

Dear Coach,

We are excited to have your team participate in the 2018 Florida AAU State Championship . We have included a copy of the rules below, please be sure to review them prior to participating. It is important to pay close attention to the:

- A. Dress Code will be enforced
- B. Team Check-In (AAU Roster will be used)
- C. Bring Warm-Up Balls, Game Ball is Provided
- D. Pay close attention to the tie breaking formula in case your team is involved in it
- E. No outside food or beverages including team coolers allowed
- F. Players will be admitted into the building if they are wearing their uniform

Please call us with any questions.

Thank you.

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2018 Florida AAU State Championship Rules 9th to 12th Grade

1. Please plan to arrive 1 hour before your scheduled game time to check in prior to playing your first game.

You must check in BEFORE you play. If your team is not checked in, you will not be permitted to play.

This is a Florida AAU Licensed Event therefore; each player and coach must be AAU Members.

If the court is available, the game will start as early as 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Game time is forfeit time. No grace will be allowed.

Players that are not in the game may not sit on the bench. If you have multiple teams in the event, when your other teams games end, they cannot sit on your bench. The 1st offense is a warning, The 2nd offense is a technical shot for each violation.

Coaches on the bench must have a wristband on. If not, the first violation is a warning and the 2nd is a technical shot for each violation and they must move to spectator seating.

2. Grade Divisions

A. GRADE BASED DIVISION –

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 age/grade, the AAU provides following high school level divisions for competition:

15U/9th Grade Division An athlete can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2018. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2017 and who is no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2018 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, 2018. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2017 and who is no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2018 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, 2018. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2017 and who is no older than 18 on or before August 31, 2018 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, 2018. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2017 and who is no older than 20 on or before August 31, 2018 is eligible to play in the 19U/12th grade division.

3. Proof of 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. Electronic Age Verification through SportsAge ID. A one-time registration fee of only \$10.00 covers 100% of all updating and processing fees for as long as an athlete participates in the AAU Boys Basketball Program
 - f. For teams participating in grade based divisions only (4th grade, 5th grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, 15U/9th Grade, 16U/10th Grade, 17U/11th Grade and 19U/12th Grade, 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.

If the documents are not available, the team is subject to removal from the competition. Acceptable 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

If a protest is received for your team or players on your team, you will have 1 hour to produce your records to show proof that your team is in compliance. If a player is found to be ineligible after the competition has begun, the entire team will be ejected from the tournament. If a player is ineligible before the team plays their 1st game, only the ineligible players will be removed. It is the Head Coaches responsibility to know the age/grade of all players on the roster.

4. **Dress Code is in effect for all bench personnel.** All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear slacks, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play. **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.

Violation of this rule shall result in the assessment of a 2-shot technical foul for each violation. Thereafter, the offending team shall have one minute to correct the violation. Any bench personnel not able to comply with this rule will not be allowed to sit on the bench and must move to spectator seating.

5. Playing times will be as follows for Boys Basketball:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Halftime/Warm up Times</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
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

Timeouts will be 3 full and 2-20 second per game.

ONE (1) 20-second Timeout will be allotted for each team in overtime.

6. Bring your own warm up balls, a game ball will be provided.

7. The first team listed is the home team and shall wear light uniforms and the second team listed is the away team and shall wear dark. When bracket play begins, the team on top will be the home team. Team Bench Assignment: as viewed during siting
8. If a team is winning by more than 20 points, there will be a running clock. If the team pulls within 10 points, the clock will return to normal operation.

9. Press Rule

A. 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.

10. Tie Breaker:

If 2 teams are tied, the first tie breaker is head to head.

If 2 teams are tied and they did not play each other, the first tie breaker will be point differential to a maximum of 15 points per game. If they are still tied, the next tie breaker will be the number of defensive points allowed. If they are still tied, the higher seed coming into the tournament.

If 3 or more teams are tied, the first tie breaker will be point differential, to a maximum of 15 points per game. If 3 or more teams are still tied, the tie breaker will be the total number of defensive points allowed in pool games. If the 3 or more teams are still tied, the higher seed coming into the tournament

will be the pool winner. After a pool winner is determined, return to the 2 team tie breaker for the remaining two teams.

- 8 If a team forfeits a pool game, they may not advance. They will be permitted to play their 3rd game (which may be the 1st game in bracket play) however, they may not continue in the tournament.
- 9 **Protest** must be made in writing within (1) one hour of the completion of the game being protested by the head coach. A fee of \$100. Cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany the protest. The written protest must be submitted to the Tournament Director at the site. All decisions by the protest committee are final. If a game is being played, the game will continue and the protest will be decided at the completion of the game.

11. 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 Florida AAU State Tournament 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 Committee within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game. A Committee shall consider the appeal. The Committee 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 Florida AAU Basketball Committee for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
6. 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.
7. Parents that leave spectator seating to engage with the other team or referee will be removed from the game. If their actions endanger others and they have to leave the site, the following rule #8 will be in effect.
- 8 If a parent is ejected from the site/game, they must take their child with them. Please inform your parents of this rule. We would like to see all players given an opportunity to compete in a safe environment.