

2026 AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook

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VISION STATEMENT

“AAU Basketball shall be the most influential, respected, trusted, and relevant leader in youth basketball locally, nationally, and globally”.

MISSION STATEMENT

“The AAU Basketball program shall meaningfully engage, stimulate, and provide opportunities for amateur athletes through participation in events. We shall promote leadership, sportsmanship, fitness and skill development, in an organized, safe and positive environment”.

AAU BOYS BASKETBALL RULE BOOK

I. National Sport Committee Governance & Administration

A. National Committee Structure & Procedures

1. National Committee

The National Committee shall conduct the Boys’ Basketball program. Members of the committee are: National Chairman, the elected Executive Committee members, elected and appointed District Sport Directors or a representative designated by the District Governor, one appointed representative from each Allied member that registers members in the sport and up to two (2) members-at-large appointed by the President.

- a. Voting. Only members of the Committee are permitted to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy. Each member of the Committee will have one vote. Only representatives from Districts which registered a minimum of .5% (a half percent) of the total number of athletes in the sport in the previous year shall be allowed to vote in the National Sport Committee meeting.

2. National Chairman

The National Sport Chair shall be elected by the National Sport Committee at the committee meeting during National Conventions in which National Officers are elected. The chairman shall exercise his duties as provided by the AAU Code and manage the business of the program with the Executive Committee.

- a. Terms are four years.
- b. National election polices shall apply.
- c. National Sport Chair may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the National Officers, subject to the Right of Appeal to the National Board of Review.
- d. The President with the approval of the majority of the national officers may appoint a person to fill a vacant National Sport Chair position. The appointee will serve until the next regular or special meeting, at which time an election shall be held to complete the term.

3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Boys’ Basketball Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAU Code and the AAU Boys’ Basketball Program. It shall include the National Chairman, Secretary, Director of Competition, immediate Past Chairman (who has first priority to serve; or a designee of choice by the National Chairman) and two Members-at-Large. One Member-at-Large shall be elected by the certified voting delegates at the committee meeting every four years. The Chairman shall appoint the Secretary, Director of Competition, and one (1) Member-at-Large.

- a. The AAU Boys' Basketball Executive Committee shall enforce these rules and the AAU Code as they apply to players, coaches and clubs. Penalties may be imposed subject to the due process requirements of the AAU Code.
- b. The Executive Committee may create and conduct events, applying such qualifications, criteria and standards as to best promote the Boys' Basketball Program.
- c. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the National Committee between the bi-annual National Committee meetings, as provided by the AAU Code.

4. National Council

- a. The Chairman may appoint commissioners, the number of which shall be at the chairman's discretion. Commissioners supervise the AAU World Championship tournaments, assign game officials at AAU World Championship tournaments and assist the Executive Committee in the execution of its duties as directed by the chairman.
- b. The Executive Committee and Commissioners collectively comprise the National Council. The council shall consider the recommendations of the Executive Board as to the sites for AAU World Championship events and select the sites by majority vote.

5. National Eligibility Committee

An Eligibility Committee appointed by the Boys' Basketball Chairman will be established to rule on player and team eligibility for district championships, regional championships, national championships and AAU World Championships. Decisions of the Eligibility Committee are final.

B. Sport Committee Meetings

1. National Sport Committee Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.

2. Non – Regular Sport Committee Meetings

The National Sport Committee may hold Non-Regular meetings subject to the following provisions:

- a. The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the President.
- b. The National Chairman, in cooperation with the President, has the right to coordinate and pick the site for the meeting.

3. National Sport Committee Special Meetings

Special meetings of a Committee are scheduled at the request of the National Chair or upon written request of at least one half (1/2) of the National Committee members. Ten (10) days' notice is required and notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.

4. National Sport Executive Committee Meetings

The National Chair shall determine the dates and locations of Executive Committee Meetings.

