

2008 VIRGINIA AAU BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRAM
OPERATING RULES HANDBOOK

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This handbook was produced for the purpose of providing guidance to clubs, coaches, tournament officials, athletes, parents and volunteer participants in the Virginia AAU Boys and Girls Basketball Program. From the outset, it should be noted that the national sport committees' issue separate Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball handbooks, which detail the organization, rules, and regulations of AAU Basketball. The purpose of this handbook is to provide a supplement which addresses the policies, procedures, and rules interpretations of the Virginia AAU Boys and Girls Basketball Committee in those subject areas for which the **District** has jurisdiction and operational responsibility.

II. Organization.

The Virginia District Basketball Program is organized in accordance with the AAU Code. The Directors of the Boys and Girls Basketball Programs have established a unified committee that helps to administer the Boys and Girls Basketball Program.

The Basketball Sport Committee is composed of clubs, who have registered at least five individual members in basketball. Each club will have one (1) representative on the Basketball Committee. The Governor may appoint five (5) at-large members.

Executive authority on behalf of the Committee rests with the Chairman (Boys' and Girls'), who is elected every two (4) years by the members. In addition, the Chairman appoints an Executive Committee for the purpose of assisting him in the administration, promotion, and welfare of the sport. The executive Committee also functions as the Sport Committee Disciplinary Officers or Infractions Committee for purposes of initial disciplinary proceedings.

The Chairmen and Executive Committee are as follows:

Administrative Chairman	Bill Woleslagle
Chairman, Boys Basketball	Boo Williams
Chairman, Girls Basketball	Jan Bruce
Executive Committee	
Tom Brennan (Stafford YBA)	Willie Brown (Hampton Roads)
Jean Adkins (Richmond)	Erick Green (Winchester)
Pat Pinkard (James River)	Randy Hodge (Bristol)
Bobby Adkins (Martinsville)	Robert Weaver (Prince William)

III 2008 Membership Requirements.

Clubs wishing to participate in Virginia AAU Basketball during 2008 may obtain club membership from the Virginia District AAU Johnny Leach, PO Box 1700, Fredericksburg, VA 22402, 540-710-1228, FAX 540-710-7007, or by on-line registration on the AAU National Web Site (www.aausports.org). The AAU club membership application and the special basketball club membership application must be completed and the club dues must be paid before a club membership will be granted. Beginnings in 2005 club dues are determined by National AAU and are delivered in a three-tier level. Please check the National AAU web site for definitions of the three tier memberships. The Virginia District Handbook will be posted on the Virginia AAU Boys' and Girls' Basketball Web Site (www.vaaaubb.net).

All individuals who wish to participate in Virginia AAU Basketball during 2008, including all players and coaches, must obtain a 2008 AAU registration card from the Virginia District AAU at the same address indicated above, or can log online to www.aausports.org to obtain individual or club cards. Individual registration is based on a regular or an *AB* format. The cost of the levels of membership can be obtained on the National AAU website.

IV. District Championship Tournaments.

The District Championships will be played using the National Girls and Boys Championship qualifying procedures.

Boys Age Divisions:

8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, and 19U

Girls Age Divisions:

8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, and 19U

Boys – The total number of teams from Division I and Division II will determine the District qualifiers for the National Championships.

Girls – The total number of teams from Division I will determine the Division I qualifiers for the National Championships. Division II will receive two teams for every team they qualify for Division I up to a maximum of eight.

There must be a minimum of three (3) teams from two (2) different clubs required to participate in the District Qualifiers in order to advance teams to the National Championship.

Awards:

All Division I, Division II, and Division II Regional Tournaments – gold, silver, bronze, and copper medals. The first four (4) teams will receive a plaque.

