may include any combination of coaches, trainers, team mom, etc... All must be in proper coaching attire and match the team colors.

CONDUCT:

Head coaches will be responsible for the conduct and sportsmanship of their players, sideline staff, and fans. Any misconduct during the game of play, immediately after, or in between games will be reviewed. The committee, at its discretion, may impose suspension, forfeiture, or expulsion where it sees applicable. All teams will line up on the 50 yard line and meet in the middle of the field to shake hands. All teams will participate in award ceremonies following the applicable award games. Failure to follow these rules will be considered misconduct.





EJECTIONS: Any player or sideline staff that is ejected from a game will serve an automatic one game suspension of the next available game played by his/her team. If an athlete, then the athlete will be identified to the head official and shall be in plain “street” clothes and not in uniform other than jersey. If a non-athlete is ejected then an automatic review by the tournament committee will take place to determine if a one game suspension is adequate. The committee may impose additional penalties if it sees applicable. Any fan or spectator that is asked to leave the premises for misconduct will not be allowed to return to the tournament. No exceptions.

PROTESTS: NFHS rules may not be protested. Protest during the game will follow NFHS rules. The field will be cleared and 5 minutes given for the Head Coach to discuss the protest with the Head Official. If the tournament director or tournament football director is required to be present then their time to arrive shall not be counted against the 5 minutes. **Regardless of the outcome of the protest, the protesting team shall be charged with a timeout.** If a game is to be protested then the head official must be notified immediately. A \$100 cash fee (refunded if upheld) shall accompany a written protest and presented to the Tournament Football Director. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final and no protest shall be allowed in matter solely involving the officials’ judgment.



WITHDRAWAL:

Deadline for withdrawal from the tournament shall be the tournament entry deadline. Any withdrawal after the entry deadline will result in forfeiture of tournament fees. Teams will not be scheduled for play until entry criteria is met.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION:

The tournament entry fee covers the cost of spectator admission for the pool play and bracket play games only. For teams making it to Championship Day, the admission to the Game will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

COOLERS:

One cooler per team may accompany the sideline staff and be kept on the sideline for the purpose of additional hydration for athletes. Coolers in the fan areas are strictly prohibited. The tournament committee may ask that coolers be removed from the facility. Refusal may result in the removal of the individual from the tournament.

TRANSPORTATION:

Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from tournament facilities. All parking is complimentary.



8 AND UNDER DIVISION

- 10 minute halves (Pool and Bracket) 2 TO's per half
- 8 minute quarters (Final Game) 3 TO's per half
- 1 coach allowed on the field. The coach must conduct actions as if coaching from the sideline. The on field coach may NOT physically touch or move players after the huddle is broken and must remain at a distance so as to not interfere with the play or the officials. **PENALTY: Dead ball foul and a 5 yard penalty. 2nd PENALTY: Unsportsmanlike Conduct and a 15 yard PENALTY. 3rd PENALTY: Ejection.**
- No lining up directly over the Center. Face mask must be in the "A" Gap.
- 6 Defensive players are permitted on the line of scrimmage and must be in either a 3 point or 4 point stance if inside a 7 technique. Any player in a 2 point stance must be 6 feet (2 yards) off the line of scrimmage.
- No Kickoffs. The ball will be spotted at the offense's 35 yard line.
- Declaration of a Punt. The offense and defense will leave the playing field. One player shall remain on the field for the purpose of punting the ball. The player punting the ball will line up 5 yards behind the spot of the ball. Upon lining up the player will be given the ball by the head referee and shall have no more than 5 seconds to punt the ball. The ball will be considered down where it stops or the point in which it rolls out of bounds.
- No rushing of Extra Points
- A PAT is 2 pts. if kicked and 1 point if run or passed.
- If a 2 point conversion is desired by not kicking the offense must declare the intentions to the "white hat" and the ball will be spotted at the five yard line. The offense may run or pass from the five yard line for a 2 point conversion.



10 AND UNDER DIVISION

10 minute halves (Pool and Bracket) 2 TO's per half

10 minute quarters (Final Game) 3 TO's per half

No lining up directly over the Center. Face mask must be in the "A" Gap.

No rushing of Punts or Extra Points

A PAT is worth 2 points if kicked and 1 point if run or passed.

12 AND UNDER DIVISION

10 minute halves (Pool and Bracket) 2 TO's per half

10 minute quarters (Final Game) 3 TO's per half

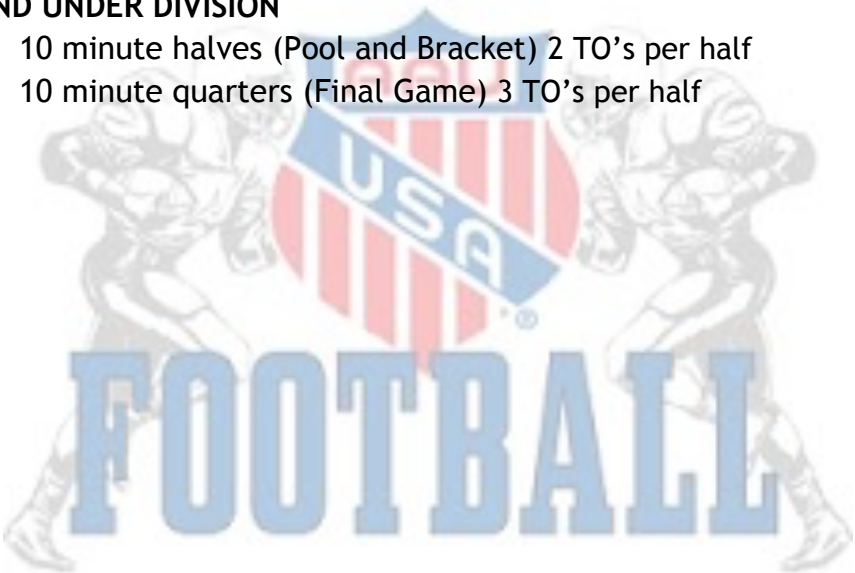
No lining up directly over the Center. Face mask must be in the "A" Gap.

A PAT is worth 2 points if kicked and 1 point if run or passed.

14 AND UNDER DIVISION

10 minute halves (Pool and Bracket) 2 TO's per half

10 minute quarters (Final Game) 3 TO's per half





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AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes, coaches, and sideline persons must hold a current AAU membership. In addition, all teams must hold a current AAU club membership. All athletes and non-athletes listed on the roster will receive credentials for entrance into each of the tournament facilities.

The AAU cannot and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event, nor can it guarantee the number of teams that will participate. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for and participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction or 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.

- This event is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., Inc.
- All participants must have a current AAU Membership
- AAU Membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event
- AAU Membership must be obtained before the competition begins except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connect. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU web site www.ausports.org to obtain membership.