

# 2012 AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the AAU Basketball Programs is to initiate, stimulate, and improve opportunities for amateur basketball competition and to promote and develop leadership, sportsmanship, fitness, and athletic excellence.

## AAU BOYS BASKETBALL RULE BOOK

### **I. National Sport Committee Governance & Administration**

#### **A. National Committee Structure & Procedures**

##### **1. National Chairman**

The National Chairman is appointed by the AAU President. In years in which the AAU president is elected, the National committee shall conduct an election for the purpose of recommending a National Chairman to the president. The chairman shall coordinate and manage the business of the program in conjunction with the Executive Board.

##### **2. Executive Committee Composition**

- a. The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the Boys' Basketball Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAU and the AAU Boys' Basketball Program. It shall include the Chairman, Secretary, Director of Competition, immediate Past Chairman and two Members-at-Large. One Member-at-Large shall be elected by the certified voting delegates at the annual committee meeting every four years. The Chairman shall appoint the Secretary, Director of Competition, and one (1) Member-at-Large.
- b. The AAU Boys' Basketball Executive Board shall enforce these rules and the AAU Code as they apply to players, coaches and clubs. Penalties may be imposed subject to the due process requirements of the AAU Code
- c. The Executive Board may conduct National Invitational Championships/Super Regional Championships, or other events, applying such qualification criteria and standards as to best promote the Boys' Basketball Program.

##### **3. National Sport Committee Composition**

- a. **National Council:** The Executive Board and Commissioners collectively comprise the National Council. The council shall consider the recommendations of the Executive Board as to the sites for National Championship events and select the sites by majority vote. The Council will perform any other duties directed by the Chairman.

##### **4. Other Committee Positions**

- a. **Commissioners:** The Chairman will appoint commissioners, the number of which shall be at the chairman's discretion. The commissioners will supervise the national tournaments, assign game officials at national tournaments and shall have a vote in the selection of national tournament sites, and shall assist the executive board in the

execution of its duties as directed by the chairman. The chairman may appoint non-voting Deputy Commissioners to perform such duties as may be assigned.

- b. Eligibility Committee:** An Eligibility Committee appointed by the Boys' Basketball Chairman will be established to rule on player and team eligibility for national tournaments. Decisions of the Eligibility Committee are final

## 5. Voting

Persons eligible to vote shall be the National Sport Chair, elected or appointed officers, chairs of Committees as defined by the sport's operating rules, the elected or appointed District sports director or a representative from each Affiliated member that registers members in the sport, and any members-at-large. Only representatives from Districts which registered a minimum of .5% (a half percent) of the total number of athletes in that sport in the previous year, shall be allowed to vote in the National Sport Committee meeting

## **B. Sport Committee Meetings**

### **1. National Sport Committee Regular Meetings**

Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.

### **2. Non – Regular Sport Committee Meetings**

National Sport Committee may hold a Non-Regular National Sport Committee meeting in odd years subject to the following provisions:

- a.** The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the National Office.
- b.** The National Office has the right to coordinate the meeting and pick the site for the meeting.

### **3. National Sport Committee Special Meetings**

Special meetings of a Committee are scheduled at the request of the Chair or upon written request of at least one half (1/2) of the Committee members. The purpose of the Special meeting must be stated in the Notice for the meeting.

### **4. National Sport Executive Committee Meetings**

The National Chair shall determine the date and location of Executive Committee Meetings.

### **5. Agenda Additions**

- a.** Sport Committee Meeting Order (Agendas) The Regular National Sport Committee meetings, the Non-Regular National Sport Committee meetings, and National Sport Committee Special meetings shall follow meeting order (agenda format) as established by Code (Bylaw 9.5)

## **II. Sport Policies and Procedures**

**A. Sportsmanship**

It is the obligation of coaches, players, administrators, volunteers, and other representatives of the AAU to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and to observe the ethics of competition. Good sportsmanship is defined as qualities of behavior, which are characterized by courtesy and genuine concern for others. The display of good sportsmanship is a statement of the individual's understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.

**B. High School Athletics**

Participation in High School Basketball is important to the social and athletic development of the AAU athlete. The AAU recognizes the influential role played by the athlete's high school coach and team. Accordingly, the AAU pledges its support of high school athletics. In keeping with that support, the following policies are appropriate:

1. The AAU Boys' Basketball Committee will not approve Inter-District competition for athletes 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older between the dates of August 15th and March 15th.
2. AAU Clubs shall not allow any athlete who is a member of a high school interscholastic basketball team to participate in AAU sanctioned tryouts, practices, or games, from the first day listed for high school basketball practice on the High School Federation calendar until the last game of the regular season has been played.
3. Coaches who are AAU members and school coaches should maintain open communications for the benefit of the athlete.
4. It is inappropriate for an AAU member to solicit or recruit a player to enroll in any particular secondary school.

**C. Athletics and Education**

Athletic competition is good unto itself, and opportunities for participation need not be restricted to individuals representing academic or scholastic institutions. However, the AAU recognizes that athletics can be a powerful tool for shaping the educational development of young people, and for the enhancement of educational opportunities for its participants. AAU organizations should consider the academic well-being of its athletes, and ensure that participation in AAU activities does not adversely affect their academic progress. The AAU Club should cooperate with the athlete and his parents to strike an appropriate balance among academic, social, and athletic activities.