5. Agenda

Sport Committee Meeting Order (Agendas) The Regular National Sport Committee meetings, the Non-Regular National Sport Committee meetings, and National Sport Committee Special meetings shall follow meeting order (agenda format) as established by Code (Bylaw 9.5).

II. Official Rules

The official rules will be the National Federation High School (NFHS) rules for the current year, except where modified by the AAU Boys' Basketball Rule Book. Rules shall be administered at all District Championships, Regional Championships, National Championships and AAU World Championships.

III. Eligibility

A. AGE BASED DIVISIONS – 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U & 14U.

For teams that have chosen to organize on the basis of the athlete's age, the AAU provides age-based competition in the divisions listed below *following* these eligibility requirements.

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:

- a. An unexpired Passport
- b. Valid Driver's License
- c. Department of Motor Vehicles I.D. card issued within three (3) years
- d. Military Dependent I.D.
- e. The current year school ID (2025-26) w/picture and a copy of a birth certificate
- f. Electronic Age Verification through [National Sports ID](#) (A yearly fee of \$10.00 validates your eligibility for licensed AAU events).

7 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 7 on or before August 31, 2026

8 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 8 on or before August 31, 2026

9 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2026

10 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2026

11 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2026

12 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2026

13 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2026

14 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2026

B. GRADE DIVISION – 7U/1st, 8U/2nd, 9U/3rd, 10U/4th, 11U/5th, 12U/6th, 13U/7th & 14U/8th Grades

For teams that have chosen to organize on the basis of the athletes' grade, the AAU provides grade competition in the divisions listed below *following* these eligibility requirements. This division will be used at all AAU Boys' World Championship competitions.

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:

- a. An Unexpired Passport
- b. Valid Driver's License
- c. Department of Motor Vehicles I.D. card issued within three (3) years
- d. Military Dependent I.D.
- e. The current year school ID (2025-26) w/picture and a copy of a birth certificate
- f. Electronic Age Verification through [National Sports ID](#) (A yearly fee of \$10.00 validates your eligibility for licensed AAU events).
- g. **IN ADDITION to one of the proofs 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 be removed from the competition. Acceptable **Proof of Grade** documents include any of the following:
 1. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
 2. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead.
 3. National Sports ID with grade verification

7U/1st Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 7 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 1st Grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 8 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 8U/2nd grade division.

8U/2nd Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 8 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 8U/2nd grade division.

9U/3rd Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 3rd Grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 9U/3rd grade division.

10U/4th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 4th Grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 10U/4th grade division.

11U/5th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 5th Grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 11U/5th grade division.

12U/6th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 6th Grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 12U/6th grade division.

13U/7th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 7th Grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 13U/7th grade division.

14U/8th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2026. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 8th Grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to compete in the 14U/8th grade division.

★ NOTICE:

1. Grade based teams may participate in age-based events by “playing up” a division. (i.e. 7th grade team playing up in a 14U event).
2. Some districts might not conduct grade-based championships. In those districts, grade-based teams can earn a seed for the grade-based AAU World Championship Tournament by “playing up” in an age-based District Championship or Super Regional.

C. HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL DIVISIONS – 15U/9th Grade, 16U/10th Grade, 17U/11th Grade, 19U/12th Grade

For teams that have chosen to organize their team with high school level athletes on the basis of athletes combined age/grade, the AAU provides high school level divisions for competition listed below *following* these eligibility requirements.

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 be removed from the competition. Acceptable documents include **any** of the following:

- a. An Unexpired Passport
- b. Valid Driver’s License
- c. Department of Motor Vehicles I.D. card issued within three (3) years
- d. Military Dependent I.D.
- e. The Current Year School ID (2025-26) w/picture and a copy of a birth certificate
- f. Electronic Age Verification through [National Sports ID](#) (A yearly fee of \$10.00 validates your eligibility for licensed AAU events).
- g. **IN ADDITION to one of the listed 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 high school level divisions *if* an athlete is in the correct grade but does not meet the age requirement for the division he wants to compete in (e.g., 16-year-old playing in the 15U/9th Grade Division) (see *Grade Policy* below). If the documents are not available, the team is subject to be removed from the competition. Acceptable **Proof of Grade** documents include any of the following:**
 1. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes’ report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
 2. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead.
 3. National Sports ID with grade verification

15U/9th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2026. *Grade Policy:* An athlete who is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to play in the 15U/9th grade division.

