

# AAU BOYS BASKETBALL

 **BOYS: 10U/4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 17U/11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** 

 **GIRLS: 7<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** 

HOSTED BY: AAU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX - ORLANDO, FL

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## COACHES INFORMATION

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- DATES:** Registration JULY 8, 2023 | Competition: JULY 8 – JULY 11, 2023
- FACILITIES:** The State Farm Field House (Six court facility), 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:** \$450.00 | 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:** FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023 – 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 through [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. *(Prices are subject to change)*
- HOTEL INFORMATION:** Athletes, coaches and their families traveling for the International 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 8<sup>th</sup> at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex North East Pavilion. **COACHES ONLY at Registration to check-in athletes.**
- AGE DETERMINATION:**
- BOYS:**
- 10U/4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2023, is eligible to compete in the 10U/4<sup>th</sup> Grade division.
- 11U/5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2023, is eligible to compete in the 11U/5<sup>th</sup> Grade division.
- 12U/6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2023, is eligible to compete in the 12U/6<sup>th</sup> Grade division.

**13U/7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2023, is eligible to compete in the 13U/7<sup>th</sup> Grade division.

**14U/8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2023, is eligible to compete in the 14U/8<sup>th</sup> Grade division.

**15U/9<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2023 is eligible to compete in the 15U/9<sup>th</sup> Grade division.

**16U/10<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2021 and who is no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2023 is eligible to compete in the 16U/10<sup>th</sup> Grade division.

**17U/11<sup>th</sup> Grade** - An athlete can be no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2023. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2022 and who is no older than 18 on or before August 31, 2023 is eligible to compete in the 17U/11<sup>th</sup> Grade division.

#### **GIRLS:**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION** - An athlete must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 and can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2023. For an athlete that is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2023.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION** - An athlete must be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 and can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2023. For an athlete that is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2023.

**9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION** - An athlete must be in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 and can be no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2023. For an athlete that is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2023.

**10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION** - An athlete must be in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 and can be no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2023. For an athlete that is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2023.

**11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION** - An athlete must be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 and can be no older than 18 on or before August 31, 2023. For an athlete that is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2022 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2023.

#### **ATHLETE VERIFICATION:**

**Eligibility Documents 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:**

A teams' "**ELIGIBILITY BOOK**" must contain:

1. Copy of each athlete's Proof of Age (Birth Certificate or State Issued ID)
2. Copy of athlete's Proof of Grade

The "**ELIGIBILITY BOOK**" may be requested to be seen by a member of the AAU Staff during the tournament. Failure to have proper documentation at registration or during the event may result in athlete or team disqualification. For More Information – see the [AAU Boys Basketball Handbook](#).

#### **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 AAU International Championship 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](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) and will be emailed to each team that provides a valid email address in the [Exposure Basketball Events Registration System](#).
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**
- July 8 – Registration & Pool Play Begins
  - July 9 – Pool Play / Bracket Play
  - July 10 – Pool Play / Bracket Play
  - July 11 – Bracket Play/ Awards Games
- 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 with an AAU Membership, age 18 or older, must be on the bench at all times.**
- PRESS RULE:**
- 10U/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.
- 11U/5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 17U/11<sup>th</sup> Grade** - 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.
- AWARDS:** Each athlete and registered coach on the top two (2) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and the team will receive a plaque. There will be no Classic Bracket in the International Championship.
- ROSTER:** The total number of players designated to play in the International 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 International 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/Girls Basketball Handbook at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) or [www.aaugirlsbasketball.org](http://www.aaugirlsbasketball.org) (click on Rules/Info).**
- ELIGIBILITY:** 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' & Girls' Basketball Eligibility Committee will handle all of these matters.
- PROTESTS:** For International 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 Commissioner's 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](http://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.

**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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