**D. Coaches' Ethics**

The coach must be aware that he can be either a positive or a negative influence upon the development of the athlete. In all of his personal contacts with athletes, officials, parents, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. In keeping with that goal, the following ethical guidelines should be observed by all AAU coaches:

1. The coach shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
2. The coach must always consider the personal safety of the athlete.
3. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules

4. Game officials shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite the players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of the officials or players is unethical.
5. The coach should respect his opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require his players to conduct themselves in similar fashion. Before and after the contest, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event
6. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.
7. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, and shall, under no circumstances authorize their use.
8. The coach must recognize the importance of the athlete's academic development and promote the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.

#### **E. Sport Agents, Agencies and Representatives**

Any person who is a registered sports agent or an agent or employee of a sports agent or agency, or any person who received compensation or consideration of any kind directly or indirectly from a sports agent or agency is prohibited from involvement in the AAU throughout the entire fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) during which any such compensation or consideration is received except as specifically set out herein.

Violation of this policy may result in the disqualification of the team and/or athlete (or both), as well as other possible penalties as set out in this Code.

Any such agency, agent, employee or representative may apply in writing to the AAU for an exemption concerning this policy. If, in the sole discretion of the AAU, such person's involvement either with the AAU and/or the sports agency is found to be inconsequential, such exemption may be granted. Such exemption, if any, may only be granted by the National Board of Review or a majority of the National Officers. In order to be valid (such exemption) must be in writing and will be subject to review either annually or at any time based upon a change of circumstance related to such persons' involvement

### **III. Sports Operations**

#### **A. Event Operating Rules**

The Official Operating Rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book

##### **1. Facilities/Competition Area**

All gym floors must be a minimum of standard High School dimensions (84' X 50')

All gyms must be air-conditioned (unless event is held between October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> when air conditioning is not required)

##### **2. Equipment**

- a. Basketball Size - The "undersized" basketball shall be used for all 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade division competitions. Circumference shall be 28.5.

##### **3. Tournament Entry Procedures**

- a. National Championship - No team will be entered into a National Championship tournament that fails to meet entry requirements. Teams that qualify for National Championships must acquire a "National Championship Entry Package," and comply with the requirements and deadlines set forth in the instructions contained in that

package. AAU National Headquarters must receive entries by the entry deadline. Entries received after the entry date may be rejected.

- b. A maximum of two (2) additional athletes may be added to the National Championship Roster after the entry deadline.** Entry fees must be paid online or by cashier's check or money order (no personal checks).
- c.** Proof of grade 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. Acceptable documents include the following:
  - i.** A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
  - ii.** Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead
- d.** Proof of 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. Acceptable documents include the following:
  - i.** A photocopy of his certificate of live birth from the State, County or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics on the place of birth (HOSPITAL RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED)
  - ii.** A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth if the athlete's birth was not recorded on his day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies.
  - iii.** An unexpired Passport
  - iv.** Valid Drivers License or State issued I.D.
- e.** Entry Fees
  - i.** **Teams must register online at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org).** The entry fee for all Division I National Championships is \$645.00 (except Senior Boys \$545). No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after the entry deadline.
  - ii.** **Teams must register online at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org).** The entry fee for all Division II National Championships is \$620.00. No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after entry deadline.
  - iii.** **Teams must register online at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org).** The entry fee for all Division III National Championships is \$550.00. No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after entry deadline.
- f. National Championship Participation Violation Penalties**

Teams/clubs or non-athletes who have entered the National Championship, and who do not participate, are subject to sanctions, including suspension from National Championship play. Deadline for notification of withdrawal will be tournament entry deadline.

- i. Teams/clubs or non-athletes who fail to compete in all scheduled games at the National Championship are subject to sanctions, which may include suspension from National Championship play.

#### 4. Tournament Format and Seeding

- a. A pool play system will be used in the National Championships for all grade divisions. There will be four (4) teams per pool when possible. **Top two teams** from each pool will advance to a single elimination championship bracket, with consolation brackets. Those teams that do not advance to the championship bracket shall automatically advance to the National Classic bracket.
- b. Tournament Draw - The actual placement of teams into pools for the National Championship tournament will be completed upon the receipt of all entries. **Teams that have placed in the previous years' National Championship bracket shall be the first teams placed. The next teams placed shall be from District Seeding.** All Districts have been seeded based on:
  - i. Previous results
  - ii. A random draw at the annual meeting to place those Districts that did not earn seeding points. No two teams from the same District [or state when possible] will play in the same Pool. (It is impossible to keep teams from the same State or District from meeting one another in the first round of games of the single elimination or consolation bracket part of the National Championship.) Teams that advance from the same pool will be placed in opposite halves of the bracket so that they will not meet again in the championship bracket until the National Championship game. Schedule adjustments may be made in the event of team "no show's."
- c. Seeding Policy
  - i. Seeding shall be **by individual teams** and AAU District. **The first criteria for seeding shall be order of finish in the previous years' National Championship. For example, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division I National Champion shall be the #1 seed in the next years' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division I National Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place shall be the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed and so forth for all places awarded.** The second criteria for seeding shall be order of finish in the respective grade division for three (3) years when possible. Only teams advancing out of pool play to the championship round will receive points for seeding if they placed in the top sixteen (16) places. **\*Note\* National Classic Championships does not count towards seeding**
  - ii. **The placement of teams shall be according to the instructions above. Districts will be placed in order, with the highest total of points first and so on. The host team shall be the 25<sup>th</sup> team placed in all tournaments.**
  - iii. All Districts were drawn blind by the voting delegates at the National Convention in order to establish the order of placement in pools after the seeded teams are placed. **The order of the placement is as follows:**
    - **Teams placed based on the results of last years' National Championship**
    - District seeded teams in order, Host always the 25<sup>th</sup> team placed.
    - Removal of seeded teams from placement list

- Removal of teams not participating from list
- Teams are advanced upward to fill vacated spots except the host team, **which shall remain the 25<sup>th</sup> team placed** in all tournaments. Host District gold medal team will be placed according to point total.
- The order of the draw list shall apply to gold medal teams. Silver teams are then placed, then bronze, then 4th, then 5th, etc. according to the draw.
- Pool winners and runners-up advance to championship bracket play. The 3rd, 4th, 5th place teams in each pool will play in the National Classic Championship.

