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2015 PVA AU BOYS BASKETBALL OPENING STATEMENT

Dear Coaches,

The 2015 District Qualifying Tournament, DQT's season will offer our membership continued opportunity to teach, train and develop our players to meet the challenges of competitive Basketball on all three levels. There are new rules changes this year and additional rules changes (Walker or State issued ID's) will be implemented in 2016. Please make sure you're aware of the changes and how they impact your team.

The intent of these changes is to insure a fair and level playing field for all. The increased number of reclassification of athletes in the younger age groups was one of the factors in the rule change.

The AAU 2ND Grade National Championships will be in the Potomac Valley District in 2015 starting June 26th to July 2nd. We are looking to host 15 teams from the PVA AU District and 30 teams from out of the area. We will provide a discount for any team that refers any new organization who has 2nd grade teams that inter into the DQT's.

The Hoop It Up 3x3 Championships will not be held in the Washington Metropolitan area this year. That event has been held in the Gaylord Convention Center for the last three years. It was such a good event for our membership that we are planning to host a 3x3 event as part of the AAU Sports Festival which will be in the Gaylord Convention Center as part of the U S Capitol Classic Martial Arts event on July 31st to August 2. Please stay tuned for more information. Those interested in participating, please contact me at pkssportss@yahoo.com

Best regards,

P. K. Martin, PVA AU Governor

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2015 PVAAU Boys' Basketball Handbook

Dear Coaches,

By now you are aware of the changes to the AAU Boys Basketball rules for 2015 and 2016. These rules are design to insure a more competitive playing field for our membership. The new rules as outlined in this year's Boys Basketball Handbook will be implemented this year by the Potomac Valley Boys Basketball Committee. A full copy of this Handbook can be found on the National website www.aausports.org and the edited version on the local Potomac Valley District website www.pvaau.org .

The committee will be made up of PVAAU Boys Basketball Clubs who submit 5 or more teams in the PVAAU Boys Basketball District Qualifiers. These submissions can be a combination of Boys and Girls Basketball teams. If your Club will have 5 or more teams in this year's PVAAU District Qualifiers, please contact Mrs. Melody Britt at 202-438-7352.

The Potomac Valley District will host the 2nd Grade AAU National Championship this year. We are looking for your support in developing 2nd grade teams to represent the PVAAU District in this event. Those Clubs that will have this age group can contact me as we will work closely with your club to insure your support. The PVAAU District has also submitted a Memorandum of understanding to the Prince Georges County Public School District to provide Training Academy's for the sport of Lacrosse. The School District will introduce Lacrosse as a Varsity sport in 2015 or 2016. This agreement will allow PVAAU to build better relationships with other areas of our community. We are also looking to forge relationships with Church Athletic Leagues, Charter Schools and Recreation Departments. I would welcome any of you who have relationships in those areas to assist me in this effort.

We are still committed to providing the T V Production Classes for our youth members from grades 4th to 9th. We are actively looking for a facility to hold the training classes. There will be another notice sent out once we have secured a location. \

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.

A. Age/Grade Divisions

Competition in boys' basketball shall be in the following age/grade divisions: 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U/9

Grade, 16U/10

Grade, 17U/11

Grade, 19U/12

7 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 7 on August 31, 2015

8 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2015

9 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2015

10 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2015

11 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2015

12 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2015

13 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2015

14 & Under Division

An athlete can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2015

15U/9 TH Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2015. Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2014 and who is no older than 16 on August 31, 2015 is eligible to play in the 15U/9th grade division.

16U/10th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2015. Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2014 and who is no older than 17 on August 31, 2015 is eligible to play in the 16U/10th grade division.

17U/11th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2015. Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2014 and who is no older than 18 on August 31, 2015 is eligible to play in the 17U/11th grade division..

19U/12th Grade Division

An athlete can be no older than 19 on August 31, 2015. Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2014 and who is no older than 20 on August 31, 2015 is eligible to play in the 19U/12th grade division.

Playing Times Division Quarters Halftime/Warm up Times

7 & Under 6 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
8 & Under 6 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
9 & Under 6 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
10 & Under 7 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
11 & Under 7 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
12 & Under 7 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
13 & Under 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
14 & Under 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
15U/9th Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
16U/10th Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
17U/11th Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
19U/12th Grade 8 Minute Quarters 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime

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. A team may have a maximum of 3 players from a bordering district (Cross Boundary Athlete).
3. May 1st will be the date used to determine a players' residence in a district.
4. 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) age/grade divisions of the AAU Boys' Basketball program for which he can qualify.
 - 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 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.

5. All rosters used for National Championships, District Championships and Super Regional Championships must be submitted online at www.aauboysbasketball.org for teams to be allowed to advance to Nationals.

6. Proof of age 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.

FOR 2015 ONLY

a. Bureau of Vital Statistics on the place of birth (HOSPITAL RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED)

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

b. A photocopy of his certificate of live birth from the State, County or Municipal

7. **15U/9th grade thru 19U/12th age/grade divisions only**, for an athlete participating as a **grade exception**, proof of grade 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. 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

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 appeal to the Tournament Headquarters within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game. A Commissioner shall consider the appeal. The Commissioner's 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 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.

