

AAU BOYS BASKETBALL

9U/3rd GRADE DI & DII WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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

COACHES INFORMATION

DATES:	Registration: July 4, 2023 Competition: July 4 – July 7, 2023
FACILITIES:	The State Farm Field House (Six court facility), VISA Athletic Center (Six court facility), and The Advent Health Arena (8 court facility) all located at the spectacular ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex - 700 Victory Way, Kissimmee, FL 34747
ENTRY FEE:	\$495.00 All entry fee payments will be made online. Registration, payment, and roster must all be completed on Exposure Basketball Events . To register, click here
ENTRY DEADLINE:	Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 @ 11:55 PM EST – REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN AFTER THIS DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS! All participating teams must be registered, paid-in-full, and have a roster submitted online on Exposure Registration System .
SPECTATOR ADMISSION:	Daily admission tickets will be available, \$19.50 per adult and \$14.50 per youth (ages 3-9). Length of event admission tickets will also be available, \$58.50 per adult and \$43.50 per youth. Tickets may be purchased at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex Box Office. <i>(Prices are subject to change)</i>
HOTEL INFORMATION:	Athletes, coaches and their families traveling for the 3 rd Grade AAU World Championships can make hotel arrangements through our designated travel provider, AAU Sports Hotels. To explore these great accommodations, find pricing and booking options, click here or call M-F, 1-866-587-4922 (8:30–5:30 pm ET) to make your reservations today! Please note that this event is not a stay-to-play event.
REGISTRATION:	July 4th at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex <u>North East Pavilion</u>. ALL COACHES and ATHLETES must be present at registration.
AGE DETERMINATION:	An athlete can be no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 3 rd Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2023 is eligible to compete in the 9U/3 rd Grade division.
ATHLETE VERIFICATION:	Proof of photo identification for eligibility must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU licensed competitions. If the documents are not available, the team is subject to removal from the competition. Acceptable documents include any of the following:

1. An unexpired Passport

2. Valid Driver's License
3. Department of Motor Vehicles I.D. card issued within three (3) years
4. Military Dependent I.D.
5. Electronic Age Verification through [SportsAge ID](#) (A one-time registration fee of only \$15.00 covers 100% of all updating and processing fees for as long as an athlete participates in the AAU Boys Basketball Program) or [National Sports ID](#) (A yearly fee of \$10.00 validates your eligibility for licensed AAU events; Service charges apply).
6. **IN ADDITION to one of the proof of age eligibility items listed above in "a" through "e", Proof of Grade must** be available for review by an AAU designee at all AAU licensed competitions in the Grade Based division. If the documents are not available, the team is subject to removal from the competition. **Acceptable Proof of Grade documents include any of the following:**
 - a. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
 - b. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead.

COACH VERIFICATION:	All bench personnel must be present and show government issued photo ID in order to receive credentials. NO EXCEPTIONS!
COACHES' MEETINGS:	There will be no coach's meetings required for this event.
RULES OF PLAY:	The World Championship Tournament will be played under the 2022-2023 National Federation of State High School Association rules, except where amended by the AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook .
SCHEDULES/RESULTS:	Schedules and Results will be posted at www.aauboysbasketball.org and will be emailed to each team that provides a valid email address in the <i>Exposure Registration System</i> .
GAME FORMAT:	Four (4) 7 minute quarters – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 3 minute overtime.
TOURNAMENT FORMAT:	<p>July 4 – Registration & Pool Play</p> <p>July 5 – Pool Play / Bracket Play</p> <p>July 6 – Bracket Play</p> <p>July 7 – Awards Games</p>
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.
PRESS RULE:	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.
AWARDS:	Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and the team will receive a trophy. Each athlete and registered coach on the fifth through tenth finishing teams will receive a finalist medal and the team will receive a plaque. Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Classic Bracket will receive a finalist medal and the team will receive a plaque.

ROSTER:

Additions must be made by the entry deadline date of the event. The total number of players designated to play in the World Tournament may not exceed fifteen (15) players. Athletes can be removed from the District Championship roster.

Pick-up/replacement players listed on the roster are subject to the following restrictions: These players must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding grade, age, residence, etc.) unless approved by the Eligibility Committee. Teams may not add players from the rosters of other teams advancing to the World Championship Tournament. A team advancing to a Division I World Championship may not add a player from another team advancing to a Div. I World Championship in the same age group without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee. **For further clarification, please refer to the 2023 AAU Boys Basketball Handbook at www.aauboysbasketball.org** (click on Rules/Info).