16U/10th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2026. *Grade Policy:* An athlete who is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to play in the 16U/10th grade division.

17U/11th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2026. *Grade Policy:* An athlete who is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 18 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to play in the 17U/11th grade division.

19U/12th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 19 on or before August 31, 2026. *Grade Policy:* An athlete who is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2025 and who is no older than 20 on or before August 31, 2026 is eligible to play in the 19U/12th grade division.

D. Management. *(Taken from AAU Codebook: National Policies – XII. Event Licenses)*

At all licensed AAU practice sessions or competitions, an AAU non-athlete member who is at least 18-years old, shall be physically present at the site at all times. (Non-athlete members must have completed a criminal background check.) *(Interpretation: A person with a youth membership can coach a team as a head coach, assistant coach, or assist with running a practice session, but they cannot do it without a person physically present at the site, who has an AAU non-athlete membership, which includes a completed criminal background check.)*

IV. Competition Rules

The Competition Rules Section shall be administered at all District Championships, Regional Championships, National Championships and AAU World Championships.

A. Team Rosters

1. 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 in the current year.
2. Players from an adjoining district (Cross Boundary Athlete).
 - a. In divisions 7U/1st Grade through 12U/6th Grade, a team may have a maximum of three (3) players from an adjoining district.
 - b. In divisions 13U/7th Grade through 19U/12th Grade, a team may have maximum of fifteen (15) players from an adjoining district.
3. Roster Participation Restrictions
 - a. Only males may participate as players for grades 13U/7th grade and up.
 - b. Females may participate as players on Boys' teams from 7U/1st to 12U/6th Grade.
 - c. An athlete must play with one (1) team within one (1) age/grade skill level at any World Championship event when those Championship competitions take place at the same date

- and time (i.e., An athlete playing on a 10u/4th Grade D2 team cannot compete on a 10u/4th Grade D1 team at the same World Championship).
- d. Athletes that compete in more than one age/grade division must compete with the same club until the conclusion of all District Championships.
 - e. Following the conclusion of all District Championships, club/teams may add players to their roster based on the instructions in Rule V. AAU World Championship, Section K. AAU World Championship Roster.
 - f. Athletes must participate in the district of their residence, or an adjoining district, or as otherwise permitted by the AAU Code.
 - g. May 1st will be the date used to determine a players' residence in a district
4. All rosters used for AAU World Championships, District Championships and Regional Championships and National Championships must be submitted online at www.aauboysbasketball.org.

B. Playing Times

<u>Division</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Halftime/ Warm up Times</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
7U/1 st Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
8U/2 nd Grade	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
9U/3 rd Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
10U/4 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
11U/5 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
12U/6 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
13U/7 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
14U/8 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
15U/9 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
16U/10 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
17U/11 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
19U/12 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime

C. 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 an 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 occur 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.

D. Pool Play Tie Breaker

1. In any situation where two (2) teams are tied, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
2. 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 above the second highest point total and the third highest point total next. (The maximum that you can beat a team and still gain an advantage is 15 points.)
3. If two (2) teams are still tied after the application of the formula, go back to (a.) to break the tie.
4. If more than two (2) teams are still tied after the application of the formula, the point differentials of the team(s) not involved in the tie are added, and the results recalculated.
5. The score of all forfeits shall be 15-0. (For Tie Breaker Examples please see Appendix i.)
6. If there is still a three-way tie, a three-way flip of the coin will determine team placement.

