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AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX

JULY 16TH – 20TH, 2014

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014

- This event is licensed 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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 4TH – 11TH GRADE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 

HOTEL TO COMPETE EVENT!

IMPORTANT

The 4th – 11th Grade International Championship is a Hotel to Compete Event. If your team(s) are participating in this event you **MUST** comply with the following:

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- Google Maps [™] or other approved online mapping services will be used to determine driving distance and time.

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HOSTED BY: AAU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX - ORLANDO, FLORIDA

COACHES INFORMATION

DATES:	JULY 16 TH – JULY 20 TH , 2014
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. <i>Not all games are played at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.</i>
ENTRY FEE:	\$550.00 *Once a team enters the tournament refunds will not be given.
ENTRY DEADLINE:	All materials must be RECEIVED via Online Registration by TUESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2014 . All participating teams must have a roster submitted online at www.aagirlsbasketball.org
SPECTATOR ADMISSION:	Daily admission will be available for \$16.50 per adult, \$11.50 per youth (ages 3-9) and under 3, free. A Length of Event pass will also be available for \$49.50 per adult, \$34.50 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.
REGISTRATION:	WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH, 2014 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm – ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX. Your registration time will be assigned and posted along with the schedule on www.aagirlsbasketball.org ALL COACHES must be at registration at assigned time.
COACH VERIFICATION:	All bench personnel must be present and show government issued photo ID in order to receive credentials. NO EXCEPTIONS
ELIGIBLE TEAMS:	All teams that have booked their hotel through Anthony Travel (if mandated) & have proper AAU Membership will be eligible to compete in the National Championships. (See 2014 Girls' Basketball Handbook at www.aagirlsbasketball.org and click on Rules).
RULES OF PLAY:	The International Championship Tournament will be played under the 2013-2014 National Federation of State High School Association, except where amended by the AAU Girls' Basketball Handbook. Please visit www.aagirlsbasketball.org and click on the Rules 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:	<p>4th Grade/10U – Four (4) 7 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 3 minute overtime.</p> <p>5th Grade/11U – Four (4) 7 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 3 minute overtime.</p> <p>6th Grade/12U – Four (4) 7 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 3 minute overtime.</p> <p>7th Grade/13U – Four (4) 8 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 4 minute overtime.</p> <p>8th Grade/14U – Four (4) 8 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 4 minute overtime.</p> <p>9th Grade/15U – Four (4) 8 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 4 minute overtime.</p> <p>10th Grade/16U – Four (4) 8 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 4 minute overtime.</p> <p>11th Grade/17U – Four (4) 8 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 4 minute overtime.</p>
TOURNAMENT FORMAT:	<p>July 16 – Registration</p> <p>July 17 – Pool Play</p> <p>July 18 – Pool Play/Bracket Play (Championship or Classic)</p> <p>July 19 – Bracket Play (Championship or Classic)</p> <p>July 20 – Conclusion of Bracket Play (Championship or Classic)</p> <p>*Each team may play one game per day during pool play and one or two games a day during bracket play.</p>
BENCH RULES:	<p>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.</p>
MERCY RULE:	<p>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.</p>
AWARDS:	<p>Each athlete and registered coach on the top four (4) finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and a team trophy.</p>
ROSTER:	<p>All athletes and non-athletes allowed on the bench must hold a current AAU membership. For further clarification, please refer to the 2014 AAU Girls Basketball Handbook at www.aagirlsbasketball.org (click on Rules/Info).</p>
GRADE DETERMINATION:	<p>4th Grade/10U – An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.</p> <p>5th Grade/11U – An athlete must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.</p> <p>6th Grade/12U – An athlete must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.</p> <p>7th Grade/13U – An athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.</p>

8th Grade/14U – An athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.

9th Grade/15U – An athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.

10th Grade/16U – An athlete must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.

11th Grade/17U – An athlete must be in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2014. 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.aauboybasketball.org in the Rule Book.

PROTESTS:

For International 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.

MISBEHAVIOR/EJECTIONS

1. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
2. Players ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Additional penalties, up to exclusion from the tournament, may be imposed by the National Eligibility Committee.
3. If a coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. The head coach may appeal the penalty by submitting a written request for appeal to the Tournament Headquarters within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game. A Commissioner shall consider the appeal. The Commissioners ruling is final.
4. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
5. Coaches or Players who leave the bench to engage athletes or coaches on the playing floor may be suspended by the National Eligibility Committee for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
6. The National Eligibility Committee may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occurs at any time and at any location during the event.
7. Coaches and Athletes who engage in misbehavior are subject to additional disciplinary action from the AAU Girls' Basketball National Infractions Committee. Penalties may include suspension from AAU events in future years.

UNIFORM:

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 the International Championship tournaments must have **WHITE** and **DARK** jerseys. The Home team wears White jerseys and Visitor wears Dark jerseys. The top/left team on the schedule shall be the home team and sit on the scorekeepers' left. The bottom/right team on the schedule shall be the visiting team and sit on the scorekeepers' right. **Violation of this rule shall be penalized by a two (2) shot administrative technical foul for each illegal jersey. The penalty will 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.

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CAR RENTALS:

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THEME PARK INFORMATION: Discounted theme park tickets are available through Anthony Travel at 866-796-5222 or aau@anthonytravel.com.

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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