The local host committee is not involved in the seeding or placement of teams into pools. Order of pool play and bracket schedule are predetermined and provided to the Local Host by the National Director of Competition

## 5. Officials

No official may work more than four (4) games in one (1) day or more than two (2) games in succession, unless approved. No official shall work any game involving teams from the **City/County** in which he/she resides (Division I and II National Championship pool and bracket play, does not include National Classic).

## 6. Coaching Requirements

- a. Coaching Restriction - No person may be a coach for any team competing in an event for which he/she is the tournament director.
- b. National Championship Coaches' Attendance Requirements
 

The Head Coach (as designated on the official team roster) is required to attend each of the following functions at the National Tournaments:

  - i. Meetings:
    - a. Pre-tournament coaches' meeting.
    - b. Post-pool play coaches' meeting.
  - ii. The "AAU Complete Athlete" Seminar:
 

All teams and their Head Coaches as designated are required to attend the AAU Complete Athlete Seminar as scheduled.
  - iii. Opening Ceremonies:
 

In the 2nd grade through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Divisions, all teams and their head coaches must attend and participate in the Opening Ceremony.
  - iv. Violation: Any head coach failing to attend and answer roll call at the coaches' meetings, the AAU Complete Athlete Seminar, or march in with his or her team at Opening Ceremony shall be suspended for one game, and shall have no contact with the team during the game.

## 7. Awards

AAU medals shall be used at any sanctioned district qualifying event. Medals must be purchased through the AAU medal program or the sanction shall be denied/voided. Effective September 1, 2009. (Added 3/09)

- a. National Awards
  - i. Medals - Medals will be presented by all games designated by the schedule
  - ii. Trophies - National Championship team trophies will be presented to the top ten (10) placing teams, except in the Senior Boys' Division where trophies will be

presented to the final four (4) placing teams. In the National Classic, team trophies will be awarded to the top four (4) places.

- iii. Individual Awards - The Junior Boys' Division I only shall name a Most Valuable Player at the National Championship. The MVP award shall be selected by a committee appointed by the National Commissioner assigned to the Championship. There shall be no All-American awards presented at the National Championships.
- iv. The AAU Boys' Basketball Executive Board may authorize additional awards as appropriate

## 8. Protest Procedures

- a. The National Boys Basketball Eligibility Committee shall handle all protests at Nationals.
- b. For National Championship play, any eligibility protest that is turned in the first day of competition by 6pm will be reviewed by the eligibility committee, and a decision will be made prior to bracket play. Any eligibility protest that comes after 6:00 pm of 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.
- c. 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.

## B. Competition Rules

The Official Playing Rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book.

This section shall be administered at all District Qualifiers, National Championships, Super Regional Championships, Disney Spring Classic's and Inter-District competitions.

### 1. Eligibility

- a. Player/Team Disqualification
 

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements. If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of a sanctioned competition, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will continue. If a player is found to be ineligible after the competition has started, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player was listed on the official score sheet. The team may continue to participate, if applicable, without the expelled player.
- b. Player/Club Attachment
 

An athlete becomes attached (a member of) to an AAU club when he participates in an AAU sanctioned competition, which involves two (2) or more AAU clubs (This does not include practice or league sanctions issued by AAU).
- c. Grade Divisions
 

Competition in boys' basketball shall be in the following grade divisions: 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Authorized for competition at the District Level Only) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade,

3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, and 12th grade.

For the purpose of determining grade eligibility, the grade of the athlete on October 1, 2011 shall be the determining date.

### **Competition Divisions for District Qualifying, Super Regional and National Championships**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

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

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

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

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

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

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

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

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

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

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

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

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

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

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Division

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Division

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

\*\* 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, that athlete may petition to play down provided they meet the established criteria.

**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

<u>Grade as of Oct.1<sup>st</sup>, 2011</u>	<u>Requested Grade</u>	<u>Birthdate Requirements</u>
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.\***

**\*\*\*Questions regarding eligibility may be directed to the National Office by calling 407-934-7200**

**d. Player Participation Restrictions**

- i.** Only males may participate as players.
- ii.** An athlete may not participate later than the summer following his class graduation from high school.
- iii.** An athlete may participate in a maximum of three (3) grade divisions of the AAU Boys' Basketball program for which he can qualify.
- iv.** Athletes that compete in more than one grade division must compete with the same AAU club until the conclusion of the District Championship.

**e. Residency**

Residency – An athlete must compete with (attach to) a club registered in the district of his bona fide residency unless he elects to compete under one of the following exceptions:

- i.** An athlete may attach to a club in any district which shares a common border with the athlete's district of residency.
- ii.** An athlete enrolled as a bona fide student at an educational institution located outside his district of residency may elect to treat the district in which the school is located, as his district of residency.
- iii.** An athlete who is subject to a written joint custody arrangement may elect to treat the district of either custodian as his district of residency.

