

2008 AAU Girls' Basketball 12u National Championship

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- TOURNAMENT DATES:** July 4 - July 12
Competition will begin at 8:30 am on July 5
- SITES:** Century High School John Marshall High School
Mayo Civic Center Byron High School
Dover-Eyota High School Friedell Middle School
Mayo High School UCR Regional Sports Complex
- AGE DETERMINING DATE:** Born no earlier than July 1, 1994
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All materials must be **RECEIVED** by **June 13, 2008**.
- TOURNAMENT ROSTER:** A team shall be allowed to add a maximum of three (3) players to their official roster, when advancing to a National Championship, with an overall maximum of fifteen (15) players. Pick up players must simply be eligible to participate by age and residence requirements. A player from an adjoining District may be picked up under the above rules only if she did not participate in any other DQT. No player who has qualified for Division I may participate in any Division II National Championship. For details, please refer to the AAU Girls Basketball Handbook, which can be found online at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org.
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Sixteen teams will be seeded according to last year's 11/Under finish. Teams will begin with pool play (maximum of five teams per pool and a minimum of four). The top two teams in each pool will advance to the double-elimination bracket of the Championship. All who do not qualify for the Championship bracket participates in the consolation National Classic, a Modified Double-Elimination Bracket with no "IF" game.
- GAME FORMAT:** The 12u division plays 16 minute halves with a 8-minute half-time intermission. No game will start before its scheduled time. There will be a minimum 10-minute warm-up between games. A forfeit shall be declared if a team fails to appear with at least five (5) eligible players at game time. Thirteen to zero (13-0) shall be the recorded score. The **28.5 Rawlings basketball** will be used.
- MERCY RULE:** A running clock will be used in the second half when a team is behind by 30 or more points. Regular rules will return if at any time the spread falls below 30 points. The losing coach may opt to ignore this rule at any time.
- DRAWING FOR POOLS:** A member of the AAU Girls Basketball Executive Committee will oversee the drawing of teams into pools approximately 5 days

after the entry deadline. You can view the results of the draw on the Internet www.aaugirlsbasketball.org No phone calls, please.

REGISTRATION:

All teams will be assigned a registration time. To be on the safe side, transportation arrangements should be made so that all team members could be present by the start of registration, **10:00 a.m., July 4, 2008** at Mayo Civic Center (30 Civic Center Dr. SE, Rochester, MN 55904.) Each team must have at least two (2) coaches listed (with AAU numbers), but not more than four (4) on the Official Team Roster. Each person listed on the Official Team Roster **MUST** present their AAU membership card at registration.

AAU MEMBERSHIP:

All players and coaches on the bench must have **current membership** within the AAU and present their cards at registration.

COACHES' MEETING:

A coach from each team must attend a coaches' meetings July 4, following registration; after pool play coaches must verify your placement in the bracket by coming by the tournament office or contacting the Tournament Director or Lead Commissioner.

RULES OF PLAY:

This 2008 National Championship will be played under NCAA 2007-2008 Women's Basketball Rules.

PRACTICE SCHEDULING:

Practice times will be assigned in conjunction with registration on July 4. There will be **no** other practice times available.

PRACTICE AND GAME BALLS:

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

HOME & VISITOR UNIFORMS:

The **top** team in the game brackets, or **first** team listed in pool pairings, will be the **HOME** team and shall wear **white** uniforms. The **bottom** team, or **second** team listed in pool pairings, will be the **VISITING** team and shall wear **dark** uniforms. Whichever team is wrong shall wear pinnies. The Home team shall sit to the official scorer's left and take the opposite basket for pre-game warm-up and first-half play.

1. Team shirts shall be of the same solid color front and back. Shirts must be tucked inside the game pants before reporting to score table.
2. Team shorts shall be alike for all players.
3. Undergarments are considered to be part of the shirt and must be a color similar to the shirt. No logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, lettering or numbering may be used on the undershirt. An illegal undershirt may not be worn.
4. Tights/lycra shorts that extend below the game pants must be similar in color to the pants.

5. Each player shall be numbered on the front (at least 4" high) and back (at least 6" high) of the shirt with plain Arabic numbers.
The following numbers are legal: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 (plus 0 or 00, but not both).
6. Sponsor names are permitted so long as placed in fashion that does not obstruct uniform numbers.
7. The term "all-star" is not permitted on team uniforms.
8. It is recommended that all teams bring a white jersey and a dark colored jersey to all games. All uniforms should be designed for girls (female cut). If teams wear low-cut tank-top game jerseys, it is recommended that they have a T-shirt of similar color worn underneath.

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 Tournament Committee shall have the authority to rule on eligibility

PROTESTS: NCAA Women's Basketball Rules **DO NOT** recognize or allow protests. (The same policy applies to the AAU Girls Basketball program.)

AWARDS: AAU National Championship medals will be awarded to the first eight (8) teams and team trophies will be awarded to the first four (4) teams in the Championship bracket. Classic trophies will be awarded to the top four (4) teams and medals will be awarded to the top four (4) teams. Medals and team trophies may be received at the conclusion of their last game. The National Chair/Committee has the right to make adjustments as deemed necessary.

CEREMONIES: Opening Ceremonies will take place on July 4, 2008, at 6:00 pm with player party immediately following. Athletes and coaches should wear their uniforms or warm-ups. Teams may carry a team banner and/or State flag. **NO HATS OR BACKPACKS ALLOWED. THERE WILL BE NO THROWING OF OBJECTS.**

TOURNAMENT PASSES:

Tournament:	Adult - \$35	Youth - \$20
Daily:	Adult - \$10	Youth - \$6 (age 3-9)

COACHES SHOULD RECEIVE A PACKET OF TOURNAMENT INFORMATION (PRACTICE TIMES, REGISTRATION TIMES, ETC.) VIA EMAIL APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT www.aaugirlsbasketball.org