Boys’ Regional Breakdown:

For purpose of the Division II regional competition, the District territory is partitioned into the following five (5) regions. The Eastern/Shore region will be an independent region using the double elimination format. The qualifying teams for national competition will be independent from the other regions. The other four regions will use a pool play to single elimination tournament. The top two teams from each of these regions will play in a district championship tournament using the double elimination format:

VIRGINIA DISTRICT AAU BOYS DIVISION II REGIONS

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

SHENANDOAH REGION

Counties:

Cities:

Counties:

Cities:

Giles
 Montgomery
 Floyd
 Pulaski
 Carroll
 Bland
 Wythe
 Grayson
 Tazwell
 Smyth
 Grayson
 Buchanan
 Russell
 Washington
 Wise
 Scott
 Lee

Norton
 Galax
 Bristol
 Radford

Shenandoah
 Page
 Madison
 Rockingham
 Greene
 Highland
 Augusta
 Albemarle
 Bath
 Rockbridge
 Nelson
 Flavaanna
 Buckingham
 Appomattox

Harrisonburg
 Staunton
 Waynesboro
 Lexington
 Charlottesville
 Winchester

ROANOKE VALLEY REGION

NORTHERN REGION

Counties:

Cities:

Counties:

Cities:

Alleghany

Clifton Forge

Frederick

Manassas

Botetourt	Covington	Clark	Manassas Park
Bedford	Bedford	Warren	
Fredericksburg			
Craig	Roanoke	Rappahannock	Warrenton
Roanoke Franklin	Salem	Culpeper	
Patrick	Martinsville	Orange	
Henry	Danville	Louisa	
Pittsylvania	Bedford	Prince William	
Campbell	Lynchburg	Fauquier	
Amherst		Loudoun	
		Spotsylvania	

EASTERN/ SHORE REGION

<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>	<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>
Goochland	Emporia	South Hampton	Chesapeake
Cumberland	Petersburg	Sussex	Portsmouth
Prince Edward	Colonial Heights	Prince George	Suffolk
Charlotte	Richmond	Isle of Wight	VA Beach
Hopewell		James City	Norfolk
Halifax		Surry	
Hampton			
Mecklenburg		Charles City	N. News
Nottoway		New Kent	Poquoson
Amelia		King William	Williamsburg
Chesterfield		King and Queen	
Henrico		Essex	
Powhatan		Richmond	
Hanover		Lancaster	
Brunswick		Westmoreland	
Dinwiddie		North Cumberland	
Greensville		Middle Essex	
		Gloucester	
		Matthews	
		York	

Girls Regional Breakdown:

For purpose of the Division II regional competition, the District territory is partitioned into the following five (4) regions. The other four regions will use a pool play to single elimination tournament. The top two teams from each of these regions will play in a district championship tournament using the double elimination format:

VIRGINIA DISTRICT AAU GIRLS DIVISION II REGIONS
SOUTHWESTERN REGION **CENTRAL REGION**

<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>	<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>
Giles	Norton	Frederick	Manassas
Montgomery	Galax	Clark	Manassas Park
Floyd	Bristol	Warren	
Frs'burg			
Pulaski	Radford	Rappahannock	Winchester
Carroll		Culpeper	Warrenton
Bland		Orange	
Wythe		Louisa	
Grayson		Prince William	
Tazwell		Fauquier	
Smyth		Loudoun	
Grayson		Spotsylvania	
Buchanan			
Russell			
Washington			
Wise			
Scott			
Lee			

WESTERN REGION

<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>	<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>
Alleghany	Clifton Forge	Madison	Lexington
Botetourt	Covington	Rockingham	Lexington
Bedford	Bedford	Greene	Charlottesville
Craig	Roanoke	Highland	
Roanoke Franklin	Salem	Augusta	
Patrick	Martinsville	Albemarle	
Henry	Danville	Bath	
Pittsylvania	Bedford	Rockbridge	
Campbell	Lynchburg	Nelson	
Amherst	Harrisonburg	Flavanna	
Shenandoah	Staunton	Buckingham	
Page	Waynesboro	Appomattox	

EASTERN REGION

<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>	<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>
Goochland	Emporia	South Hampton	Chesapeake
Cumberland	Petersburg	Sussex	Portsmouth
Prince Edward	Colonial Heights	Prince George	Suffolk
Charlotte	Richmond	Isle of Wight	VA Beach

Halifax	Hopewell	James City	
Norfolk			
Mecklenburg		Surry	Hampton
Nottoway		Charles City	N. News
Amelia		New Kent	Poquoson
Chesterfield		King William	Williamsburg
Henrico		King and Queen	
Powhatan		Essex	
Hanover		Richmond	
Brunswick		Lancaster	
Dinwiddie		Westmoreland	
Greensville		North Cumberland	
		Middle Essex	
		Gloucester	
		Matthews	
		York	

Tournament Entry Procedures.

NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR COACH IN A TOURNAMENT OF WHICH HE/SHE IS A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

For 2008 the Boys and Girls Basketball Program will be using an on-line format for registering your team for the district qualifying tournaments. You may still have the option of mailing hard copies if so desired. The registration process is also explained on the on-line entry packets. The following options will be used:

- 1. Go on-line to the VA Basketball web site (www.vaaubasketball.or)**
- 2. Click on “08 VA Entry Packets” (either boys or girls)**
- 3. Save the entry packet to your computer**
- 4. Open up the Player Roster Form. Complete and save.**
- 5. Open up the Coaches Roster Form. Complete and save.**
- 6. Open up the Entry Form. Complete and save.**
- 7. Once the three documents have been saved you will then E-mail the documents to bwoleslagle@verizon.net. Once this is accomplished your team will be entered in the database.**

8. **Mail a copy of your entry form with your check made payable to “VA AAU Basketball”. The address is included in the entry package. Once your payment has been received, you team will be officially entered.**
9. **If you decide not to use the on-line process you may print the Entry Form, Players Roster, and Coaches Roster. Complete them and send (along with your check) to the address on the package.**
10. **The only items that will be sent are the three discussed above. The tournament coordinator on-line will check the verification of ages using the players AAU numbers at the national web site.**
11. **It will be the coaches responsibility of each coach to hand carry their birth certificates and age grade exception forms to their respective tournaments in case of a challenge of age eligibility.**

The entry deadline dates shall be based upon the selected tournament dates determined by the Executive Committee. **A TEAM WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY FOR ENTRY FORMS ENTERED AFTER THE INITIAL DEADLINE.** When the team entry form and fee have been postmarked on or before the entry deadline, received in good order, and accepted by the tournament coordinator then the team is considered as entered in the tournament; the entry fee is non-refundable, and any “no-show” is thereafter considered a forfeit game. (Teams not showing after entering a Tournament may also be subject to disciplinary action under the AAU Code for non-performance.) If the team is properly entered but does not turn its complete roster by the second deadline date or an individual(s) documentation is not submitted or is incomplete as of the second entry deadline, then the such individual(s) shall not be eligible to participate.

Tournament Administrative Guidelines.

All Boys Virginia District Championships shall follow the competition rules of the National High School Federation for the current year except where modified by the respective National AAU handbooks or this handbook. The Girls District Championships (where shot clocks are used) will follow the **2008** Ladies NCAA rules. Virginia District championship tournament games shall adhere to the following playing times

<u>GIRLS</u>			<u>BOYS</u>		
9-U	14 min/h	12 min/h	OT 3 min	7 min./q.	6 min./q. OT 3 min
10-U	14 min./h.	12 min./h	OT 3 min	7 min./q.	6 min./q. OT 3 min
11-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	7 min./q.	6 min./q. OT 3 min
12-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	7 min./q.	6 min./q. OT 3 min

13-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	8 min./q.	6 min./q.	OT 4 min
14-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	8 min./q.	6 min./q.	OT 4 min
15-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	8 min./q.	6 min./q.	OT 4 min
16-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	8 min./q.	6 min./q.	OT 4 min
17-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	8 min./q.	6 min./q.	OT 4 min
18-U	16 min./h.	12 min./h.	OT 3 min	-----	-----	
19-U	-----	-----		8 min./q.	6 min./q.	OT 4 min

All girls' games shall have 10-min. warm-up periods and 8-min. half times.

All boys' games shall have eight (8) minute warm-up and halftime.

In case of a tie at the end of the regulation, overtime period shall be 3 minutes.