**f. Eligibility Committee**

An Eligibility Committee appointed by the Boys' Basketball Chairman will be established to rule on player and team eligibility for national tournaments. Decisions of the Eligibility Committee are final.

## 2. Playing Times

<u>Division</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Halftime/ Warm up Times</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime

### **Game Time:**

**The game time will also be the forfeit time. No grace period will be allowed**

## 3. AAU Super Regional Championships

If a team qualifies in the District Tournament advancement structure or has an automatic bid and earns a bid from a Super Regional Championship, the Super Regional Championship bid reverts to the next highest placed team at the Super Regional Championship, not otherwise qualified (not to be awarded below 4<sup>th</sup> place).

## 4. Host Team

Notwithstanding the qualification criteria, the local organizing committee that is host to a National Championship is allowed to enter teams provided that it meets all AAU requirements.

- a. Host Teams may participate in AAU District Championships, but it is not required.
- b. If Host Teams do not participate in its District Championship, they may pick up seven (7) players, as provided by these rules.
- c. The Host may select teams as it wishes. It is not required to use any particular formula or criteria.

## C. Team Rosters

### 1. **District Championship, Super Regional Championship, & Inter-District Competitions**

- a. A maximum of fifteen (15) athletes and four (4) non-athletes are allowed on a team roster. All athletes and non-athletes on the roster must be registered AAU Members.
- b. A team may have a maximum of 3 players from a bordering district (Cross Boundary Athlete).

- c. All rosters used for Super Regional Championships, Disney Easter Classic, Disney Spring Classic and District Championships must be submitted online at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) for teams to be allowed to advance to Nationals.
- d. For District Qualifying Events: Please consult District rules and bylaws as it pertains to rosters for District Qualifying Events
- e. For Super Regional Championships: Rosters to be submitted online. Rosters may be modified prior to the teams' first game of the Super Regional. Host/Tournament Director will check eligibility documents as directed by the Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee.

## 2. National Championship

- a. 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 by the entry deadline date of the event. The total number of players designated to play in the National Tournament may not exceed fifteen (15) players.
- b. Players added to a roster must meet the following criteria:
  - i. An athlete must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding age, residence, etc.) **unless approved by the Eligibility Committee.**
  - ii. There shall be a maximum of three (3) cross boundary athletes on a roster at any time.
  - iii. 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.**

**Policy:** The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will not consider request for transfers under this rule until after the completion of the District Qualifier.

- iv. A team advancing to a Div. I National Championship may add a player from a roster of a team advancing to a Division II National Championship.
- v. A team advancing to a Div. II National Championship may not add any player from a team that has qualified for a Division I National Championship in the same grade division.
- vi. A team advancing to a Division II National Championship may not add any players from another team that is advancing to a Division II National Championship in the same grade division **without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.**

**Policy:** The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will not consider request for transfers under this rule until after the completion of the District Qualifier.

## D. **National Championship Division I Qualifying Requirements**

1. All rosters used for Super Regional Championships, Disney Easter Classic, Disney Spring Classic and District Championships must be submitted online at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) for teams to be allowed to advance to Nationals.
2. In order to compete in a National Championship a team must qualify in a District Championship, a Disney Spring Classic, an AAU Super Regional Championship or acquire an automatic entry as set out below. **Exception:** The designated host teams are not required to compete in any qualifying tournament.
3. District Championships may be conducted in every grade division. A minimum of three (3) teams representing two (2) clubs are required to play in an District Age Championship in order for participants to advance to the National Championship in that grade division.

**E. National Championship Division II Qualifying Requirements**

1. The National Boys Basketball Executive Committee may extend additional invitations to the Division II National Championship by the request of a District Sports Director or a member of the Boys Basketball Council. Interested teams should contact their District Sports Director, a Boys' Basketball Council Member, a Boys' Basketball Executive Committee Member or a Boys Basketball Sports Manager at AAU Headquarters.
2. Teams must compete in the District Championship in order to receive a National Division II Championship invitation
3. District Sports Director may choose any of the following three (3) options to determine qualifiers for the Division II National Championships:

**a. Hold one District Qualifying event:**

Award an equal number of bids to Division I and Division II National Championship as called for by the AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook, including automatic bids; [example; 10 teams in District Tourney = four (4) qualifying spots, plus two (2) automatic bids equals six (6) qualifiers for Division I. Top six-(6) advance to Division I, next six (6) qualify for Division II (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers may choose to attend Division II National Championship or both National Championships).

**b. Hold District Qualifying events for Division I and Division II on separate weekends:**

If the DII Tournament follows the DI Tournament, teams that do not qualify for the DI National Championship may participate in the DII Qualifier. In this scenario, any team may chose to bypass the DI Qualifier and compete in the DII Qualifier.

Total of all teams participating in both DI and DII count towards the team totals for advancement to Nationals.

**c. Hold District Qualifying events for Division I and Division II on the same weekend:**

If both DI and DII are on the same weekend, teams/athletes must choose either DI or DII, they may not compete in both. In this scenario, athletes may not be on the roster of a DI and DII team in the same grade division.

