

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
- G. Players may play in 2 divisions for the same club and must be listed on both rosters
- H. 3 AAU Coaches may receive coaching credentials and must be listed on the roster. The coaches will receive a wristband that must be worn for the length of the tournament. If the coaches band is removed, the coach will pay the daily rate for a replacement.

Please call us with any questions.

Thank you.
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2019 Florida AAU 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. (Exception: Tournament Committee has become aware of an extenuating circumstance which may include a medical emergency.)

2. **Age/Grade Divisions**

- A. **AGE BASED DIVISIONS – 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U & 14U**

For teams that have chosen to organize on the basis of the athlete's age, the AAU provides age based competition as follows:

9 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 9 on or before August 31, 2019

10 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 10 on or before August 31, 2019

11 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 11 on or before August 31, 2019

12 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2019

13 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2019

14 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2019

B. GRADE BASED DIVISION – 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade

For teams that have chosen to organize on the basis of the athletes' grade, and who have players who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for age based teams, the AAU provides grade based competition as follows:

5th Grade An athlete must be in the 5th grade or below as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 12 on or before August 31, 2019

6th Grade An athlete must be in the 6th grade or below as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 13 on or before August 31, 2019

7th Grade An athlete must be in the 7th grade or below as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 14 on or before August 31, 2019

8th Grade An athlete must be in the 8th grade or below as of October 1, 2018 and can be no older than 15 on or before August 31, 2019

NOTICE:

Grade based teams may participate in age based events by “playing up” a division. (i.e. 7th grade team playing up in a 14U event).

Some districts might not conduct grade based qualifiers. In those districts, grade based teams can qualify for the grade based national tournament by “playing up” in an age based District Championship or Super-Regional.

At large national bids for grade based nationals may be granted by the national chairman if no grade based competition is offered in a district.

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, 2019. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2018 and who is no older than 16 on or before August 31, 2019 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, 2019. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2018 and who is no older than 17 on or before August 31, 2019 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, 2019. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2018 and who is no older than 18 on or before August 31, 2019 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, 2019. Grade Policy: An athlete who is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2018 and who is no older than 20 on or before August 31, 2019 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 \$15.00 covers 100% of all updating and processing fees for as long as an athlete participates in the AAU Boys Basketball Program) or National Sports ID (A yearly fee of \$10.00 validates your eligibility for licensed AAU events).
 - f. For teams participating in grade based divisions only (4th grade, 5th grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8 th 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>
9 & Under	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
10 & Under	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
4 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
11 & Under	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
5 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
12 & Under	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
6 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
13 & Under	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
7 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
14 & Under	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
8 th Grade	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

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 top/left team listed is the home team and shall wear light uniforms and sit to the scorekeepers left. The bottom/right team listed is the visiting team and shall wear dark and sit to the scorekeepers right. When bracket play begins, the team on top will be the home team.
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 9U, 10U, 4th Grade 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.

B. For 11U, 5th 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.
- 10 The fighting policy is in effect and if a player or coach is ejected for fighting, it will be noted on the score sheet and they will be ejected from the tournament. Please be sure to discuss this with your team.
- 11 If a coach is ejected, they must sit out the game they were ejected from and the next game.
- 12 If a parent is ejected from a site, 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.