

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2011 AAU 4th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 6

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX



INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTER

Step 1

Read all pertinent tournament details on the **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION FLYER**.

Step 2

Enter you team through the National Championship **ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM**. Click on the **TEAM ROSTER** icon in order to begin this process.

Please remember it is the responsibility of the Head Coach to submit **ALL** the necessary registration materials **BEFORE MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011**.

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION MAY REJECT ENTRIES THAT ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE.

2011 AAU Girls Basketball 4th Grade National Championships

Tournament Information Flyer

TOURNAMENT DATES:	August 1 – August 6, 2011 Competition will begin at 8:30 am on August 2
SITES:	ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex (& other sites as needed)
HOST:	AAU National Headquarters
ENTRY FEE:	Division I, Division II and Division III \$570 Register prior to April 15 \$670 Register after April 15
ENTRY DEADLINE:	All materials must be RECEIVED via Online Registration by Monday, July 18, 2011.
TEAM PHOTO:	Team photos are only mandatory if you want your team listed in the program.
OPENING CEREMONY:	Opening Ceremonies will take place on August 1, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Athletes and coaches should wear their uniforms, warm-ups or dressed uniformly during the ceremony. Teams may carry a team banner and/or State flag.
REGISTRATION:	Monday, August 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. All teams will be assigned a registration time. Each person listed on the Official Team Roster <u>MUST</u> present their AAU membership card at registration.
SPECTATOR ADMISSION:	Daily admission will be available at \$14.50 per adult and \$10.00 per youth depending on the location. Length of Event pass will be \$72.50 per adult and \$50.00 per child.
COMPETITION DAYS:	Tuesday, August 2 – Pool play begins. Saturday, August 6 – Championship day.
COACHES MEETING:	A coach from each team may be required to check-in with the Tournament Office at the conclusion of pool play to determine their position in bracket play.
GAME SCHEDULE:	The National AAU Office will EMAIL schedule and registration times to each team that supplies an email. This information will also be posted no later than seven (7) days before the start of competition at www.aagirlsbasketball.org

REFUND POLICY: Once a team enters the tournament refunds will not be given.

Tournament Eligibility Rules

ELIGIBLE TEAMS: Open to all eligible teams.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes as well as all four (4) non-players allowed on the bench must hold a current membership in the AAU. No non-player shall be allowed on a team bench without an AAU membership card. Each team will receive a maximum of four (4) bench personnel and 15 player credentials.

GRADE DETERMINATION: **4th Grade** - An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2010 and **cannot** turn 12 prior to September 1, 2011. If an athlete wishes to play down in grade division, she must petition the National Chair and must meet all criteria established.

PLAYER ROSTER: A team shall be allowed to add a maximum of seven (7) players to their official roster, when advancing to a National Championship, with an overall maximum of fifteen (15) players. Pick up players must simply be eligible to participate by grade and residence requirements. A maximum of three (3) players from an adjoining District may be picked up under the above rules only if she did not participate in any other DQT. Each team must have at least one (1) coach listed, but not more than four (4) on the Official Team Roster. For details, please refer to the 2011 AAU Girls Basketball Handbook, which can be found online at www.aagirlsbasketball.org

**PROOF OF GRADE/
BIRTH RECORD CHALLENGE:** In lieu of turning in report cards and birth certificates at each tournament, AAU Girls Basketball is instituting the Proof of Grade/Birth Record Challenge system. **Proof of Grade and Birth Records*** must be carried to every game. If the opposing coach challenges the grade or age of any player, the challenged coach must produce the proof of grade and/or birth record of those players before they can play in the game. If challenged players' proof of grade and/or birth records cannot be produced, they cannot play in that game until they are provided. If birth records are produced at any point in the game, they are then eligible to participate. If there are not 5 players eligible to start a game, the game will be declared a forfeit.

Acceptable documents include the following:

Report Cards

- a. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
- b. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead.

Birth Records

- a. A certified copy of birth record from the State, County or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics in the place of birth
- b. A certified copy 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
- c. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. Department of State
- d. Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25
- e. Form No. 43-12311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice
- f. Legal passport
- g. Driver's License

Hospital Records are not an acceptable form of birth certification.

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.

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 Girls 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.

Tournament Rules & Tournament Structure

RULES OF PLAY:

This 2011 National Championship will be played under NCAA 2010-2011 Women's Basketball Rules, except where amended by the AAU Girls Basketball Handbook.

MERCY RULE:

A running clock will be used in the second half when a team is behind by 30 or more points. Regular rules will return if at any time the spread falls below 30 points. The losing coach may opt to ignore this rule at any time.

BENCH RULES:

The Home team shall sit to the official scorer's **RIGHT** and take the opposite basket for pre-game warm-up and first-half play. 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.**

UNIFORMS:

The **top** team in the game brackets, or **first** team listed in pool pairings, will be the **HOME** team and shall wear **white** uniforms

1. Numbers can be **00-99**. Each player shall be numbered on the front (at least 2" high) and back (at least 4" high) of the shirt with plain Arabic numbers. Sponsor names are permitted so long as placed in fashion that does not obstruct uniform numbers.
2. It is recommended that all teams bring a white jersey and a dark colored jersey to all games.
3. Team shirts shall be of the same solid color front and back. Jerseys must be tucked inside the game pants before reporting to score table.
4. Team shorts shall be alike for all players.
5. Undergarments are 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 the undershirt. An illegal undershirt may not be worn.
6. Tights/lycra shorts that extend below the game pants must be similar in color to the pants.

COACHES' ATTIRE:

All non-uniformed persons on bench shall wear dress shorts, 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.

**CONDUCT OF PLAYERS
AND COACHES:**

Players' and coaches' 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.

MANDATORY COACHES EDUCATION: The AAU National Office is happy to announce to its members, FREE Coaches' Education for all **AAU Non-Athletes**. This exciting program is **MANDATORY** for all AAU Non-Athletes and will be administered by **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)**. Please visit www.aausports.org and click on JOIN NOW 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.

COACH/PLAYER SUSPENSIONS: 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

EJECTIONS

1. 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.
2. If a coach or player is ejected from a game, he/she will be placed on probation (unless ejected for fighting).
3. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will sit out that game and the next game.
4. If a coach or player is ejected a third time, he/she will be suspended from the tournament.

GAME FORMAT: The 4th Grade plays 7 minute quarters with a 6 minute half-time intermission. No game will start before its scheduled time. There will be a minimum 4-minute warm-up between games. A forfeit shall be declared if a team fails to appear with at least five (5) eligible players at game time. Thirteen to zero (13-0) shall be the recorded score.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

1. First and second days will be pool play.
2. The top two (2) teams in each pool advance to the National Championship Tournament Bracket.
3. The balance of teams will advance to the Classic Tournament Bracket.
4. Upon a team's first loss in the Tournament they will go into a loser bracket in their respective tournament and are eliminated from competing for the medal round in that tournament.

5. Upon the second loss in the loser bracket the team is eliminated from further competition in the tournament.

PRACTICE AND GAME BALLS:

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

ACCOMMODATIONS:

www.aautravelplanner.org

AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL

4th Grade National Championships

Monday – August 1, 2011

REGISTRATION LOCATION

Starts at 10:00 AM

Location –

PRACTICE

Times will be assigned to each team and posted at

www.aaugirlsbasketball.org

COACHES MEETING

Starts at

Location –

OPENING CEREMONIES

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Line-Up for athletes begins at

Ceremony starts at