E. Press Rule

1. For 7U/1st Grade, 8U/2nd Grade, 9U/3rd Grade, 10U/4th Grade Divisions:
Teams ahead by 20 points or more at any point in the game must play defense behind their three-point arc and a running clock will go into effect, stopping only during a timeout or injury. Standard clock operation resumes when the lead falls under 20 points. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot administrative technical.
2. For 11U/5th Grade and older:
Teams ahead by 30 points or more at any point in the game must play defense behind their three-point arc and a running clock will go into effect, stopping only during a timeout or injury. Standard clock operation resumes when the lead falls under 30 points. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot administrative technical.

F. Technical Rules

1. Facilities/Competition Area
 - a. All gym floors must be a minimum of standard High School dimensions (84' X 50')
 - b. For AAU World Championship and Super Regional Championships, all gyms must be air-conditioned (unless the event is held between October 1st and April 15th when air conditioning is not required).
2. Equipment - Basketball Size
 - a. 7U/1st Grade, 8U/2nd Grade, 9U/3rd Grade, 10U/4th Grade, 11U/5th Grade and 12U/6th Grade divisions shall use the 28.5 circumference basketball.
 - b. 13U/7th Grade, 14U/8th Grade, 15U/9th Grade, 16U/10th Grade, 17U/11th Grade & 19U/12th Grade divisions shall use the 29.5 circumference basketball.
3. Uniforms
 - a. Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back.

- b. Numbers can be 0, 00-99.
 - c. Minimum size of numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back.
 - d. The top/left team on the schedule shall be the home team and sit on the scorekeepers' left.
 - e. The bottom/right team on the schedule shall be the visiting team and sit on the scorekeepers' right.
4. Medals
AAU medals shall be used at all District Championships and Regional Championships. Medals must be purchased through the AAU medal program, or the licenses shall be denied/voided.

G. Results Reporting Requirements for District Sports Directors

1. A list of Teams that competed in the District Championship must be submitted by the District Sports Director to the National Basketball Department.
2. In addition to the list of all participants in the District Championships – for seeding purposes to the AAU World Championships – the District Sports Director must submit to the National Basketball Department, the list(s) of all Top Four (4) places from each age/grade division results.
3. Districts not providing results from their District Championships to the AAU National Basketball Department, MAY NOT receive seeding placements for those teams in the AAU World Championships.

V. AAU World Championships

A. Tournament Entry Procedures

AAU World Championship - No team will be entered into an AAU World Championship tournament that fails to meet entry requirements. In order to enter an AAU World Championship, teams must register online at www.aauboysbasketball.org and comply with the requirements and deadlines set forth in the Tournament Information. The Tournament Information shall be obtained at www.aauboysbasketball.org. Entries received after the entry deadline may be rejected.

B. Entry Fees

1. **Division I, Division II Age/Grade Based:** The entry fee for all Division I, Division II Age/Grade Based AAU World Championships is **\$645.00**. ***No refund*** will be made to teams withdrawing *after* the entry deadline. **Teams must register online at www.aauboysbasketball.org.**
2. **Division III:** The entry fee for all Division III AAU World Championships is **\$300.00**. No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after the entry deadline. **Teams must register online at www.aauboysbasketball.org.**
3. Entry fees must be paid online or by cashier's check or money order (no personal checks).

C. Participation Violation Penalties

1. Teams/clubs or non-athletes who have entered the AAU World Championship and do not participate, are subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from AAU World Championship play. Deadline for notification of withdrawal will be tournament entry deadline.

2. Teams/clubs or non-athletes who fail to compete in all scheduled games at the AAU World Championship are subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension from AAU World Championship play.

D. Registration Requirements

The Head Coach (as designated on the official team roster) is required to meet with an AAU Commissioner, at registration, to review the rules and expectations for the team during the tournament. The Head Coach must go over with the Commissioner or designee – and initial – that a clear understanding of all Tournament Rules, Procedures, and Post Pool play expectations, are understood.

