

Dear Coach,

We are excited to have your team participate in the 2019 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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2019 Florida AAU Girls Basketball State Championship Rules

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

As provided by the AAU National Girls Basketball Rules.

3. Copy of report cards and approved birth records* must be carried to every game.

Proof of grade must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU licensed competitions. 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. A certified copy of birth record from the State, County, or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics in the place of birth (HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE)
- c. A certified copy of the delayed registration of birth, if the athlete's birth was not recorded on her day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies
- d. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. Department of State
- e. Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25
- f. Form No. 43-12311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice
- g. Legal passport
- h. Driver's License
- i. 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 Girls Basketball Program

If the documents are not available, the team is subject to removal from the competition. Acceptable proof of grade 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. ii.
2. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean) 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. Coaches Dress Code – All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear dress shorts or long pants (dress slacks or khaki), shirts with collars and sleeves. Team logoed, non-collared athletic apparel shirts are permitted. Dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championships are permitted. Jeans, jean shorts, sweat pants, mesh shorts, cargo pants, t-shirts with no sleeves or hats are not permitted. Women may wear open-toed shoes/dress sandals, but slides or flip flops ARE NOT permitted. Women may wear dresses of skirts appropriate to the occasion. Any non-athlete on the bench will be removed until properly attired. Violation of this rule shall result in a two (2) shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench.

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

5th Grade 14 Minute Halves 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
 6th Grade 14 Minute Halves 5 Minutes 3 Minute Overtime
 7th Grade 16 Minute Halves 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
 8th Grade 16 Minute Halves 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
 9th Grade 16 Minute Halves 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
 10th Grade 16 Minute Halves 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
 11th Grade 16 Minute Halves 5 Minutes 4 Minute Overtime
 12th Grade 16 Minute Halves 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. Bonus Free Throws: After the 7th team foul, teams shoot 1-and-1 free-throws. A team is awarded 2 (two) free throws for each foul beginning with the 10th (tenth) team foul of the half. This rule applies to all grade divisions.

Player Foul Rule Player Foul Rule for District Qualifying Tournaments, Super Regional Tournaments and National Championships:

A player will be disqualified on her 5th personal foul in the 2 nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, 6 th grade and 7 th grade.

A player will be disqualified on her 6th personal foul in the 8 th grade, 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, 12th grade.

9. If a team is winning by more than 30 points, there will be a running clock at any time. If the team pulls within 10 points, the clock will return to normal operation.

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.