Games shall start the later of (a). The scheduled starting time, or (b). 10 minutes following the completion of the last game at the site for girls' and eight (8) minutes for boys'.

Basketball size for Boys' 9U through 12U – 28.5". Regulation size for 13U through 19U.

Scheduled game start times for winners' bracket games shall be not less than 1 1/2 hours apart. Losers' bracket games shall be scheduled not less than 1 hour and 15 minutes apart.

No games shall be scheduled to begin later than 9:00 PM. However, games delayed past 9:00 PM due to the slow progress of earlier play or other events beyond the tournament director's control shall nevertheless be played.

Teams and their coaches shall report to the gym no later than 1 hour before the scheduled starting time of their game.

No team shall be scheduled to play more than 3 games each calendar day unless the team is playing in the losers' bracket, in which case the limit is 4 games per calendar day. In addition, each team shall have a minimum rest break between games equal to a one-game period, which should not be less than 1 hour and 15 minutes.

A gentle ladies' "slaughter rule" shall be respected in all Virginia District sanctioned girls. If a team is trailing by more than 20 points with 4 minutes or less until the end of regulation play, the trailing team's coach shall graciously forfeit the game.

National Boys' rule states that **ages 8U through 10U teams ahead by 20** points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. If the lead drops below 20 points normal rules will resume. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical (Indirect).

National Boys' rule states that ages 8U through 10U teams ahead by 30 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. If the lead drops below 30 points normal rules will resume. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot technical (Indirect).

It is suggested that all non-championship tournaments sanctioned by the Virginia District (e.g. "invitational") for 2008 adhere to these tournament administration guidelines.

Any organization hosting an intra-association tournament and NO state tournament will be charged \$100.00 for sanctioning fee by the Virginia District AAU.

Seeding Brackets.

In each of the tournament formats, the top 4 teams shall be seeded based on the previous year's tournament finals. The remaining seeds will be determined by a blind draw and approved by Boys' and the Chairman Girls'. The seeding of teams in Virginia AAU basketball tournaments is necessarily a subjective process and is done for the benefit of the competition as a whole. No member club or individual athlete or parent shall have a cause of action against the tournament director or the Administrative Chairman with respect to any issue related to a team's seeding.

In tournament bracket play, the following guidelines are used in placement of the seeds:

In semi-final games, 1st seed shall play no higher than 4th seed and 2nd seed shall play no higher than 3rd seed.

Under any of the tournament formats, unseeded teams shall be placed with a blind draw. However, the tournament director may take into account other factors such as travel times and avoiding teams from the same club playing each other in the first round.

The tournament director shall have custody and authority over the official tournament game schedule and brackets following approval by the Chairman Boys' and the Chairman Girls'. Coaches shall never interfere or attempt to change the official tournament brackets or schedule. No person except for the tournament director or his designated assistants may enter official games scores or post advances on the official, posted tournament bracket.

A no show, even if word is given in advance, shall be considered a forfeited game scored 0 – 15 Boys' and 0 – 13 Girls' and the tournament shall progress in the normal manner. Likewise, if a team, because of the use of ineligible player(s) participated, shall be forfeited. There shall never be **any reason** to "re-play" any game, change the official

brackets after tournament play has begun, “move” teams to any bracket position based upon any factor other than an actual game result (including forfeits which are scored 0 – 15 in accordance with the National handbooks), or change the format of the tournament once play has begun.

Miscellaneous District Championship Guidelines.

A suggested medical/liability release form should be included in the tournament entry packet. Because of differences between organizational/facility risk management requirements, a tournament director may, but is not required to, request that these forms be returned to the tournament director as part of the team entry. In either event, it is suggested that coaches always have in their possession a medical/liability release for each player on their team including medical insurance information for each player. If a player is injured during the course of a game, it is the responsibility of the coach - not the tournament director - to see that the player’s medical needs are attended to.