E. Opening Ceremony

1. In AAU World Championships that schedule Opening Ceremonies, as determined by the Executive Committee, all teams and their head coach must attend and participate.
2. All participating teams shall dress uniformly during the Opening Ceremony.
3. The “Dress Code” rule (F.1) for bench personnel, does not apply to the Opening Ceremony.
4. Only roster members may participate in the Opening Ceremony.
5. Violation: If a team or head coach fails to march in during Opening Ceremonies, the head coach shall be suspended for one game and shall have no contact with the team during the game.

F. Bench Personnel/Dress Code

1. All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear slacks, dress shorts, shirts with collars and sleeves, team tee shirts/dry-fit shirts with team name or team logo, and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the AAU World Championship. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Violation of Rule F.1. shall result in the assessment of a 2-shot administrative technical foul. 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.

G. Uniforms

1. Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back.
2. Numbers can be 0, 00-99.
3. Minimum size of numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back.
4. Teams competing in AAU World Championship Tournaments must have Light and Dark jerseys.
5. Home wears Light jerseys and Visitor wears Dark jerseys.
6. The top/left team on the schedule shall be the home team and sit on the scorekeepers' left.
7. The bottom/right team on the schedule shall be the visiting team and sit on the scorekeepers' right.

8. Violations of Section G shall be penalized by a two (2) shot administrative technical foul for each illegal jersey. The penalty will be assessed at the time the player with the illegal jersey enters the game.

H. Awards

1. Team Trophies and individual medals will be presented as follows:
 - a. A team trophy and individual medals will be presented to the top four (4) teams placing in the DI & DII AAU World Championships. Top (2) teams in the 19U/12th grade & Division III will receive a team trophy and individual medals.
 - b. A team plaque and individual medals will be presented to the fifth thru eighth (5th – 8th) placing teams in DI & DII age/grade divisions 7U/1st – 13U/7th
 - d. A team plaque and individual medals will be presented to the top four (4) teams in the AAU World Classic bracket.
2. The AAU Boys' Basketball Executive Committee may authorize additional awards as appropriate.

I. Protest Procedures

1. The National Boys Basketball Eligibility Committee shall handle all protests at AAU World Championships.
2. Any protest that is submitted on 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 protest that comes after 6:00 pm on the first day of competition will be reviewed at the Eligibility Committee's discretion.
3. A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if the 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 and the protest fee must be submitted to the National Commissioner, within one (1) hour after the conclusion of the game. All decisions of the Eligibility Committee shall be final.

J. AAU World Championship Roster

1. The total number of players designated to play in the AAU World Championship Tournament may not exceed fifteen (15) players. **Rosters are locked, 72-hours before the start of the event.**
2. **Players on an AAU World Championship roster must meet the following criteria:**
 - a. An athlete must satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding age, residence, etc.).
 - b. **In divisions' 7U/1st Grade thru 12U/6th Grade, a team may have a maximum of three (3) players from an adjoining district.**
 - c. **In divisions' 13U/7th Grade thru 19U/12th Grade, a team may have a maximum of fifteen (15) players from an adjoining district.**
 - d. The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will not consider requests for transfer under rule K.2., c., f. and g. until after the completion of the District Championship.

3. International Teams

- a. All Athletes must reside within the same country.
- b. All athletes and coaches must prove their identity, age and residence with a valid passport.

K. Tournament Format

1. A pool play system will be used in the AAU World Championships for all age/grade divisions. There will be four (4) teams per pool when possible. Top two (2) 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 AAU World Classic bracket.

