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# **2014 PVAAU BOYS BASKETBALL HANDBOOK**

## **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.

## **Competition Rules**

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

## **Grade Divisions**

Competition in boys' basketball shall be in the following grade divisions: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **1st Grade Division**

An Athlete must be in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade division, can be no older than 7 on August 31, 2014.

### **2nd Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade division, can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2014.

### **3rd Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting

to play down in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade division, can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2014.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2014.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2014.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2014.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2014.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2014.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2014.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2014.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2014. An athlete that is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 wanting to play down in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade division, can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2014.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

An athlete must be in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and can be no older than 19 on August 31, 2014.

**NOTICE:** AAU Boys' Basketball is a grade based program. Each grade division consists of a 24 month age window which determines an athletes' participation in that division. If an athletes' age is outside the 24 month window for their grade, the athlete must play up to the grade division that is normal and customary for their age. If an athlete is in any grade above what is normal and customary for their age, that athlete may play down provided they meet the established criteria set out in the chart below:

### **AGE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE DIVISION**

#### **Grade as of Oct.1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Requested Grade Birthdate Requirements**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade 11<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/1996  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade 10<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/1997  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade 9<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/1998  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade 8<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/1999  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade 7<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/2000  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade 6<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/2001  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade 5<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/2002  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade 4<sup>th</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/2003  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/2004  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/2005  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Grade born on or after 9/1/2006

### **Playing Times**

#### **Division Quarters Halftime/ Warm up Times/ Overtime**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade 6 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 6 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 6 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime

## **Team Rosters**

1. A maximum of fifteen (15) athletes and four (4) non-athletes COACHES) are allowed on a team roster.  
All athletes and non-athletes on the roster must be registered AAU Members in the current year.
2. A team may have a maximum of 3 players from a bordering district (Cross Boundary Athlete).
3. Roster Participation Restrictions
  - a. Only males may participate as players.
  - b. An athlete may not participate later than the summer following his class graduation from high school.
  - c. An athlete may participate in a maximum of two (2) grade divisions of the AAU Boys' Basketball program for which he can qualify.
  - d. Athletes that compete in more than one 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 IV. National Championship, Section K. National Championship Roster.
  - f. Athletes must participate in the district of their residence, or an adjoining district, or as otherwise permitted by the AAU Code.
4. All rosters used for National Championships, District Championships and Super Regional Championships must be submitted online at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) for teams to be allowed to advance to Nationals.
5. Proof of grade must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU sanctioned competitions. If the documents are not available, the team is subject to removal from the competition. Acceptable documents include the following:
  - a. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
  - b. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead
6. Proof of age must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU sanctioned competitions. If the documents are not available the team is subject to removal from the competition. Acceptable documents include the following:
  - a. A photocopy of his certificate of live birth from the State, County or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics on the place of birth (HOSPITAL RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED)
  - b. A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth if the athlete's birth was not recorded on his day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies.
  - c. An unexpired Passport
  - d. Valid Driver's License or State issued I.D

## **Misbehavior/Ejections**

**The Potomac Valley AAU Boys Basketball Committee maintains a "BALLED FIST" policy. If a player balls his fist during a confrontation, he will be considered as a combatant and will be ejected from the game and the facility. It is important that each Coach ensures that his or her players understand this policy. This will apply to any players leaving the bench without permission.**

1. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament. Any team deemed to have unruly parents or spectators will be asked to leave the facility. If they fail to comply, the game will be forfeited.
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 Director within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game. The PVAAU Boys Basketball Committee shall consider the appeal. The Committee's ruling can be appealed by normal AAU Code procedures..
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 Boys Basketball Committee for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
6. The PVAAU Boys Basketball 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.

### **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.

### **Press Rule**

#### **1. For 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 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 administrative technical.

#### **2. For 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older:**

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 administrative technical.

### **Technical Rules**

#### **1. Facilities/Competition Area**

- a. All gym floors must be a minimum of standard High School dimensions (84' X 50') except where approved by the PVAAU Boys Basketball Committee.
- b. For National Championship and Super Regional Championships, all gyms must be airconditioned (unless event is held between October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> when air conditioning is not required).

#### **2. Equipment - Basketball Size**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade division competitions shall use the 28.5 circumference basketball.
- b. 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade 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 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.

**NOTICE:** Teams should be aware when acquiring uniforms that **WHITE** jerseys are required at PVAAU District and National Championships. See Rule IV. National Championships, G. Uniforms. **WHITE** jerseys are not required at Super Regional Championships. The PVAAU District requires **WHITE** jerseys at the PVAAU District Championship.

