

# ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR AAU BASKETBALL

## ELIGIBILITY

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements.

The AAU is a grade based organization. Each grade division consists of a 24 month age window which determines an athletes' participation in that division. If an athletes' age is outside the 24 month window for their grade, the athlete must play up to the grade division that is normal and customary for their age. If an athlete is in any grade above what is normal and customary for their age, an athlete may play down provided they meet the established criteria listed in the chart below.

### **2ND GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2012.

### **3RD GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2012.

### **4TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2012.

### **5TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012.

### **6TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012.

### **7TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2012.

### **8TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2012.

### **9TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2012.

**10TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2012.

**11TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2011 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2012.

**12TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 19 on August 31, 2012.

**Effective 2012, the petition to play down form is no longer required. An athlete is eligible to play down a grade provided they meet the requirements listed in the chart below.**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE DIVISION**

| <b><u>Grade as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011</u></b> | <b><u>Requested Grade</u></b> | <b><u>Birthdate Requirements</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 12th Grade  | 11th Grade                    | born on or after 9/1/1994            |
| 11th Grade  | 10th Grade                    | born on or after 9/1/1995            |
| 10th Grade  | 9th Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/1996            |
| 9th Grade   | 8th Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/1997            |
| 8th Grade   | 7th Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/1998            |
| 7th Grade   | 6th Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/1999            |
| 6th Grade   | 5th Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/2000            |
| 5th Grade   | 4th Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/2001            |
| 4th Grade   | 3rd Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/2002            |
| 3rd Grade   | 2nd Grade                     | born on or after 9/1/2003            |

**\*Proof of grade and age must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU sanctioned competitions, if requested. If said information is not available the team is subject to removal from the competition.\***