Suggested admission ticket prices for tournament (**all games**) passes are **\$12** for adults and **\$8** for students (“students” shall mean 18 and under.) Daily tickets are at the discretion of the tournament director but should not exceed **\$8** for adults and **\$6** for students. These ticket price guidelines shall apply to District-sanctioned invitational tournaments as well as District regional and championship tournaments.

Official District fees should be comparable to those paid for National Officials. Boys - \$20.00 per game for two officials. Girls - \$30.00 per game for two officials; \$20.00 for three officials.

All cheerleaders who take the court in an official team capacity must have a valid AAU card and will be recognized as a team participant as long as they are in uniform. Cheerleaders must be included on a team roster. If this adhered to entry to tournaments will be the same as a team entry: no admission fee will be charged.

Bench Decorum

Boys Dress Code: All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear slacks (no sweat pants, jeans, warm-ups or athletic pants), shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at all Virginia **District** championship tournaments. Shorts, jeans, sweat pants, tee shirts, hats, and open-toed shoes are not permitted. It is strongly suggested that all coaches adhere to this dress code. **Note:** Technical foul penalty must be addressed prior to the start of the game. If a violation occurs and either the tournament director or the opposing coach does not address it prior to the start of the basketball game, no penalty will be assessed the opposing coach. **During National Championship opening ceremonies there is not dress code at national championships.**

Girls Dress Code: All bench personnel, both male and female, must adhere to the coaches' dress code by wearing a shirt with a collar, long pants or dress shorts/skirts, and closed toe shoes.

Violations of this policy will result in:

The offending coach or non-uniformed person(s) will receive an administrative one bench 2-shot technical foul. The offending person(s) must leave the bench and not be permitted to return until properly attired. **Note:** Technical foul penalty must be addressed prior to the start of the game. If a violation occurs and either the tournament director or the opposing coach does not address it prior to the start of the basketball game, no penalty will be assessed the opposing coach

Bench Personnel: A team may have on its bench only the eligible players listed on its official roster, plus four (4) Boys/ (4) Girls non-players (Per National Rule Book) (coaches, ball boy, scorekeeper, etc.). Only eligible players may wear uniforms on the bench. All persons sitting on the bench must have current AAU cards.

Protests (NOTE ALL PROTESTS MUST BE IN WRITING)

Protests may only be petitioned regarding the eligibility of a player, i.e. 12U tournament using 13U players, etc. Protests shall be made to the tournament director within 30 minutes following the game. Protest Committee shall consist of the Administrative Chairman, Chairman Boys and Chairman Girls Basketball Committees. All decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

Tournament Awards.

For all District Championships each player from teams finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th shall receive gold, silver, bronze, and **copper** AAU championship medals, respectively, and such teams shall be awarded a plaque (not a trophy).

For all regional DII tournaments with teams advancing to the District championship tournament, each player from teams finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd shall receive AAU participation medals.

There shall be no other individual or team awards made in Virginia District qualifying or Championship tournaments. There shall be no "MVP" or "All Star" awards made.

V. Disciplinary Procedures.

The Boys and Girls Basketball Committee will follow Article III of the AAU Code in enforcing disciplinary matters.

VI. Procedure for Registering Complaints.

From time to time, coaches, parents, and other participants register constructive criticism of the Virginia AAU Basketball program or a particular sanctioned event. However, such complaints are not always delivered in the most effective manner and therefore generate unnecessary bad will amongst the parties involved. In the subject area of criticism of officials, etc. **coaches are held responsible for the behavior of their players and fans.** The following guidelines are recommended to assure the most constructive disposition of a complaint:

1. Complaints about the conduct of a tournament should be registered after completion of the tournament. **Tournament volunteers (scorekeepers, clock operators, etc.) should not be interrupted in their work during the conduct of a tournament to field complaints.** Such complaints should be in writing and directed to the tournament director, who is obligated to address such complaints in his report to the Chairman and a copy to the tournament coordinator.
2. If there is a serious problem with the tournament schedule (game times, for example), the tournament director should be notified immediately upon receipt of the schedule as such problems can only be dealt with well before play begins. Although tournament directors will make every effort to accommodate reasonable scheduling requests, it may not always be possible to accommodate all requests. Please limit your scheduling requests to cases of true hardship; e.g. "Some of my kids play baseball on Friday night" is not a sufficient reason to change the entire tournament schedule at the last minute. Remember - changing your schedule also means changing the schedule for at least 2 other teams who may have already made their travel plans!