### **Entry Fees**

1. **Teams must register online at [ww.pvaau.org](http://www.pvaau.org).** The entry fee for all Division I National Championships is \$450.00 . No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after the entry deadline.
2. **Teams must register online at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) to create an online roster and to select the PVAAU District Qualifiers as the event. This will allow the Boys Basketball Committee to print out a score sheet for each team.**
3. **Teams must get their registration package online at [www.pvaau.org](http://www.pvaau.org) .** This package must be completed and turned in at the registration date posted.
4. Entry fees must be paid by cashier's check or money order (no personal checks).

### **C. Participation Violation Penalties**

1. Teams/clubs or non-athletes who have entered the National Championship and do not participate, are subject to sanctions, including suspension from National 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 National Championship are subject to sanctions, which may include suspension from National Championship play.

### **D. Coaching Meeting Requirements**

The Head Coach (as designated on the official team roster) is required to attend each of the following:

1. Meetings:
  - a. Pre-tournament coaches' meeting.
  - b. Post-pool play coaches' meeting.
2. Violation: Any head coach failing to attend and answer roll call at the coaches' meetings 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, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the District Championship. Shorts, 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.

### **Uniforms**

1. Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back.
2. Numbers can be 00-99.
3. Minimum size of numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back.
4. Teams competing in National Championship tournaments must have white and dark jerseys.
5. Home wears White 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. Violation of Section .5. 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 or maybe agreed to be penalized at the beginning of the game by both coaches.

NOTICE: Teams should be aware when acquiring uniforms that **WHITE** jerseys are required at National Championships. **WHITE** jerseys are not required at Super Regional Championships. The PVAAU Districts requires **WHITE** jerseys at the District Championship. See Rule III. Competition Rules, F. Technical Rules, 3. Uniforms.

### **Protest Procedures**

1. The PVAAU Boys Basketball Committee shall handle all protests at District Championships.
2. Any protest that is submitted on the first day of competition by 6:00 pm will be reviewed by the committee and a decision will be made prior to bracket play. Any protest that comes after 6:00 pm of the first day of competition will be reviewed at the Committee's discretion.
3. 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 Tournament Director.



## National Championship Qualification

All teams must play in the PVAAU District Qualifiers in order to compete in a National Championship. Any team not playing in the District Qualifiers will not be allowed to attend. The qualification requirements are as follows:

The Potomac Valley Boys Basketball Committee will combine the totals for the Division 1 and 2 Qualifiers to help improve the totals for teams to Qualify for the National Championships. It is critical that we get as many teams as possible in both Qualifiers so we can send as many teams as possible to the National Championships.

### 1. Qualification Criteria

a. The number of teams that qualify for National Tournaments through district championships is based on the number of teams entered into the qualifying event. In District Championships the total number of teams participating in Division I & Division II are totaled to determine the number of teams qualifying for the National Championship.

1. **When there are 3 teams** – (A) First Place team only may advance for Division I. (B) One (1) team may advance for Division II.

2. **When there are 4-6 teams** – (A) Two (2) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Two (2) teams may advance for Division II.

3. **When there are 7-9 teams** – (A) Three (3) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Three (3) teams may advance for Division II.

4. **When there are 10-12 teams** – (A) Four (4) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Four (4) teams may advance for Division II.

5. **When there are 13-15 teams** – (A) Five (5) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Five (5) teams may advance for Division II.

6. **When there are 16-18 teams** – (A) Six (6) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Six (6) teams may advance for Division II.

7. **When there are 19-21 teams** – (A) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division I. (B) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division II.

8. At their discretion, the District Sport Director and the National Chair may each name one additional qualifier for Division I and Division II for each additional increment of 3, starting with 22 teams.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

In the 2nd grade, 3rd grade and 12th Grade Division all teams that participate in a District Championship are eligible to compete in the National Championship.

Teams that qualify through a Super Regional must participate in their District Qualifier in order to validate their bid to Nationals.