Total of all teams participating in both DI and DII count towards the team totals for advancement to Nationals

## F. National Championship Advancement Criteria

1. The number of teams that qualify for National Tournaments through district or super regional championships is based on the number of teams entered into the qualifying event. (In District Championships the total number of teams participating in Division I & Division II are counted to determine the number of teams qualifying for the National Championship. {NOTE}: Teams that qualify through a Super Regional must participate in their District Qualifier in order to validate their bid to Nationals. **Super Regional bids for Division I are not to be awarded below 4<sup>th</sup> place.**
  - a. **When there are 3 teams** – (A) First Place team only may advance for Division I. (B) One (1) team may advance for Division II.
  - b. **When there are 4-6 teams** – (A) Two (2) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Two (2) teams may advance for Division II.
  - c. **When there are 7-9 teams** – (A) Three (3) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Three (3) teams may advance for Division II.
  - d. **When there are 10-12 teams** – (A) Four (4) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Four (4) teams may advance for Division II.
  - e. **When there are 13-15 teams** – (A) Five (5) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Five (5) teams may advance for Division II.
  - f. **When there are 16-18 teams** – (A) Six (6) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Six (6) teams may advance for Division II.
  - g. **When there are 19-21 teams** – (A) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division II.
  - h. At their discretion, the District Sport Director and the National Chair may each name one additional qualifier for Division I and Division II for each additional increment of 3, starting with 22 teams.
  - i. Teams that finish in 5<sup>th</sup> Place or lower which qualify for Division I may choose to use their bid for either Division I or Division II or both.
  - j. **EXCEPTIONS:**  
In the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division all teams are eligible to compete in the National Championship.
2. Division III - All eligibility rules for AAU Boys' Basketball Grade Divisions and roster limitations shall apply to Division III.
  - a. Teams which qualify to advance in the Division I District Qualifying event may not participate in Division III
  - b. Teams which finish 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in the District Qualifying event for Division II may not participate in Division III
  - c. Teams must compete in a District Championship in order to receive a Division III National Championship invitation or petition the Boys' Basketball Chairman.
3. Disney Classics (Easter/Spring)
  - a. The top four teams in each grade division in the 2012 AAU Easter/Spring Classic Tournament will receive a national bid into the 2012 National Championship. The national bid only applies to the same grade division.
  - b. **Teams must participate in a 2012 District tournament to receive their national bid.**

- c. If a team qualifies in the 2012 District Tournament advancement structure, the national bid from the Easter/Spring Classic is null and void and does not revert to the Club or the District.

### G. Automatic Entry Qualification

1. Teams may receive an automatic entry into the 2012 Division I or II National Championship based upon the following:

- a. **Teams receiving automatic bids into the 2012 AAU National Championship must participate in the 2012 District tournaments.**
- b. If an automatic bid recipient qualifies from the 2012 District tournament advancement structure, the automatic bid may be used by the club to advance another team from their club in the same grade division. If the club does not use the automatic bid to advance another team from their club, the bid will revert to the District to be awarded to the next highest place team not otherwise qualified.
- c. All automatic entries advance to the older grade level in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> (EXCEPTION: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade) (Example: A 7<sup>th</sup> Grade team medals in 2011, the team receives an automatic entry into the 2012 8<sup>th</sup> Grade National Championship.)
- d. Teams that earned medals in the 2011 11<sup>th</sup> Grade National Championship will receive an automatic entry into the 2012 11<sup>th</sup> Grade and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade National Championship.
- e. Teams which earn medals in the 2011 Championship Bracket
- f. Teams which earn medals 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 2012 Classic Bracket
- g. Teams that place 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> will receive choice of an automatic bid back to the Division II Championships or to the Division I Championships in 2012. **(DII Only)**
- h. Teams that finish 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will receive automatic bids back to the Division II National Championship in 2012. **(DII Only)**
- i. Teams that place 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> will receive choice of an automatic bid back to the Division III championships or to the Division II Championships in 2012. **(DIII Only)**

2. Club Program/Automatic Entry

A club will receive one automatic entry (for the following year) for every four (4) teams entered into National Championship events (combined total for Division I and II). The entry may be used for any grade division.

### H. Competition Rules

1. Pool Play Tie Breaker

- a. In any situation where two (2) teams are tied, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
- b. If more than two (2) teams tie, a point differential tie-breaker will be applied. The point differentials of the teams involved in the tie are totaled. Teams are then ranked according to the sum of the point differential - with the highest number placing first, the

second highest placing second. (The maximum that you can beat a team and still gain an advantage is 15 points.)

- c. If two (2) teams are still tied after the application of the formula, go back to (a.) to break the tie.
  - d. If more than two (2) teams are still tied after the application of the formula, the point differentials of the teams not involved in the tie are added, and the results recalculated.
  - e. The score of all forfeits shall be 15-0. (For Tie Breaker Examples please see Appendix i.)
  - f. If there is still a three way tie, three way flip of the coin. Odd coin out.
2. Press Rule
- a. For 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
**Teams ahead by 20 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.**
  - b. For 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older:  
**Teams ahead by 30 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.**

### 3. Bench Decorum

#### a. Uniforms

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.

Uniforms: Home wears White and Visitor wears Dark.

#### b. Home Team

The top/left team on the schedule shall be the home team and shall wear WHITE JERSEYS. Home team shall sit on the scorekeepers left. Visiting team shall wear DARK JERSEYS and sit on the scorekeepers' right.

#### c. Dress Code

All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear slacks, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championship.

