

# Tournament Information

## 2008 AAU 10U/4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



FOR TOURNAMENT INFO VISIT: [www.sauboyshoops.com](http://www.sauboyshoops.com)

JULY 8– JULY 15

New Orleans, LA

### INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTER

1<sup>st</sup> Step – Read all pertinent tournament details on the Tournament Information Flyer.

2<sup>nd</sup> Step –Enter you team through the National Championship ONLINE Registration System. Click on the “Team Roster” icon in order to begin this process.

Please remember it is the responsibility of the Head Coach to submit all the necessary registration materials BEFORE MONDAY JUNE 16, 2008.

*THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION MAY REJECT ENTRIES THAT ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINES.*

# 2008 AAU 10U/4<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## *Tournament Information Flyer*

- DATES:** July 8 – July 15, 2008
- SITES:** Alario Center
- HOST:** Southern AU Boys Hoops, Alario Center/Jefferson Parish
- ENTRY FEE:** \$625.00
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be received no later than: **MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008**. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.
- TEAM PHOTO:** **Team Photos are only mandatory if you want your team listed in the program.**
- OPENING CEREMONIES:** **Tuesday July 8, 2008 6pm ALL TEAMS MUST ATTEND.** The penalty for a team missing opening ceremonies is a one-game suspension for the head coach. a. All teams shall **dress uniformly** during the Opening Ceremony. b. The "Bench Decorum" rule (II-D) **DOES NOT** apply to the Opening Ceremony for bench personnel.
- REGISTRATION:** **Tuesday July 8, 2008 between 10:30am – 3:30pm Alario Center.** Your time for registration will be assigned upon receipt of entry and posted on [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) . **All players and coaches must be at registration at assigned time.**
- PLAY STARTS/ENDS:** **WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008**----The Championship game will be played on **TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008** at approximately 4:00PM.
- COACHES' MEETINGS:** **First coaches' meeting:** Tuesday July 8, 2008 Alario Center 4pm
- Complete Athlete Seminar:** TBD
- Second coaches' meeting:** Saturday, July 12, 2008. The second coaches meeting will be held in the tournament office at PLACE TBD 45 minutes after the last game concludes in your pool.
- The Head Coach from each team is required to attend BOTH meetings. Penalty for failure of the Head Coach to attend is a one game suspension. Suspensions do NOT include forfeited games.
- PRACTICE/GAME SCHEDULE:** The National AAU Office will EMAIL schedule, practice and registration times to each team that an supply an email contact person This information will also be posted no later than (7) seven days before the start of the tournament at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) . The Local Host is not required to supply practice time beyond TUESDAY.
- REFUND POLICY:** Once a team enters the tournament no refunds will be given.

### **STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE**

The AAU can not and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

## **TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**

- ELIGIBLE TEAMS:** Only teams that have qualified in AAU Qualifying Tournaments will be eligible to compete in the National Championships. (See 2008 Boys' Basketball Handbook at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org)).
- AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes as well as, all four (4) non-players allowed on the bench must hold a current membership in the AAU. No non-player shall be allowed on a team bench without an AAU membership card. Each team will receive a maximum of four (4) bench personnel and 15 player credentials.
- AGE DETERMINING DATE:** **10 and Under/4th grade** - born on or after - September 1, 1997  
Grade Exception: A player who is in the 4th grade and who was born on or after September 1, 1996 can participate in the 10: under/4th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.
- PLAYER ROSTER:** 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. Pick-ups/replacements players listed on roster are subject to the following restrictions: These players must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding age, residence, etc.) unless approved by the Eligibility Committee. Teams may not add players from the rosters of other teams advancing to the National Championship Tournament. 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.  
**For further clarification, please refer to the 2008 AAU Boys Basketball Handbook at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) (click on Handbooks).**
- BIRTH RECORDS:** Each competitor must send proof of his age in one of the following acceptable manners:
- HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE UNACCEPTABLE!**
- a) A **COPY** of his birth record from the STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS from the place of birth. (the AAU is not responsible for returning original birth records).
  - b) A copy 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.
  - c) An un-expired Passport
- ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS:** Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the Tournament Commissioner. The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will handle all of these matters.
- NO MEMBER OF THE LOCAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND/OR THE ASSIGNED AAU BOYS' BASKETBALL COMMISSIONER HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RULE ON PLAYER OR TEAM ELIGIBILITY.

