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AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL 8TH GRADE DIVISION I, II & III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX

JULY 3RD – 8TH, 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.ausports.org to obtain their membership.



IMPORTANT

NCAA CERTIFIED EVENT!

- In order to participate, all Teams and Coaches need to register on the NCAA website.
- Visit www.aaugirlsbasketball.org and click on the icon for Rules/Info and look for NCAA Registration or click on this link <http://aaugirlsbasketball.org/RulesInfo/NCAARegistration.aspx>
- You will be able to find quick links to the ***NCAA Coaches Certification Process*** and for ***Registering your Team Roster on the NCAA website.***
- Upon completing the roster on the NCAA Site, please make sure you scroll to the bottom of the page and choose the correct event you will be participating in.
- Also you will be able to check on your coaching status. Remember, coaching certification is only good for two (2) years. If you are not sure please check prior to tournament check-in.

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HOSTED BY: AAU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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COACHES INFORMATION

- DATES:** July 3 – 8, 2012
- FACILITIES:** The HP Field House (Six court facility) and Jostens® Center (Six court facility) at the spectacular ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex - 700 Victory Way, Kissimmee, FL 34747 - and other sites as needed. *Not all games are played at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.*
- 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 **Monday, June 13, 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 \$15.50 per adult, \$11.00 per youth (ages 3-9) and under 3, free. A Length of Event pass will also be available for \$62.00 per adult, \$42.00 per youth (ages 3-9) at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Box Office. All admission may be purchased at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Box Office or at other sites as needed.
- OPENING CEREMONY:** ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex (HP Fieldhouse) - Tuesday, July 3 at 7:00 p.m. team line-up begins. Opening Ceremonies will take place in the HP Fieldhouse at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex and will feature Disney Entertainment elements, an on-field experience, fireworks, and celebrity appearances. The ceremonies will begin at 8:00 pm (Optional). A spectator admission ticket is required.
- REGISTRATION:** **TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012 between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at TBD.** Your time for registration will be assigned upon receipt of entry and posted on www.aagirlsbasketball.org . **A coach must be at registration at assigned time. Athletes DO NOT need to be present.**
- COACHES' MEETINGS:** **First coaches' meeting: TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012, 6:30 pm at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.**
- Second coaches' meeting: THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012.** The second coaches meeting will be held in the tournament office at ESPN Wide World of Sports 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 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.aagirlsbasketball.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:** July 3 – Registration and NCAA/Complete Athlete Program
July 4 – Pool Play
July 5 – Pool Play
July 6 –Bracket Play
July 7 –Bracket Play
July 8 – 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.aagirlsbasketball.org (click on Rules/Info).**
- GRADE DETERMINATION:** **8th Grade** - An athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2011 and **cannot** turn 16 prior to September 1, 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: 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. Copy of each athlete's Proof of Grade.
3. Copy of each athlete's Proof of Age.

The "ELIGIBILITY MATERIALS" will be collected at your assigned registration time for review by a member of the AAU Tournament Staff. All collected materials held for review will be returned to the team at the 2nd Coaches Meeting. 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.aagirlsbasketball.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

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 <http://www.espnwwosrooms.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@ausports.org to request the Housing Exemption Form
- CAR RENTALS:** Discounts are available. Please visit <http://ausports.org/TravelPlannerHome/CarRental.aspx>
- THEME PARK INFORMATION:** Discounted theme park tickets are available. Please visit <http://disneytickets.disney.go.com/store/adgdv7> and enter passcode [08GBNCAAU](#) or by calling 407-828-3267.

STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE

The AAU can not 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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