Shorts, jeans, sweat pants, athletic wear, tee shirts, hats, and open-toed shoes are not permitted. The dress code applies to female bench personnel as well. Women may wear dresses or skirts appropriate to the occasion. **Dress Code does not apply to the Opening Ceremonies.**

#### d. Bench Personnel

- i. A team may have on its bench only the eligible persons listed on its official roster, including four (4) non-players (coaches, ball boy, scorekeeper, etc.). Only eligible players may wear uniforms on the bench.

- ii. At least one person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times. If as the result of a removal, illness, etc., no roster member of the minimum age of 18 available, tournament administrators shall select a person of suitable age to supervise the bench.

**e. Violation**

- i. Violation of Section A 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.
- ii. Violation of Sections C & D (1) of this Rule shall result in the assessment of a 2-shot technical foul for each violation. Thereafter, the offending team shall have one minute to correct the violation. If violation is not corrected the violator shall be removed from the playing floor until violation is corrected
- iii. All Technical fouls under this Rule are Administrative, and are not assessed to any coach or player.

**f. Coaches Restrictions**

No person may be a coach for any team competing in an event for which he/she is the tournament director

**4. Opening Ceremony**

- a. All participating teams shall **dress uniformly** during the Opening Ceremony.
- b. The "Bench Decorum" rule (II-D) **DOES NOT** apply to the Opening Ceremony
- c. Only roster members may participate in the Opening Ceremony.

**5. 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.

**6. 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 Boys' 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.

## **7. Team Certification**

For its teams to be eligible for the National Championship, the District must submit to the National Basketball Administrator the following items:

- a. All roster sheets used in the District Tournament for teams that participated in the District Tournament.
- b. All roster sheets used in the District Tournament for teams that qualify to participate in the National Tournaments (including At Large Entries).
- c. All score book sheets for teams that qualify to participate in the National Tournaments (including At Large Entries).
- d. Form provided by the National Director of Competition indicating the top six (6) teams, including correct contact person, address, city, state, zip, and telephone numbers.

## **8. District Suspension**

Districts not turning registrations in to AAU National Headquarters MAY BE suspended from participating in National Championships. However, teams who have successfully met requirements may be allowed to participate at the discretion of the Boys' Basketball Executive Committee.

## **I. Championship Selection**

### **a. Bid Selection Procedure**

National Championship proposals will be reviewed by members of the Boys' Basketball Executive Committee and approved by a vote of the Boys' Basketball National Council (Executive Board and Commissioners). No voting member may vote on sites involving his/her District.

### **b. Default**

If for any reason a National Championship Host defaults or is unable to fulfill its commitment, the National Boys' Basketball Executive Committee will determine the replacement site at its sole discretion.

## **J. Inter District Competition**

### **a. National Committee Approval**

Inter-District competition must be approved by the National Executive Board. Applications for national approval will not be considered until the Host Organization submits the following:

- i. Completed application form, which may be obtained from the AAU National Headquarters.
- ii. Event flyer which sets forth the criteria for participation according to these rules.
- iii. Satisfactory proof that the proposed competition has been or will be sanctioned by the District in which the competition is being held.

- iv. All Inter-District applications are due 60 days prior to the start of competition. Applications received less than 60 days will not be reviewed. Approval will not be granted for an Inter-District competition if applicant has distributed tournament information prior to receipt of approval by AAU Boys' Basketball.
- b. Eligibility
    - i. All player-participants must be current AAU members.
    - ii. All teams must be AAU member teams/clubs in good standing.
    - iii. Players may compete only for the AAU club or organization with which they are attached, as provided by the AAU Code.
    - iv. Registration Requirements: The Host Organization shall be responsible for reviewing the credentials of players and clubs to verify individual registration and club membership status of participants
  - c. Rules
 

All of the provisions for roman numerals I, II, III, IV shall be observed for inter district competition
  - d. Reporting Results
 

Within 10 days of the completion of any Inter-District competition, the Host Organization shall provide the following to the National Basketball Administrator at AAU National Headquarters:

    - i. Copies of all rosters for teams participating in the event.
    - ii. Results of all games and the order of finish.
    - iii. Inter-District competition report form, as provided by the National Basketball Administrator
  - e. National Committee Representative
 

As a condition of national approval, the Executive Board may require the Host Organization to provide the expenses (travel, housing and food) for a National Boys' Basketball Committee Representative to observe and monitor the event.
  - f. Schedule Limitations
 

The Executive Board will not approve Inter-District competition between the dates of August 15th and March 15th, for athletes older than age 14 and under/eighth grade division

#### **IV. Excerpts from the AAU Code Book**

- A. **AAU Membership** - All participants must be a member of the AAU in order to participate in any AAU Sanctioned Event. Event Operators may not collect AAU membership money at any AAU sanctioned event.
- B. **Membership Requirements** - Membership in the AAU is a privilege granted by the AAU. The AAU at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject applicants for membership.

1. **Conditions for Membership** - Membership in any class may be granted only after an application is submitted and approved. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to comply with all the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, policies, procedures and rules of the AAU.

2. **Classes of Membership**

Classes of membership in the AAU are as follows:

a. **District Member** - The organization chartered by the Congress to provide administrative services within a designated geographic area.

b. **Club Member** - An organization or group that has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code.

c. **Individual Member**- A person who has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code. Individual membership categories are:

- i. Youth Athlete
- ii. Adult Athlete
- iii. Non-Athlete

d. **Affiliate Member** - An organization or group approved by Congress which is engaged in athletics or sports-related activities.