Under no circumstance should any person other than a bona fide coach attempts to communicate with game officials or scorers' table personnel during the conduct of a game. Only the registered coaches, not the parents, represent the team in official business.

4. Complaints regarding policy, as opposed to conduct, should be directed in written form to the Chairman in advance of the annual meeting so that it can be addressed at the proper level.
5. **Under no circumstances should a matter involving District level activities or policies be brought to the attention of National AAU officials** until and unless all possible avenues of redress have been explored at the District level. If you feel it necessary to take matters to the National AAU level, in all likelihood the matter will be referred back to the Chairman to solve the problem anyway.

VII. Special Participation Policy.

It shall be the policy of the Virginia AAU Boys and Girls Basketball Committee that during the period any basketball player is playing on his or her high school team, he

or she shall not participate in AAU sanctioned games or practices. This policy does not prohibit a player from:

- a. Initiating or maintaining his or her AAU membership during such periods.
- b. Concurrently participating in AAU sponsored basketball and a high school sport other than basketball (such as volleyball, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, field hockey, softball)
- c. Concurrently participating in AAU sponsored basketball and middle school, elementary school, or recreational league basketball.

However, nothing contained in this policy of the Virginia District AAU Boys' and Girls' Basketball Program shall operate to violate the legal rights of any amateur athlete.

CROSS BOUNDARY ATHLETES

There shall be a maximum of three (3) cross boundary athletes on a roster at any time. This rule applies to all age divisions. Cross Boundary athletes must be declared on associations original roster. Cross boundary players described by National rules refers to neighboring districts such as North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and Potomac Valley.

GRADE CONFIRMATION

Players participating under the grade eligibility exception must present a birth certificate and confirmation of grade level from the School Administrator. NOTE: Grade level is determined by players grade on March 1, 2009.

BOYS ONLY AGE DETERMINING DATE/GRADE EXCEPTION RULE

September 1, 2008, shall be the determining date for the age of the competitor for all districts and national championship events. Eligibility to participate is based first on the age determining date. The grade of the athlete is not a consideration if the athlete meets the age determining date. An athlete who does not meet the age determining date may qualify under the grade exception rule. In the 9U/3rd Grade through the 14U/8th Grade division, each team is allowed a maximum of three age-grade exceptions athletes. There is no limit on the number of grade exception athletes in the 15U/9th Grade divisions through the senior boys division.

Please fill out the Boys Basketball Grade Exception form and attach to

each player's birth certificate that is competing under the grade exception rule. Please follow the guidelines listed below:

Senior Boys Division - born on or after - September 1, 1988 - (no later than summer following H. S. Class Graduation or Prep School graduation). No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.

Junior Boys Division - born on or after - September 1, 1990

Grade Exception 1: A player who is in the 11th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1989** can participate in the Junior Boys/11th grade division.

Exception 2: A player who is enrolling in Prep School is eligible to participate in the AAU Jr. Boys' Basketball Program provided he was born on or after September 1, **1989**. Please contact the National Chair for approval. No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.

16 and Under/10th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1991

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 10th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1990** can participate in the 16: under/10th grade division. No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.

15 and Under/9th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1992

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 9th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1991** can participate in the 15: under/9th grade division. No limit on the number of grade exception athletes.

14 and Under/8th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1993

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 8th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1992** can participate in the 14: under/8th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.

13 and Under/7th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1994

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 7th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1993** can participate in the 13: under/7th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.

12 and Under/6th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1995

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 6th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1994** can participate in the 12: under/6th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.

11 and Under/5th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1996

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 5th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1995** can participate in the 11: under/5th grade

division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.

10 and Under/4th grade - born on or after - September 1, 1997

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 4th grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1996** can participate in the 10: under/4th grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.