### **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.

# **TOURNAMENT RULES & TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE**

- RULES OF PLAY:** The National Championship Tournament will be played under the 2007-2008 National Federation of State High School Association rules, except where amended by the AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook.
- PRESS RULE:** Teams ahead by 20 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind the three-point arc. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical.
- BENCH RULES:** The home team will sit on the left side of the official scorekeeper, facing the table from the floor. A team may have on its bench only eligible players in uniform and four non-players. Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench. **At least one person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times.**
- UNIFORM:** The top team on the bracket or the team listed on the left side of pool play schedule shall be the home team and shall wear **white**. 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.** Violation 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.
- COACHES' ATTIRE:** All non-uniformed persons on bench shall wear long pants, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championships. Jeans, shorts, sweat pants, tee shirts, hats and open-toed shoes are not permitted. Any non-uniformed person on the bench will be removed until properly attired.
- CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND COACHES:** Players' and coaches' conduct should be above reproach, on and off the court. Misbehavior or misconduct may result in disqualification from the tournament. Coaches listed on the official team roster are responsible for the conduct of their players and any damages incurred to the motel or facilities used by the players.
- COACH/PLAYER SUSPENSIONS:** If a coach or a player is suspended during a game, the suspension does NOT include forfeited games. The suspension will be for the next game played
- Ejection's:**
- 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
- PROTESTS:** A protest must be made in writing within two hours of the completion of the game being protested. A fee of \$100.00 in cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany the written protest, which must be submitted to the National Commissioner-in-Charge. Coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements. Every effort has been made to ensure that all teams participating in this event meet the eligibility requirements.
- The Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will be on call **MONDAY** to deal with any protest filed with the appropriate fee to review the facts as you know them. Any remaining eligibility questions can be submitted, with the appropriate protest fee, at any time, and will be acted upon by the eligibility committee, as soon as possible. A more detailed explanation will be given at the first coaches meeting.
- TOURNAMENT PLAY:** A POOL PLAY SYSTEM WILL BE USED, LEADING TO A CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET:  
Four teams (if possible) in each pool will play three games. Top two teams from each pool will advance to a single elimination championship bracket, while the remaining teams in pool will advance into the Classic Tournament. Teams that lose a game in the Championship Bracket will automatically be placed in a consolation bracket. In the pool play system, a cap of 15 points for tie breaker will be used if needed to break ties.  
Teams must play all scheduled games or penalties will be applied. **Take note that this is a six (7) day tournament.**
- EACH TEAM WILL PLAY ONE GAME PER DAY DURING POOL PLAY & ONE OR TWO GAMES A DAY DURING BRACKET PLAY**
- CLASSIC TOURNAMENT:** The Classic Tournament Bracket is considered part of the total National Championship. The Final Four teams in the Classic Tournament will receive automatic bids into next year's championship provided they meet prescribed rules. All teams must remain and play in this single elimination tournament.

# DISCLAIMER

ENTRY PACKETS ARE FOR TEAMS  
THAT HAVE QUALIFIED.

TEAMS THAT APPLY AND HAVE NOT QUALIFIED  
WILL BE DENIED ENTRY

TEAMS THAT HAVE NOT QUALIFIED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING MECHANISMS MAY NOT APPLY:

1. LOCAL DISTRICT QUALIFIER
2. SUPER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
3. EASTER CLASSIC
4. SPRING CLASSIC II OR III
5. AUTOMATIC BIDS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
6. HOST TEAM

FOR INFORMATION ON ENTERING TOURNAMENT CONTACT THE  
AAU BOYS BASKETBALL OFFICE AT 407-934-7200