C. Use of Logos and Trademarks

1. The AAU name, mark, seal, logo, and other insignia (all "AAU marks") are protected through trademark registration and are defined as the intellectual property of the AAU. A user of the AAU's intellectual property must have prior and continued approval of the National AAU. Only those subordinates and affiliated organizations which are expressly authorized by the National AAU may use the intellectual property of the AAU. The National AAU may withdraw its approval to use its marks, in its sole discretion. Members shall immediately comply with notice to cease and desist from the use of the AAU's intellectual property. The unauthorized use of any of the intellectual property of the AAU is a violation of this policy and may subject the member/entity to penalties set out in the AAU Code.

2. Only chartered Districts, District Sport Committees and National Sport Committees may use the AAU marks in their name.

3. There are three (3) levels of AAU club membership. Level 1 AAU Clubs acquire no rights to use the AAU's intellectual property. Level 2 and Level 3 Clubs may use AAU's intellectual property for the promotion of its organization and/or sanctioned AAU events only. Member clubs may not use the name AAU in their legal name.

4. In the event of a dispute or conflict as to a member's/entity's claim(s) to use any of the intellectual property of the AAU.

D. Event Sanctions

1. No event shall be conducted under the auspices of the AAU unless a sanction has been issued for the activity. A sanction is the written approval of the AAU for the conduct of the activity.

2. Only AAU members may participate in sanctioned events unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.
3. Sanctions may be issued to any club in good standing. Any sanction may be reviewed within 15 days of submission by the District Sport Committee Director. If the sanction is reviewed and rejected, the Registrar shall notify the organization submitting the sanction.
4. No sanction shall take effect until the 15-day review period has expired, or until the Registrar processes the sanction following approval of the District Sport Committee Director. Beginning with the 2009 Membership year, all applications for sanction must be completed and submitted through the on-line process or the AAU National Office.
5. The National Registration Executive Committee has the authority to issue sanctions as follows:
  - a. For events in locations where there is no active District member.
  - b. For events in Districts where there is no current active participation. (No District Championship in the prior membership year).
  - c. For events directly sponsored by the National AAU or National Sports Committee.
  - d. For inter-District league play.
  - e. Review and approve any sanction rejected by the District.
  - f. Sanctions issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another organization.
  - g. No sanction will be issued for any event where the word "Olympic" or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisements or notice in connection with the event except upon the specific written approval of the Board of Directors.
  - h. Sanctions must be reviewed and processed by the District Registrar and reported to the National Headquarters. A record shall be kept by each District of all sanctions issued.

**E. Functions of District Sport Committees**

1. **District Sport Committees** - In each approved AAU sport in which the District has athletes actively participating, there may be a Committee to manage competition within the District.
2. **Composition** - The District Sport Committee shall include the following:
  - a. Each club member which registers at least five individual members in the sport shall have one representative on the District Sport Committee;
  - b. District Sport Committee Officers and Chairmen of Committees as defined by that sport's operating rules. [Added 10/07].
  - c. The Governor may appoint five (5) at-large members.

3. **Duties.** The duties of the District Sport Committee are to:

- a. **In even years, hold a Bi-Annual meeting, the date, time and location of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee. [Added 10/08]**
- b. Adopt at the Bi-Annual Meeting, rules of operation of the Committee to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and which shall not conflict with the provisions of the AAU Constitution, Bylaws, National Policies or National Sport Committee rules.
- c. Determine whether to establish a Committee operating account and if so to comply with all relevant AAU procedures and policies.
- d. Conduct of the District championships.

F. District Sport Committee Bi-Annual meeting

1. **District Sport Committee Annual Meeting** - It is the duty of the District Sport Committee to hold an annual meeting, the date of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee. [Not the Sport Committee Executive Committee]
2. **Notice of District Sport Meetings**- Notice of the annual or special meetings of the District Sport Committee shall be issued (or issue approved) by the District Secretary, to clubs eligible to vote as of 30 days prior to the scheduled annual meeting.
  - a. **Quorum** - Five (5) member clubs must be present to constitute a quorum of the Annual Sport Committee meeting.
  - b. **Voting** - Each member of a Committee shall have one vote unless the operating rules of the Committee provide for weighted voting. There shall be no voting by proxy. [A club may designate another representative for the club.]

G. Functions of the District Sport Director

1. **District Sport Director.** In each sport in which five or more club members have designated the sport as its primary sport, the Director shall be elected by the Committee at its Bi-Annual Meeting. When there are fewer than five clubs registered to the Sport, the Chair may be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the National Sport Committee Chair. The District Sport Director takes office upon election or upon appointment.
  - a. **Term.** The term of office for an elected District Sport Director shall be four (4) years to run concurrently with the District Officers. The term of office for an appointed District Sport Director shall be one year or until such time as the Sport Committee meets the criteria to elect a Chair.
  - b. **Vacancies.** A vacancy occurring in an elected District Sport Director position shall be filled in accordance with the Sport Committee operating rules. A vacancy occurring in an appointed District Sport Director position shall be filled by the Governor with the approval of the National Sport Committee Chair.
2. **Duties** The Sport Committee Director shall:

- a. Develop a budget for the Sport Committee to file with the District Executive Committee
- b. Perform the duties set forth in the Committee Rules of Operation.
- c. Approve event sanctions in the sport.
- d. Preside at Sport Committee meetings.

