

2009 AAU Girls Basketball 9U National Championship

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- TOURNAMENT DATES:** June 26 - July 1
Competition will begin at 9:00 am on June 27
- SITES:** University of Louisiana at Monroe Fant Ewing Coliseum, ULM's Activity Center & Ouachita Parish High School
- AGE DETERMINING DATE:** 9u/4th grade – Born January 1, 1999 or after – or in the 4th grade born January 1, 1998 or after
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All materials must be **RECEIVED** via Online Registration by **June 5, 2009**.
- 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 2009 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 8/Under finish. Beginning in 2009 all National Championships will have a maximum of five (5) playing days. The bracket will operate as follows:
1. First and second days will be pool play.
 2. The top two (2) teams in each pool advance to the National Championship Tournament Bracket.
 3. The balance of teams will advance to the Classic Tournament Bracket.
 4. Upon a team's first loss in the Tournament they will go into a loser bracket in their respective tournament and are eliminated from competing for the medal round in that tournament.

5. Upon the second loss in the loser bracket the team is eliminated from further competition in the tournament.

-A coach from each team wishing to continue in either the Championship or National Classic bracket may be required to check-in with the Tournament Office at the conclusion of pool play to determine their position.

GAME FORMAT:

The 9u division plays 14 minute halves with a 6 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 **27.5 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. If a team is up by 15 points or more, the winning team can NOT press until the offensive team reaches the three point line. Penalty for breaking the rule is a warning first and second is an administrative technical foul. If the rule is broken again, the technical foul goes to the coach.

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., June 26, 2009**. Each team must have at least one (1) coach 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 June 26, at 3:00 pm at the ULM Malone Stadium Scroggin Room (across the street from Fant Ewing Coliseum). This is a mandatory meeting for each team prior to the tournament start. After pool play coaches must verify your placement in the bracket by coming by the tournament office – Lenny Fant Room (inside Fant Ewing

Coliseum) or contacting the Tournament Director or Lead Commissioner.

TEAM MOM'S MEETING

A Team Mom's meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. at ULM's Fant Ewing Coliseum Room 16. All team Mom's will be provided with local information by some of our most experienced Moms. This meeting will be very valuable as you plan your teams activities while in Monroe, LA.

RULES OF PLAY:

This 2009 National Championship will be played under NCAA 2008-2009 Women's Basketball Rules.

PRACTICE SCHEDULING:

Practice times will be assigned in conjunction with registration on June 26.

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 June 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in Fant Ewing Coliseum. 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.**

ATHLETE'S PARTY

The Athlete's Party will start directly after the Opening Ceremony at the ULM Alumni Center. All athletes and coaches will follow the Krewe of Janus in a Mardi Parade from Fant-Ewing Coliseum to the Alumni Center. All athletes and coaches will be treated to pizza, soft drinks and sno-cones. Athletes and coaches will have the opportunity to take pictures on a Mardi Gras float so please bring your camera.

TOURNAMENT PASSES:

Daily:	Adult - \$10.00	Youth \$ 7.00 (age4-12)
LOE:	Adult - \$40.00	Youth \$30.00 (age4-12)

Tournament Passes may be purchased at ULM's Fant Ewing Coliseum ticket office.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

www.monroe-westmonroe.org

PREVENTATIVE TAPING

Taping is free if athletes bring their own tape and pre-wrap. If the injury has been evaluated and logged at the time it occurred by the Athletic Trainer.

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.monroe-westmonroe.org and www.aagirlsbasketball.org



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AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL

9u National Championship

Friday – June 26th

REGISTRATION

Starts at 10:00 AM

ULM's Fant Ewing Coliseum

COACHES MEETING

Starts at 3:00 PM

ULM's Malone Stadium - Scroggin Room

(across street from Fant-Ewing Coliseum)

OPENING CEREMONIES

ULM's Fant Ewing Coliseum

Line-Up for athletes begins at 5:30 PM

Ceremony starts at 6:00 PM

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