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AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL 7TH GRADE DIVISION I, II & III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

KINGS ISLAND, OH

JULY 13TH – 18TH, 2012

- 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.aausports.org to obtain their membership.



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HOSTED BY: CINCINNATI HEAT PREMIER AND THE BUTLER COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU
KINGS ISLAND/WEST CHESTER, OH

COACHES INFORMATION

- DATES:** July 13 – 18, 2012
- FACILITIES:** Lakota West High School, Lakota East High School, Lakota Ridge Jr. High School, Fairfield High School, Courts4Sports and Sports Plus
- ENTRY FEE:** **Division I, Division II and Division III**
\$570 Register prior to April 17
\$670 Register after April 17
*Once a team enters the tournament refunds will not be given.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All materials must be **RECEIVED** via Online Registration by **Thursday, June 28, 2012**. All participating teams must have a roster submitted online at www.aagirlsbasketball.org. Entry fees must be submitted via Online Roster System.
- SPECTATOR ADMISSION:** Daily admission will be available for \$10.00 per adult, \$6.00 per youth (ages 6-18) and under 6, free. Adult tournament pass, which will include a program are available for \$40.00 per adult, and \$25.00 per youth (ages 6-18) at all gym sites.
- OPENING CEREMONY:** Opening Ceremonies will take place on Friday July 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University. (1624 Herald Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207)
- REGISTRATION:** **FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012 between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Tournament Headquarters, Lakota West High School.** Your time for registration will be assigned upon receipt of entry and posted on www.aagirlsbasketball.org and www.aauinbutlercounty.com. **All coaches must be at registration at assigned time. Athletes DO need to be present.**
- COACHES' MEETINGS:** **FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012, 5:00 pm** at the Cintas Center; site of Opening Ceremonies. . (1624 Herald Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207)
- ELIGIBLE TEAMS:** Only teams that have qualified in AAU Qualifying Tournaments will be eligible to compete in the National Championships. (See 2012 Girls' Basketball Handbook at www.aagirlsbasketball.org and click on Rules/Info).
- RULES OF PLAY:** This National Championship will be played under 2011-2012 NCAA Women's Basketball Rules, except where amended by the AAU Girls Basketball Handbook. Please visit www.aagirlsbasketball.org and click on the Rules/Info tab, then Rules/Handbook.

- SCHEDULES/RESULTS:** Schedules and results will be posted at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org and www.aauinbutlercounty.com. Additionally, schedules 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:** July 13 – Registration and Opening Ceremony
July 14 – Pool Play
July 15 – Pool Play
July 16 – Bracket Play
July 17 – Bracket Play
July 18 – Conclusion of 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.**
- 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.
- AWARDS:** Each athlete and registered coach on the top ten finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and a team trophy. Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Classic Bracket will receive a finalist medal and a team trophy.
- ROSTER:** All athletes and non-athletes allowed on the bench must hold a current AAU membership. 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.
- 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 2012 AAU Girls Basketball Handbook at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org (click on Rules/Info).
- GRADE DETERMINATION:** **7th Grade** - An athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2012. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.
- 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 Girls' Basketball Eligibility Committee will handle all of these matters.
- TEAM DOCUMENTATION:** Proof of Grade and Birth Records must be carried to every game for each athlete. Acceptable documents can be found at www.aaugirlsbasketball.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' 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. 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

- 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.

UNIFORMS: The top team on the bracket or the first team listed on the pool play pairings shall be the **home** team and shall wear **WHITE**. 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.** Violation 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.

COACHES' ATTIRE: All non-uniformed persons on the 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-athlete 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.

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.

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.

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.*

HOTEL INFORMATION: See www.aauinbutlercounty.com for a list of AAU approved hotels.

If your team will not be staying at one of the recommended properties, please complete a housing exemption form. Email Travel@aausports.org to request the Housing Exemption Form

CAR RENTALS: Both major international airports (CVG, DAY) have national car rental companies available onsite.

THEME PARK INFORMATION: Discounted Kings Island and Beach Waterpark tickets will be available on site at Tournament Headquarters, Lakota West HS. For more information please go to www.aauinbutlercounty.com. Also please visit www.GetToTheBC.com for other area coupons and discounts.

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 sanctioned (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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AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL

7th grade

Friday – July 13th

REGISTRATION LOCATION

Starts at 10:00 AM

Location – Lakota West High School

PRACTICE

Times will be assigned to each team and posted at

www.aauinbutlercounty.com

COACHES MEETING

Starts at 5:00 PM

Location – Cintas Center

OPENING CEREMONIES

Cintas Center on the Xavier University campus

Line-Up for athletes begins at 6:00 PM

Ceremony starts at 7:00 PM