**3. Removal.** District Sport Directors may be removed as follows:

- a. **By District Sport Committee.** An elected Sport Committee Director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sport Committee at the Bi-Annual meeting provided that the Notice of the meeting specifies that a motion to remove is on the agenda. [Rev. 10/07]
- b. **By National Sport Chair.** Each National Sport Chair shall annually review the number of events held in their sport. If the number of sanctioned events, excluding practice sanctions, are below five (5), the National Sport Chair may remove the District Director. If the District Governor does not agree with the removal, the President shall appoint an arbiter who will make the final decision. [Rev. 10/07]
- c. **By National Board of Review.** An elected Sport Director may be removed by order of the National Board of Review following the filing of a complaint and the Board's proceedings. [Added 10/07]

**H. Membership and Residency**

1. Adult members will not be bound by residence requirements.
2. Youth members must register in the District of their bona fide residency, except as follows:
3. A youth member who resides in the county of one District that adjoins a county of another District and who attends a school located in the adjoining county will have the option of registering in either District.
4. A youth member subject to a written joint legal custody arrangement whose custodians reside in different Districts shall have the option of registering in either District.
5. A bona fide student at an educational institution may be considered a resident of the District in which the institution is located.
6. Persons living outside the U.S. may register in the closest District or with the District where the competition they are first participating in will take place. The respective National Sports Committee rules shall govern their participation in AAU competitions.

**I. Eligibility**

1. A youth member may elect to participate in his or her District of bona fide residence or a District that geographically adjoins that District. Exception: In team sports a maximum of three (3) members may participate with a team in an adjoining District. [Team sports include baseball, basketball, field hockey, hockey, soccer softball and volleyball.]

- 2. Club Attachment.** A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU sanctioned event (practice not included). An athlete may attach to additional clubs if he/she participates in additional sports.
- a.** For team/club sports only. If an athlete participates in an AAU sanctioned league for one group member (club), that athlete may elect to affiliate immediately with a second group member (club) for the purpose of qualifying for an AAU National Championship. Participation may be simultaneous. A league is made up of teams/clubs that compete only among themselves for a defined period of time.
- 3. Transfers.** An attached youth member may transfer to another club in the same sport under the following conditions:
- a.** If the youth member has not competed in any AAU sanctioned events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days.
- b.** If the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. (Athletes released under this provision are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees.) [Added 10/07]
- c.** When the transfer is for the purpose of competing with a team which has qualified for a National Championship as provided by National Sport Committee rules.
- d.** If the Registrar determines that the transfer is due to events outside the control of the athlete or that the transfer serves the best interest of the AAU

## V. Appendix

### A. Tiebreaker Formula

Team A	2 Wins	1 Loss
Team B	2 Wins	1 Loss
Team C	2 Wins	1 Loss
Team D	0 Wins	3 Losses

**Example #1:** To break the tie to determine the placement, first look at the game results of the teams involved in the tie and total the point differentials.

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team A			
A vs. B (A-69 B-75)	-6	+ 9	1st advances
A vs. C (A-85 C-69)	+15		
A vs. D (A-65 D-60)	+5		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team B			

B vs. A (B-75 A-69)	+6	-4	2nd advances
B vs. C (B-63 C-73)	-10		
B vs. D (B-71 D-59)	+5		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team C			
C vs. A (C-69 A-85)	-15	-5	3 <sup>rd</sup> does not advance
C vs. B (C-73 B-63)	+10		
C vs. D (C-68 D-60)	+8		

**Example #2:** When teams have the same point differential total after the first calculation, add the point differentials of the teams not involved in the tie.

### Calculated Without Team D

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team A			
A vs. B (A-68 B-71)	-3	+0	Tie
A vs. C (A-59 C-56)	+3		
A vs. D (A-65 D-60)	+5		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team B			
B vs. A (B-71 A-68)	+3	+0	Tie
B vs. C (B-63 C-66)	-3		
B vs. D (B-71 D-59)	+12		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team C			
C vs. A (C-56 A-59)	-3	+0	Tie
C vs. B (C-66 B-63)	+3		
C vs. D (C-64 D-56)	+8		

### Recalculated With Team D:

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team A			
A vs. B (A-68 B-71)	-3	+5	3 <sup>rd</sup> does not advance
A vs. C (A-59 C-56)	+3		
A vs. D (A-65 D-60)	+5		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
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Team B			
B vs. A (B-71 A-68)	+3	+12	1 <sup>st</sup> advances
B vs. C (B-63 C-66)	-3		
B vs. D (B-71 D-59)	+12		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team C			
C vs. A (C-56 A-59)	-3	+8	2 <sup>nd</sup> advances
C vs. B (C-66 B-63)	+3		
C vs. D (C-64 D-56)	+8		

## B. Definitions

### 1. Practice

For the purpose of AAU sanctioning, practice is organized and/or regularly scheduled sessions supervised at all times by a registered AAU non-athlete and conducted for the purpose of preparing, training, instructing and conditioning only AAU registered athletes for AAU competitions. Tryouts and scrimmages are included as long as they meet all the requirements of the above definition.

### 2. Supervision

Supervision requires that an AAU registered non-athlete be physically present at all times at the practice premise or site during each practice session.

### 3. Scrimmage

A practice of an AAU club or with AAU athletes or another club. A scrimmage does not qualify as a practice if an admission fee is charged, or the officials are paid. Scrimmage results must not affect the team's/club's standings or rankings.

### 4. Qualifying Team

A team which has met the requirements to compete in the National Championship

### 5. Advancing Team

A team which is competing (participating) in the National Championship

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