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ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX

JULY 2ND – 7TH, 2013

- 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.



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HOSTED BY: AAU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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COACHES INFORMATION

- DATES:** JULY 2ND – JULY 7TH, 2013
- 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 - \$670.00**
*Once a team enters the tournament refunds will not be given.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All materials must be **RECEIVED** via Online Registration by **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2013**. All participating teams must have a roster submitted online at www.augirlsbasketball.org. Entry fees must be submitted via Online Roster System.
- SPECTATOR ADMISSION:** Daily admission will be available for \$16.00 per adult, \$11.00 per youth (ages 3-9) and under 3, free. A Length of Event pass will also be available for \$64.00 per adult, \$44.00 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 (Champions Stadium) – **TUESDAY, JULY 2ND, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.** Opening Ceremonies will take place in Champions Stadium at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex and will feature Disney Entertainment elements, an on-field experience, fireworks, and celebrity appearances. Teams should line up at **7:00 pm** (Optional). A spectator admission ticket is required.
- REGISTRATION:** **TUESDAY, JULY 2ND, 2013 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.** Your registration time will be assigned and posted along with the schedule on www.augirlsbasketball.org. **ALL COACHES MUST BE AT REGISTRATION AT ASSIGNED TIME. ATHLETES DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT.**
- 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: TUESDAY, JULY 2ND, 2013 - 5:00 pm at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.**
- Second coaches' meeting: THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 2013.** 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 through AAU Qualifying Procedures will be eligible to compete in the National Championships. (See 2013 Girls' Basketball Handbook at www.aagirlsbasketball.org and click on Rules).
- RULES OF PLAY:** This National Championship will be played under 2012-2013 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) 6 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 3 minute overtime.
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**
- July 2 – Registration
 - July 3 – Pool Play
 - July 4 – Pool Play
 - July 5 – Bracket Play
 - July 6 – Bracket Play
 - July 7 – 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:** If a team is up by 15 points or more, in the 2nd and 3rd grade, the leading team cannot press until the offensive team reaches the three point line. In addition, 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 2013 AAU Girls Basketball Handbook at www.aagirlsbasketball.org (click on Rules/Info).**

GRADE DETERMINATION:

2nd Grade - An athlete must be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2012 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2013. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.

3rd Grade- An athlete must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2012 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2013. 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.
- 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. Rawlings, the official ball of AAU Girls Basketball, shall provide basketballs for warm-ups and games. **DO NOT** bring basketballs to games.
- HOUSING INFORMATION:** AAU has selected Anthony Travel as the Official Housing Provider for all AAU Orlando events beginning in 2013. This partnership has been put in place to help streamline your travel management efforts and provide competitive hotel rates and amenities for you in the Orlando area. *Although there is no requirement to book with Anthony Travel, we highly recommend their services.*
- Hotel accommodations are now available and guests can book online ([CLICK HERE](#)), 24 hours a day, or by calling (866) 796-5222, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm CT.
- CAR RENTALS:** Discounts are available. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- THEME PARK INFORMATION:** Discounted theme park tickets are available by calling Anthony Travel at 866-796-5222.

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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