**All teams must participate in a District Championship to compete at a National Championship.**

Teams which qualify 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in the Division I District Championship may not play in the Division II or III National Championship in that Grade Division. All other teams that have qualified for Division I are eligible to play Division I or II in that grade. No team that qualifies for Division I in the District Championship may play in Division III in that grade.

b. Teams which qualify 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in the Division II District Championship may not play in Division III in that Grade Division. All other teams that may have qualified for Division II are eligible to play Division II or III in that grade.

c. Teams which qualify 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in Division I or II may petition the National Chair for an exception to sections 2a and 2b above.

d. Super Regional Championship - Teams may earn conditional qualifying bids at Super Regional Championship events. The bid is validated through participation at a District Championship. **YOU MUST PLAY IN THE DISTRICT QUALIFIERS TO USE THIS BID.**

e. Teams may receive a conditional automatic bid into the 2014 National Championship based upon the team placement in the 2013 National Championship. The bid is validated through participation at a District Championship. Conditional automatic bids are earned as follows: **YOU MUST PLAY IN THE DISTRICT QUALIFIERS TO USE THIS BID.**

i. Teams that earned medals in the 2013 11th Grade National Championship will receive a conditional automatic bid into the 2014 11th Grade and 12th Grade National Championship.

ii. Teams which earn medals in the 2013 Championship Bracket

iii. Teams which earn medals 1st through 4th place in the 2013 Classic Bracket

- iv. Teams that place 1st – 4<sup>th</sup> in Division II in 2013 will receive choice of a conditional automatic bid back to the Division II Championship or to the Division I Championship in 2014.
- v. Teams that finish 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in Division II in 2013 will receive conditional automatic bids back to the Division II National Championship in 2014.
- vi. Teams that place 1st – 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2013 Division III will receive choice of a conditional automatic bid back to the Division III Championship or to the Division II Championships in 2014.
- vii. If a conditional automatic bid recipient qualifies through the 2014 District tournament, the conditional automatic bid may be used by the club to advance another team from their club in the same grade division. If the club does not use the conditional automatic bid to advance another team from their club, the bid will revert to the District to be awarded to the next highest place team not otherwise qualified.
- viii. All conditional automatic bids advance to the older grade level in 2014, except 11<sup>th</sup> Grade which shall receive will receive a conditional automatic bid into the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade National Championship.
- ix. A club will receive one conditional automatic bid for 2014 for every four (4) teams entered into National Championship events (combined total for Division I, II and III). The entry may be used for any grade division.
- f. District Championships may be conducted in every grade allowing competition in Division I, Division II and Division III. A minimum of three (3) teams representing two (2) clubs are required to play in an District Grade Championship in order for participants to advance to the National Championship in that grade division.

NOTICE: All teams that participate at a District Championship may qualify for a National Championship in Division I, Division II and/or Division III based on the results at the District Championship. Speak to your District Sport Director or call the AAU National Office (407-934-7200) for clarification of eligibility to participate at a National Championships.

### **National Championship Roster**

Rosters may be modified for competition following the completion of the District Championship. The roster modification criteria are as follows:

1. A team that qualifies for a National Championship may add a maximum of **three (3)** players to its District Roster for the purpose of participating in the National Championship. Additions must be made by the entry deadline date of the event. A maximum of two (2) additional athletes may be added to the National Championship Roster after the entry deadline. The total number of players designated to play in the National Tournament may not exceed fifteen (15) players. Athletes can be removed from the District Championship roster.

2. Players added to a roster must meet the following criteria:

- a. An athlete must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding age, residence, etc.).
- b. There shall be a maximum of three (3) cross boundary athletes on a roster at any time.
- c. A team advancing to a Division I National Championship may not add a player from a team advancing to a Division I National Championship in the same grade division without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.
- d. A team advancing to a Division I National Championship may add a player from a roster of a team advancing to a Division II or III National Championship.
- e. A team advancing to a Division II National Championship may not add a player from a team that has placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in the Division I District Championship in the same grade division.
- f. A team advancing to a Division II National Championship may not add a player from a team advancing to a Division II National Championship in the same grade division without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.

### **Seeding Policy**

- a. Seeding shall be by individual teams and AAU District. The first criteria for seeding shall be order of finish in the previous years' Championship. For example, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division I Champion shall be the #1 seed in the next years' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division I Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place shall be the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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' National Championship.
- c. The next criteria for seeding shall be order of finish in the respective grade division for three (1) years when possible. Only teams advancing out of pool play to the District championship round will receive points for seeding if they placed in the top (4) places.
- d. The placement of teams shall be according to the instructions above. Districts will be placed in order, with the highest total of points first and so on.

### **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 or a majority of the National Officers. In order 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.

### **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 Super Regional Championship competition for athletes 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older between the dates of November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b) AAU Clubs shall not allow any athlete who is a member of a high school interscholastic basketball team to participate in AAU sanctioned 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:

## **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<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> place

C vs. B (C-66 B-63)  $+3$

C vs. D (C-64 D-56)  $+8$