ELIGIBILITY:

*All athletes must be **males**. No **females** are allowed to compete in Boys' AAU Basketball and there is no "co-ed" basketball in AAU. Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the National Chair or his designee in attendance. No member of the local Tournament Committee shall have the authority to rule on eligibility. The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will handle all of these matters.*

PROTESTS:

For World Championship play, any eligibility protest that is turned in the first day of competition by 6:00 pm will be reviewed by the eligibility committee, and a decision will be made prior to bracket play. Any eligibility protest that comes after the first day of competition will be reviewed at the Eligibility Committee's discretion. All non-eligibility protests will be reviewed by the Eligibility Committee at their discretion.

A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany all protests. Protests must come from a non-athlete member listed on the official online roster for the event. The **written** protest must be submitted to the National Commissioner-in-Charge. All decisions of the Eligibility Committee shall be final.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Players', coaches' and spectators conduct should be above reproach, on and off the court. Misbehavior or misconduct may result in disqualification from the tournament. Coaches listed on the official team roster are responsible for the conduct of their players and any damages incurred to the hotel or facilities used by the players. If a coach or a player is suspended during a game, the suspension does NOT include forfeited games. The suspension will be for the next game played.

MISBEHAVIOR/EJECTIONS

1. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
2. Players ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Additional penalties, up to exclusion from the tournament, may be imposed by the National Eligibility Committee.
3. If a coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. The head coach may appeal the penalty by submitting a written request for appeal to the Tournament Headquarters within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game. A Commissioner shall consider the appeal. The Commissioners ruling is final.
4. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.

5. Coaches or Players who leave the bench to engage athletes or coaches on the playing floor may be suspended by the National Eligibility Committee for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
6. The National Eligibility Committee may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occurs at any time and at any location during the event.
7. Coaches and Athletes who engage in misbehavior are subject to additional disciplinary action from the AAU Boys' Basketball National Infractions Committee. Penalties may include suspension from AAU events in future years.

UNIFORMS:

Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back, numbers can be 0, 00-99. Minimum size of numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back. Teams competing in the World Championship tournament must have **LIGHT** and **DARK** jerseys. The Home team wears lighter color jerseys and Visitor wears Dark jerseys. The top/left team on the schedule shall be the home team and sit on the scorekeepers' left. The bottom/right team on the schedule shall be the visiting team and sit on the scorekeepers' right. **Violation of this rule shall be penalized by a two (2) shot administrative technical foul for each illegal jersey (officials must notify any illegal jerseys before the game begins). The penalty will be assessed at the time the player with the illegal jersey enters the game. We highly recommend you bring both LIGHT and DARK uniforms to each scheduled game.**

COACHES' ATTIRE:

Relaxed Dress for this summer includes all non-uniformed persons on the bench have the option to wear long slacks, shirts with collars and sleeves, dress shoes or tennis shoes, during play at these AAU Championships. Dress shorts, or shorts that match your team uniforms are acceptable, along with T-Shirts or dry fit shirts with a team logo on it, are also acceptable. *No jean pants or jean shorts, sleeveless shirts, or tank tops* for coaching personnel and ***No Hats*** on sideline while coaching, please. Violation of these rules must be addressed *before* the start of the game and if in violation, the results are two (2) shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench until properly attired.

COACHES EDUCATION:

The PCA Coaches Education Course is MANDATORY and FREE for all AAU Non-Athletes. Please visit www.aausports.org and click on PCA Button in order to enter and take the MANDATORY AAU/PCA coaches educational course. Membership may be revoked from Non-Athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

WARM-UP & GAME BALLS:

Basketballs are provided during warm-up sessions. Spalding, the official ball of AAU Boys Basketball, shall provide basketballs for warm-ups and games. **DO NOT** bring basketballs to games.

HOTEL/MOTEL POLICY:

Upon approval by the National Sport Chair, a World Championship Host has designated certain hotel/motel properties not to be used by teams participating in a World 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 World Championship Event begins, team(s) can be required to vacate the designated property in order to continue to participate in the event.

STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE

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

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