E. 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.

F. Press Rule

1. For 7U, 8U, 9U, and 10U Age Divisions:
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 11U 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')
 - b. For National Championship and Super Regional Championships, all gyms must be air-conditioned (unless event is held between October 1st and April 15th when air conditioning is not required).
2. Equipment - Basketball Size
 - a. 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, & 12U grade division competitions shall use the 28.5 circumference basketball.
 - b. 13U, 14U, 15U/9th, 16U/10th, 17U/11th & 19U/12th grade/age division shall use the 29.5 circumference basketball.

3. Equipment – Mouth guards are highly recommended for all players while on the court

4. 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 National Championships. See Rule IV. National Championships, G. Uniforms. **WHITE** jerseys are not required at Super Regional Championships. Districts may or may not require **WHITE** jerseys at the District Championship.

5. Medals

AAU medals shall be used at all sanctioned district qualifying events. Medals must be purchased through the AAU medal program or the sanction shall be denied/voided.

Results Reporting Requirements

1. For District teams to be eligible for the National Championship, the District Sport Director must submit the District Championship results to the AAU National Headquarters.
2. Results must be provided within 10 days after the completion of the event and not later than June 1st, unless granted an extension by the National Chair.
3. A form will be provided by the National Director of Competition including correct contact person, address, city, state, zip, telephone number and email. The form shall indicate finish of each team by grade and division.
4. Districts not providing results to the AAU National Headquarters **MAY BE** suspended from participating in National Championships. However, teams who have successfully met requirements may be allowed to participate at the discretion of the Boys' Basketball Executive Committee.
5. Super Regional Championship hosts must report results to the AAU National Headquarters within 10 days after the completion of the event.

National Championships

A. Tournament Entry Procedures

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

Entry Fees

1. **Teams must register online at www.auboysbasketball.org.** The entry fee for all Division I National Championships is \$645.00 (except Senior Boys \$545). No refund will be made to

teams withdrawing after the entry deadline.

2. **Teams must register online at www.auboybasketball.org.** The entry fee for all Division II National Championships is \$620.00. No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after entry deadline.

3. **Teams must register online at www.auboybasketball.org.** The entry fee for all Division III National Championships is \$550.00. No refund will be made to teams withdrawing after entry deadline.

4. Entry fees must be paid online or by cashier's check or money order (no personal checks).

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.

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 where applicable.

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.

Opening Ceremony

1. In National 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.

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 National 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 G.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.

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 Potomac Valley Districts requires **WHITE** jerseys at the District Championship. See Rule III. Competition Rules, F. Technical Rules, 3. Uniforms.

Awards

1. Team Trophies and individual medals will be presented to the top ten (10) placing teams in the National Championship and the top four (4) in the National Classic (except in the Senior Boys' Division where trophies will be presented to the final four (4) placing teams).
2. The AAU Boys' Basketball Executive Committee may authorize additional awards as appropriate.

Protest Procedures

1. The National Boys Basketball Eligibility Committee shall handle all protests at National Championships. The Potomac Valley Boys Basketball Committee will handle all protest submitted before the end of pool play. All protest beyond that period will be referred to the PVAAU District review committee.
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 of the first day of competition will be reviewed at the Eligibility 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 National Commissioner-in-Charge. All decisions of the Eligibility Committee shall be final.

National Championship Qualification

All teams must qualify in order to compete in a National Championship. The qualification requirements are as follows:

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.

9. EXCEPTIONS:

In the 8 & under, 9 & under and 19U/12th Grade Division all teams that participate in a District Championship are eligible to compete in the National Championship.

10. If the District does not conduct a District Championship in a particular grade division, teams may petition the Boys' Basketball Chairman for a waiver.

b. Teams that qualify through a Super Regional must participate in their District Qualifier in order to validate their bid to Nationals. **Super Regional bids for Division I are not to be awarded below 4th place.**

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

- a. Teams which qualify 1st through 4th 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 1st through 4th 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 1st through 4th 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.
- e. Teams may receive a conditional automatic bid into the 2015 National Championship based upon the team placement in the 2014 National Championship. The bid is validated through participation at a District Championship.