2. **Tournament Draw** - A random draw shall be held at the National Committee meeting to place those Districts that did not earn seeding points. No two (2) 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 AAU World 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 AAU World Championship game. Schedule adjustments may be made in the event of team "no shows."
3. **Seeding Policy**
 - a. Seeding shall be by individual teams and AAU District. The first criteria for seeding shall be the order of finish in the previous year's AAU World Championship. For example, the 11U/5th Grade Division I AAU World Champion shall be the #1 seed in the next years' 12U/6th Grade Division I AAU World Championship, 2nd Place shall be the 2nd seed and so forth for all places awarded.
 - b. The host team shall be placed in all tournaments immediately following the teams placed based on the order of finish in the previous years' AAU World Championship.
 - c. District Championship participants shall be placed according to the Draw list. First, gold medal, second, silver and third, bronze, etc.
 - d. All other teams shall be placed using the District Draw List.
 - e. International Teams shall be placed according to the order of registration.

★ **NOTICE:** 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. All seeding calculations will be approved by the National Director of Competition and his decision is final.

VI. Miscellaneous

A. AAU World Championship Selection Procedure

1. AAU World Championship proposals will be reviewed by members of the Boys' Basketball Executive Committee and approved by a vote of the Boys' Basketball National Council. No voting member may vote on sites involving his/her District.
2. If for any reason an AAU World 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.

B. Coaching Restriction - No person may be a coach for any team competing in an event for which he/she is the tournament director.

C. Event Approval - The Boys' Basketball Executive Committee will not approve Super Regional Championship competition between the dates of November 1st and March 15th for athletes in the 15U/9th Grade Division through 19U/12th Grade Division.

D. Host Team - Notwithstanding the qualification criteria, the local organizing committee that is host to an AAU World Championship may select up to a maximum of four (4) teams, provided they meet all AAU requirements.

1. Host Team(s) may participate in the AAU District Championship but are not required to participate.

2. The Host may select the team(s) as it wishes. It is not required to use any particular formula or criteria.

E. Regional Championships

1. Executive Committee can grant an event operator the right to host Regional Championships according to the terms and conditions established by the Executive Committee
2. Hosts of Super Regional Championships may choose to operate separate competitions for DI, DII, and DIII. If they choose to combine Divisions, they can award placements to for as many as four (4) teams in each Division. **Example:** a 12-team division in a Super Regional = top four (4) spots for Division I. Next four (4) spots for Division II. Last four (4) spots for Division III.

F. 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. 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.

Appendix to the Rule Book

Documents in the Appendix are supplementary materials published for the convenience of members.

AAU Code Book

For a complete copy of the AAU Code refer to: <http://aausports.org/Governance-Policies/AAU-Codebook>

A. AAU Boys' Basketball Policies

1. Sportsmanship

It is the obligation of coaches, players, administrators, volunteers, and other representatives of the AAU to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and to observe the ethics of competition. Good sportsmanship is defined as qualities of behavior, which are characterized by courtesy and genuine concern for others. The display of good sportsmanship is a statement of the individual's understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.

2. High School Athletics

Participation in High School Basketball is important to the social and athletic development of the AAU athlete. The AAU recognizes the influential role played by the athlete's high school coach and team. Accordingly, the AAU pledges its support of high school athletics. In keeping with that support, the following policies are appropriate:

- a) The AAU Boys' Basketball Committee will not approve Regional Championship competition for athletes 15U/9th grade and older between the dates of November 1st and March 15th.
- b) AAU Clubs shall not allow any athlete who is a member of a high school interscholastic basketball team to participate in AAU licensed tryouts, practices, or games, from the first day listed for high school basketball practice on the High School Federation calendar until the last game of the regular season has been played.
- c) Coaches who are AAU members and school coaches should maintain open communications for the benefit of the athlete.
- d) It is inappropriate for an AAU member to solicit or recruit a player to enroll in any particular secondary school.

3. Athletics and Education

Athletic competition is good unto itself, and opportunities for participation need not be restricted to individuals representing academic or scholastic institutions. However, the AAU recognizes that athletics can be a powerful tool for shaping the educational development of young people, and for the enhancement of educational opportunities for its participants. AAU organizations should consider the academic well-being of its athletes and ensure that participation in AAU activities does not adversely affect their academic progress. The AAU Club should cooperate with the athlete and his parents to strike an appropriate balance among academic, social and athletic activities.

