

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 1st and April 15th when air conditioning is not required)

2. Equipment

- a. Basketball Size - The "undersized" basketball shall be used for all 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th 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.** 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.** 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.** 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 5th Grade Division I National Champion shall be the #1 seed in the next years' 6th Grade Division I National Championship, 2nd Place shall be the 2nd 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 25th 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 25th 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 25th 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 8th 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: 1st grade (Authorized for competition at the District Level Only) 2nd 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

12th Grade Division

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

11th Grade Division

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

10th Grade Division

- iii. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 10th grade division they can be no older than 16 on August 31,2012

9th Grade Division

- iv. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 9th grade division they can be no older than 15 on August 31,2012

8th Grade Division

- v. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 8th grade division they can be no older than 14 on August 31,2012

7th Grade Division

- vi. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 7th grade division they can be no older than 13 on August 31,2012

6th Grade Division

- vii. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 6th grade division they can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012

5th Grade Division

- viii. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 5th grade division they can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012

4th Grade Division

- ix. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 4th grade division they can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2012

3rd Grade Division

- x. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to petition to play down, in the 3rd grade division they can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2012

2nd Grade Division

- xi. 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 1st, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 2nd 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.1st, 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 st Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
2 nd Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
3 rd Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
4 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
5 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
6 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
7 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
8 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
9 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
10 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
11 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
12 th 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 4th 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 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 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 (4th, 5th and 6th 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 4th 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 5th 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 2nd grade, 3rd grade and 12th 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 1st through 4th 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 2nd -10th (EXCEPTION: 11th Grade) (Example: A 7th Grade team medals in 2011, the team receives an automatic entry into the 2012 8th Grade National Championship.)
- d. Teams that earned medals in the 2011 11th Grade National Championship will receive an automatic entry into the 2012 11th Grade and 12th Grade National Championship.
- e. Teams which earn medals in the 2011 Championship Bracket
- f. Teams which earn medals 1st through 4th place in the 2012 Classic Bracket
- g. Teams that place 1st – 4th 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 5th – 12th will receive automatic bids back to the Division II National Championship in 2012. **(DII Only)**
- i. Teams that place 1st – 4th 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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 5th 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.