9 and Under/3rd grade - born on or after - September 1, 1998

Grade Exception: A player who is in the 3rd grade and who was born on or after September 1, **1997** can participate in the 9: under/3rd grade division. Maximum of three grade exception athletes per team.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

A player may participate in a maximum of three (3) age/grade divisions of the AAU Boys' Basketball program for which he can qualify. Players that compete in more than one age/grade division must compete with the same AAU club.

All players participating under the exception rule must complete the exception rule form (Exhibit D). This form must be signed by either the principal or assistant principal of the participant's school. Participant must be in his current grade as of March 31st. This form will be attached to the player's birth certificate when submitting tournament entry packets.

BOYS' TEAM ROSTER

1. Team rosters for National Championship Tournaments shall not exceed fifteen (15) players.
2. All eligible players listed on a team's official **District** roster are eligible for the National Championship.
3. A team which qualifies for the National Championship Tournament may add a maximum of seven (7) players to and two (2) after the deadline to it's District Roster for the purpose of participating in the National Tournaments so long as the total number of players designated to play in the National Tournament does not exceed fifteen (15) players.
4. 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.) unless approved by the eligibility committee
- 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 another team advancing to a Div I National Championship in the same age group without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.
- d. A team advancing to a Division II National Championship may not add a player from another team advancing to a Div II National Championship in the same age group without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.
- e. In age groups 9:Under/3rd Grade through 14:Under/8th Grade, each team roster is limited to a maximum of three (3) players who qualify under the Grade Exemption rule. This limitation includes pick-ups/replacements under this rule.
- f. Athlete's on the association roster can be replaced

NOTE: Please refer to the Boys and Girls AAU National Youth Sports Handbook for the number of teams qualifying for national tournaments. Not all qualifying age groups are the same.

Boys National Only:

A club will receive one automatic entry (for the following year) for every four teams entered into National Championship events (combined total for Division I and II). The entry may be used for any age/grade division of either Division I or II.

VIII. UNIFORM POLICY

The information listed below has been extracted from the Boys and Girls' **2008** Basketball Handbooks:

Boys' Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back. Numbers can be 00-99. Minimum size of numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back. Teams competing in National Championship tournaments must have **white** and dark Jerseys.

GIRLS RULE CHANGES AND AGE DETERMINATION DATES

It would appear that the change in ADD has caused confusion in many places, so let me make it clear what has been passed.

First, the intention of the change is to allow girls with the early birth dates in a class to compete with the other girls in the same class. Most states use September 1, although a few use August 1 and Indiana uses July 1, so that was the date chosen.

Second, with the ADD being moved from January 1, 2008 to July 1, 2007, many girls who could not compete with their teammates are now able to do so.

>> [Age calculator available here](#)

Third, if the name of the age division is a problem, then it will be addressed at the 2008 Convention.

Thanks for your patience!

Carroll Graham

New Division NAMES:

- 8/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1998
- 9/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1997
- 10/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1996
- 11/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1995
- 12/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1994
- 13/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1993
- 14/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1992
- 15/u - Born on or after - July 1, 1991
- Jr - Born on or after - January 1, 1990
- Open - Born on or after - July 1, 1988

Girls' (NCAA UNIFORM RULES):

- a. Team shirts shall be of the same solid color front and back. For women, a player's shirt designed to be worn inside the game pants shall be tucked inside the game pants. An undershirt is considered to be part of the shirt and must be a color similar to the shirt. No logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, lettering or numbering may be used on an undershirt. An illegal undershirt may not be worn.
- b. Tights that extend below the game pants must be similar in color to the game pants.

- c. No more than two identifying names or abbreviations of the names may be placed on either side, or on both, the front and back of the shirt. The name(s) must conform to the following: Placement shall be such that the number(s) is clearly visible.
- d. Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of the shirt with plain Arabic numerals.
 - (1) The following numbers are legal: 0, 3, 4, 5, 00, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55. (But double zero and zero cannot both be used for the same team)
 - (2) The number shall be at least 6 inches high on the back and at least 4 inches high on the front and not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch width.

