

2026 AAU EASTER CLASSIC

ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER - ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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- DATE OF EVENT:** *Friday, April 3rd – Sunday, April 4th, 2026*
Games begin at 8:00 AM Saturday. If your team cannot play at this time, do not sign up.
- LOCATION:** *Orange County Convention Center/West Concourse West Hall WA1 (9 floors) – 9800 International Dr, Orlando FL 32819.*
Game Point Event Center(6 floors) – 6700 Kingspointe Pkwy Orlando FL 32819
- CHECK-IN:** *April 3rd-4th, 2026*
A coach, bench personnel, or team media representative listed on the roster is eligible to check-in in the team at least two (2) hours prior to their first game. ALL COACHES AND PLAYERS must check in individually at this event. Each coach, bench personnel, or team media representative must be on the roster, check themselves in individually, and have a valid photo ID for credentials to be issued.
- ENTRY FEE:** *\$425.00/Team. All entries, payments, and rosters must be submitted online. No exceptions.*
To register, pay, and/or submit roster, [click here](#).
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** *March 18, 2026.*
This event sold out one month prior to the deadline last year. Spots are reserved based on when a team signs up **AND pays**. Once maximum capacity is reached, a registration waitlist will begin based on a first come, first served basis. Don't book travel or housing accommodations before signing up for this tournament. Sign up for the event early before it sells out!
- SPECTATOR ADMISSION:** *Daily Admission: **\$25.00/adult and \$15.00/youth (ages 3-9).***
*Length of Event: **\$45.00/adult and \$25.00/youth (ages 3-9).***
- HOTEL INFORMATION:** *Athletes, coaches, and their families can make hotel arrangements through our exclusive provider, AAU Sports Hotels. This event is not a stay-to-play event, but we highly encourage you to use AAU Sports Hotels to best assist you throughout your stay for the event.*
[Click here](#) or call 866-587-4922 (8:30-5:30 pm ET M-F) to make your reservations.
- RULES OF PLAY:** *Competition will follow the rules and regulations as specified in the [AAU Boys Basketball Handbook](#) and the [AAU Girls Basketball Handbook](#) with the below modifications. If a rule is not addressed in the handbook or below, rules will default to NFHS Basketball rules.*
Games will utilize halves not quarters. Jersey numbers are required on the front and/or back of jerseys.
- TEAM ROSTER:** *15 players and 4 coaches, bench personnel, and/or team media representatives on a roster.*
All individuals above must be current members of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). Membership can be obtained at www.aausports.org.
- 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:*

1. *Proof of Age (birth Certificate, state issued ID, unexpired passport, military dependent ID, electronic age verification.)*
2. *Proof of Grade (most recent report card, school ID, school portal login)*

If an athlete meets the age only criteria for this event, proof of age is only required. If an athlete needs to apply a grade exception rule to be eligible for their divisions, that person must have proof of age and current grade. This information should be housed in a physical or digital “**ELIGIBILITY BOOK.**” This 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.

CONTESTED BOYS DIVISIONS: *9U/3rd Grade, 10U/4th Grade, 11U/5th Grade, 12U/6th Grade, 13U/7th Grade, 14U/8th Grade, 15U/9th Grade, 16U/10th Grade, 17U/11th, 19U/12th Grade*
(To find out what division your team is eligible for, please [click here](#). The AAU National Office and Eligibility Committee reserve the right to move teams to different divisions if it is determined *ineligible* athletes are listed on the roster.)

CONTESTED GIRLS DIVISIONS: *6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, 9th Grade, 10th Grade, 11th Grade, 12th Grade*
(To find out what division your team is eligible for, please [click here](#). The AAU National Office and Eligibility Committee reserve the right to move teams to different divisions if it is determined *ineligible* athletes are listed on the roster.)

CONTESTED SKILL LEVELS: *D1 (Elite), D2 (Competitive), or D3 (Developmental)*
If there are enough teams to contest a skill level within a division separately from other skill levels, the schedule will reflect this. Separate divisions and skill levels is not guaranteed. The tournament director(s) reserves the right to combine any contested divisions and/or skill levels in this event at their discretion.

SCHEDULES/RESULTS: *Schedules and results will be posted on the [AAU Boys Basketball website](#), the [AAU Girls Basketball website](#), and in the AAU Basketball app for iPhones and Google Play phones.*
A pool play system will be used, leading to bracket play to give teams a minimum of 3 games guaranteed. Teams must play all scheduled games or penalties may be applied.

AWARDS: *Awards will be given to all first and second place teams.*
AAU medals and a team award will be awarded to first (1) place in all gold brackets. AAU medals will be awarded to all second (2) place teams in all gold brackets. In silver, bronze or copper brackets, AAU medals will be awarded to first (1) place teams.

WARM-UP & GAME BALLS: *Basketballs are provided during warm-up sessions and games.*
DO NOT bring your own basketballs into the competition venue.

COACHES EDUCATION: *The PCA Coaches Education Course is MANDATORY and FREE for all AAU Non-Athletes.*
Please visit www.aausports.org and click on JOIN NOW 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.

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.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

The AAU has ZERO TOLERANCE for fighting. Coaches should meet with your parents, athletes and fellow coaches and advise them that any act of aggression will be met with severe consequences for individuals, team and club. Please know and understand that formal criminal charges may be pursued. In addition, the team could be suspended from any AAU competition at AAU's discretion. If a fight breaks out, the gym supervisor or referees may clear the gym of all spectators if deemed necessary and no refunds will be given. Parents and spectators are prohibited from offensive or hostile language towards the coaches, athletes, referees or other parents before, during or after the games. Disorderly behavior will not be tolerated. It is the coaches' responsibility to maintain your teams' sportsmanship. We suggest you print this memo and distribute it to your fellow coaches, parents and athletes. This includes local and national competition. Fighting will not be tolerated.