4. Coaches' Ethics

The coach must be aware that he can be either a positive or a negative influence upon the development of the athlete. In all of his personal contacts with athletes, officials, parents, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. In keeping with that goal, the following ethical guidelines should be observed by all AAU coaches:

- a) The coach shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
- b) The coach must always consider the personal safety of the athlete.
- c) The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules
- d) 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.
- e) 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 exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event
- f) Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.
- g) The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, and shall, under no circumstances authorize their use.
- h) The coach must recognize the importance of the athlete's academic development and promote the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.

B. AAU World Championship Program Policies

- 1. Game Time: The game time will also be the forfeit time. No grace period will be allowed.
- 2. Officials: No official may work more than four (4) games in one (1) day or more than two (2) games in succession, unless approved by a commissioner. No official shall work any game involving teams

from the City/County in which he/she resides (Division I and II AAU World Championship pool and bracket play, does not include AAU World Classic).

3. **Hotel/Motel Policy:** Upon approval by the National Sport Chair, an AAU World Championship Host may designate certain hotel/motel properties not to be used by teams participating in an AAU 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 AAU World Championship Event begins, team(s) can be required to vacate the designated property in order to continue to participate in the event.

C. Definitions

1. **Practice** - For the purpose of AAU licensing, practice is organized and/or regularly scheduled sessions supervised at all times by a registered AAU non-athlete and conducted for the purpose of preparing, training, instructing and conditioning only AAU registered athletes for AAU competitions. Tryouts and scrimmages are included as long as they meet all the requirements of the above definition.
2. **Supervision** - Supervision requires that an AAU registered non-athlete be physically present at all times at the practice premise or site during each practice session.
3. **Scrimmage** - A practice of an AAU club or with AAU athletes or another club. A scrimmage does not qualify as a practice if an admission fee is charged, or the officials are paid. Scrimmage results must not affect the team's/club's standings or rankings.
4. **Qualifying Team** - A team which has met the requirements to compete in the AAU World Championship
5. **Advancing Team** - A team which is competing (participating) in the AAU World Championship.

D. Tiebreaker Formula Examples

Team A	2 Wins	1 Loss
Team B	2 Wins	1 Loss
Team C	2 Wins	1 Loss
Team D	0 Wins	3 Losses

Example #1: To break the tie to determine the placement, first look at the game results of the teams involved in the tie and total the point differentials.

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team A			
A vs. B (A-69 B-75)	-6	+ 9	1 st Place
A vs. C (A-85 C-69)	+15		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team B			
B vs. A (B-75 A-69)	+6	-4	2 nd Place
B vs. C (B-63 C-73)	-10		

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team C			
C vs. A (C-69 A-85)	-15	-5	3 rd Place
C vs. B (C-73 B-63)	+10		

Example #2: When teams have the same point differential total after the first calculation, add the point differentials of the teams not involved in the tie.

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team A			
A vs. B (A-68 B-71)	-3	+0	Tie

A vs. C (A-59 C-56)	+3		
Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team B			
B vs. A (B-71 A-68)	+3	+0	Tie
B vs. C (B-63 C-66)	-3		
Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team C			
C vs. A (C-56 A-59)	-3	+0	Tie
C vs. B (C-66 B-63)	+3		

Recalculated using Team D scores:

Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team A			
A vs. B (A-68 B-71)	-3	+5	3 rd Place
A vs. C (A-59 C-56)	+3		
A vs. D (A-65 D-60)	+5		
Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team B			
B vs. A (B-71 A-68)	+3	+12	1 st place
B vs. C (B-63 C-66)	-3		
B vs. D (B-71 D-59)	+12		
Results	Differential	Total	Placement
Team C			
C vs. A (C-56 A-59)	-3	+8	2 nd place
C vs. B (C-66 B-63)	+3		
C vs. D (C-64 D-56)	+8		

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