



THE REAL AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL



Tuesday, November 19, 2009

Ohio AAU Girls Basketball Meeting

Beavercreek HS, Dayton

**Ohio AAU District
Girls' Basketball Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9th, 2010**

- Ohio AAU District Director Andy Fishman called the meeting (at Beavercreek High School) to order at 7:10pm after pizza
- Attendees included Ohio AAU District Board Governor Mark Hecquet & Secretary Bill Kroth
- Other attendees included: Joe Fowler, Kelly McCormack, Amanda Walther, Dean Shields, Logan Allen, Leah Zimmerman, Steve Hutchinson, Anthony Clements, and Ed Carlin
- After a few welcoming remarks, Coach Fishman introduced Governor Hecquet who spoke about the emerging Ohio AAU District Grant Program (under development) which is intended to focus on 6 core Ohio Sports in order to drive more events & ultimately more membership
- Coach Fishman briefly overviewed the outcomes of the National AAU Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico that occurred last week. Primary focus of the AAU Girls Basketball is to invest in events to drive membership & to give back to the Teams & Athletes to improve quality & experience. Coach Fishman applauded this direction & confirmed that the Executive Committee & the National Chair are holding the Ohio AAU accountable for Sanction Event increases & regulation of ODQT. Net, our goals are aligned.
- Coach Fishman discussed the new Ohio AAU Website, which is now managed by the National Office for the District. Content is a high priority for the Sports Directors.
- Coach Fishman reviewed Ohio AAU Girls Basketball data: Ohio has the 2nd largest Girls Basketball membership behind only Virginia & has grown 15% in the last year (2010 vs. 2009).
- Plans include continued AAU member growth, DQT Teams, Nat. Championship Teams, & Super Regional Events.
- Coach Fishman offered an illustrative plan, which would grow the number of Ohio District Sanctioned events by +25% (12-15 more events in 2011). The present March-May 2011 list is as follows:

Dates	Events	Grade	2011	Status	Location	Club
3/25-27/2011	Ohio AAU Membership Tip Off	Gr. 2-12	New	Confirmed	Cin. The Sphere, RGBA	Ohio AAU GB
4/1-3/2011	Cincinnati AAU Super Regional Tip Off	Gr. 3-8		Confirmed	Cin The Sphere	Ohio AAU GB
4/8-9/2011	DLH AAU Super Regional	Gr. 7-12		Confirmed	Dayton, Kingdom	Dayton Lady Hoopstars
4/15-17/2011	Ohio AAU Pre-States	Gr. 2-8	New	Confirmed	Cin.The Sphere, RGBA	OH AAU/XBA Youth Basketball
4/22-24/2011	Cincy Finest AAU Invitational	Gr. 3-12	New		Cin.The Sphere, RGBA	Cincy Finest
4/29-5/1/2011	Ohio AAU State Championships DQT	Gr. 2-8		Confirmed	Cin.The Sphere, RGBA	Ohio AAU/CPH/BCS
4/29-5/1/2011	Ohio AAU Pre-States	Gr. 9-12	New	Confirmed	Columbus	OH AAU Capital City Comets
5/6-8/2011	Butler County AAU Super Regional	Gr. 7-12		Confirmed	Mason, Cts 4 Sports	Butler County Sports
5/13-15/2011	Greater Cincinnati Classic AAU	Gr. 2-12	New	Confirmed	West Chester/Cin.	Lakota West GB
5/20-22/2011	Ohio AAU Last Chance District Qualifier for Nationals	Gr. 2-8	New	Confirmed	University of Toledo	Ohio AAU/Toledo Elite
5/20-22/2011	Ohio AAU State Championships DQT	Gr. 9-12		Confirmed	Dayton Kingdom	Ohio AAU/DLH
5/27/2011	AAU State Championship Finals	Gr. 2-12	New	Confirmed	Cin. The Sphere, RGBA	Ohio AAU GB
5/27-29/2011	Fila Memorial AAU Classic	Gr. 2-12		Confirmed	Cin. The Sphere, RGBA	CPH/BCS

- Ohio AAU Tip Off Event Entry incentives proposed: Free/50% fee reduction for early entry and new AAU members
- Ohio AAU Sanctioned Event Assistance incentives proposed: Paid Sanction Fees, subsidized cost of medals, etc.
- Ohio AAU Pre-States serve to tune up for the State Championships ODQT with shot clocks, AAU Rules & Structure, etc.
- Ohio AAU addresses concerns about AAU competition. by increased levels of competition (D1, D2, D3) in events

Next steps:

- Contact existing & potential AAU event operators across the state
- Confirm a fully defined & aligned event schedule
- Post on new Ohio AAU Website
- Finalize grant program from the Board of Governors
- specific schedule of events, costs, & participation
 - It was agreed that the meeting discussion was extremely helpful & that these conversations should occur more frequently
 - Explore use of conference call to save travel time