Conditional automatic bids are earned as follows:

- i. Teams that earned medals in the 2014 17U/11th Grade National Championship will receive a conditional automatic bid into the 2015 17U/11th Grade and 19U/12th Grade National Championship.
 - ii. Teams which earn medals in the 2014 Championship Bracket
 - iii. Teams which earn medals 1st through 4th place in the 2014 Classic Bracket
 - iv. Teams that place 1st – 4th in Division II in 2014 will receive choice of a conditional automatic bid back to the Division II Championship or to the Division I Championship in 2015.
 - v. Teams that finish 5th – 12th in Division II in 2014 will receive conditional automatic bids back to the Division II National Championship in 2015.
 - vi. Teams that place 1st – 4th place in the 2014 Division III will receive choice of a conditional automatic bid back to the Division III Championship or to the Division II Championships in 2015.
 - vii. If a conditional automatic bid recipient qualifies through the 2015 District tournament, the conditional automatic bid may be used by the club to advance another team from their club in the same age/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 age/grade level in 2015, except 17U/11th Grade which shall receive will receive a conditional automatic bid into the 17U/11th Grade and 19U/12th Grade National Championship.
 - ix. A club will receive one conditional automatic bid for 2015 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 age/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 age/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 P. K. Martin 240-375-2922 or Tournament Director Melody Britt 202-438-7352 or call the AAU National Office (407-934-7200) for clarification of eligibility to participate at a National Championship.

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. 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:

Miscellaneous

- 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. Across boundary athlete is an athlete from a bordering District. Example MDAAU or VAAAU.
- 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 age/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 1st through 4th in the Division I District Championship in the same age/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 age/grade division without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.
- g. A team advancing to a Division III National Championship may not add a player from a team advancing to a Division III National Championship in the same age/grade division without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.
- h. A team advancing to a Division III National Championship may not add a player from a team that has qualified for Division I in the District Championship in the same age/grade division.
- i. A team advancing to a Division III National Championship may not add a player from a team that has placed 1st through 4th in the Division II District Championship in the same age/grade division.
- j. The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will not consider requests for transfer under rule H.2. c., f. and g. until after the completion of the District Championship.

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 Divisions.

E. Tournament Format and Seeding

1. A pool play system will be used in the District Qualifying Championships for all age/grade divisions. There will be four (4) teams per pool when possible. Top two teams from each pool will advance to a single elimination championship bracket.

Those teams that do not advance to the championship bracket shall be offered an opportunity to advance to the next Division Qualifying event. The winners of the Division one Qualifiers will be allowed to advance to the Next Division level at a higher age group.

2. Tournament Draw - The actual placement of teams into pools for the District Qualifiers tournament will be completed upon the receipt of all entries. Teams that have placed in the previous years' District Qualifiers Championship bracket shall be the first teams placed. The next teams placed shall be from Draw Seeding.
total.

- The order of the draw list shall apply to gold medal teams. Silver teams are then placed, then bronze, then 4th, then 5th, etc. according to the draw.
- Pool winners and runners-up advance to championship bracket play. The 3rd, 4th, 5th place teams in each pool will play in the National Classic Championship.

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

F. District Qualifying Events - Districts may choose from the following options to determine qualifiers for the National Championships:

1. One District Qualifying event:

a. Award an equal number of bids to Division I (DI), Division II (DII) and Division III (DIII) National Championship as called for by the AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook, including automatic bids; example; 12 teams in an Age/Grade Division District Championship = four (4) qualifying spots for Division I. Next four (4) qualify for Division II. Last four (4) qualify for Division III.

2. District Qualifying events for Division I and Division II on separate weekends:

a. If the DII Tournament follows the DI Tournament, teams that do not place 1 through 4th may participate in the DII Qualifier. In this scenario, any team may choose to bypass the DI Qualifier and compete in the DII Qualifier.

3. District Qualifying events for Division I and Division II on the same weekend:

a. If both DI and DII are on the same weekend, teams/athletes must choose either DI or DII, they may not compete in both. In this scenario, athletes may not be on the roster of a DI and DII team in the same age/grade division.

4. District Qualifying event for Division III

a. If the DIII Tournament follows the DII Tournament, teams that do not place 1 through 4th in the DII may participate in the DIII Qualifier. In this scenario, any team may choose to bypass the DI or DII Qualifier and compete in the DIII Qualifier.

- b. A team that qualified Division I in the District Championship may only participate in the Division III District Championship at a higher grade level.
- 5. Total of all teams participating in the DI and DII count towards the team totals for advancement to Nationals.

Appendix to the Rule Book

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

A. AAU Code Book

The following excerpts from the AAU Code are provided as a convenience to AAU members.

For

precise language refer to: <http://aausports.org/AAUInfo/CodeBook/CompleteCodebook.aspx>.

B. 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 Super Regional Championship competition for athletes 15U/9th grade and older between the dates of November 1 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.

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.

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.

Conditional Bid – An automatic or Super Regional Championship bid is conditional until validated by participation at the District Championship.

E. 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

Place

A vs. C (A-85 C-69) $+15$

st

Results Differential Total Placement

Team B

B vs. A (B-75 A-69) $+6 -4$ 2nd 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

Place

C vs. B (C-73 B-63) $+10$

rd

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

Place

A vs. C (A-59 C-56) $+3$

A vs. D (A-65 D-60) $+5$

rd

Results Differential Total Placement

Team B

B vs. A (B-71 A-68) $+3 +12$ 1

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

B vs. D (B-71 D-59) $+12$

st

place

Results Differential Total Placement

Team C

C vs. A (C-56 A-59) -3 +8 2

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

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

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