The above requirements are for those teams qualifying for National competition (including Division II tournaments). It is recommended that teams to have two sets of uniforms and to have numbers on both the front and back.

IX. JOHN HODGES VIRGINIA AAU BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In order to offer something back to the youngsters, who participate in the Virginia District AAU Basketball Programs, the executive committee has established the John Hodges Boys & Girls Basketball Scholarship program. The basketball program will offer eight (8) \$500.00 scholarships to deserving seniors. The program will be awarded to four (4) boys and four (4) girls (one boy and one girl from each of the four regions). Please review the information contained in Exhibit F of the handbook.

X. COACHES AND PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS

Due to the recent violence displayed by parents and coaches during the 2000 season, the Executive Committee has adapted a code of conduct for both coaches and parents.

XI. COMPLAINTS

I. Receiving Complaints.

- **Phone Calls.**
 1. Complaints must be in writing. Callers making complaints must be told that action can be taken only on written complaints.

- a. Calls that are merely gripes (officiating, scheduling, etc.) that do not rise to the level of a Code or Handbook violation should not be considered seriously.
- b. If a caller makes serious allegations that are clearly Code or Handbook violations, or which, if true, could endanger an athlete or harm the AAU, the person receiving the call should call the Chair so that the Basketball Review Committee can determine whether to pursue the matter on its own initiative. (Example: criminal activity, sexual misconduct, embezzlement of AAU funds, etc.) Include the name, address and phone number of the caller, as well as the date and nature of the call.

- **Letters**

1. A letter may be treated by the Basketball Review Committee as a complaint, even if it is not designated as such:
 - a. Letters, which allege Code violations to be referred to the Chair of the Basketball Review Committee at the Virginia AAU Headquarters to the attention of the Basketball Committee.
 - b. Letters, which merely make complaints of a general nature, are not allegations of Code/policy violations, and should be referred appropriate entity.

NOTE: If Volunteers or staff is unsure whether a Code violation is alleged, the matter should go to the Basketball Review Committee for review. When in doubt, make the referral.

II. Screening Complaints.

- The Basketball Review Committee makes an initial screening and may take any of the following actions:
 1. Call or correspond with complainant to request additional information.
 2. Refer to the District Review Committee Chair.
 3. Refer to appropriate National Sport Chair or sport liaison for action.
 4. Consult with Board of Review Chair.
 5. Refer to appropriate District Officer or volunteer.
 6. Advise complainant that the complaint is inappropriate and/or that it should be made to another entity. (Example: Complaints that the high school coach is not playing an athlete enough.)
- Basketball Review Committee Chair and Virginia AAU headquarters shall consult regularly and review log of complaints.

III. Review.

- A. The Basketball Chair shall review complaints to determine if there is probable cause that a violation has occurred.
- B. The Basketball Review Committee Chair may discuss the complaint with complainant, Association officers, or other persons who can provide information.
- C. The Basketball Review Committee may:
 1. Dismiss for lack of probable cause.
 2. Refer the matter to the appropriate District Officer(s), or District Review Committee.

IV. Requests

- The Basketball Review Committee will consider properly submitted requests for review.
 1. The Basketball Review Committee may schedule a hearing.

V. Hearings.

- Hearings will be conducted in accordance with Article III of the AAU Code.

VI. Ejection of a Fan.

- Fans are the responsibility of the coach. Each coach should brief his/her fans prior to games on the sportsmanship code of the AAU. Once the game starts and until the final whistle blows, the officials are in charge. If an official ejects a fan from the game the fan must depart the facility entirely. If the offense is serious, then the fan may be removed from sites for the remainder of the tournament. Tournament directors are instructed to notify local authorities in the event a fan or fans become disruptive and do not vacate the facilities when asked.

VIII. Executive Committee and Club Membership Meetings.

- The Boys and Girls Executive Basketball Committee shall meet a minimum of two times a year. The dates shall be normally in the month of June and the month of December. The club membership meeting will be held on the Sunday following the December Executive Committee meeting. A roll call will be accomplished at the Executive Meeting and at the club meeting sign in sheets with active club verification will be required.