

2012 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, operating 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 Chairperson	Jeremy T. Bullock
Chairmen, Boy's Basketball	Boo Williams
Chairmen, Girl's Basketball	Charles Pickett

Executive Committee:

Tom Brennan (Stafford YBA)	Willie Brown (Hampton Roads)
Jean Adkins (Richmond)	Pat Pinkard (James River)

III. 2012 Membership Requirements.

Clubs wishing to participate in Virginia AAU Basketball during 2012 may obtain club membership by visiting www.aausports.org for on-line registration. The AAU club membership application and the AAU individual membership application must be completed entirely before membership will be granted. All individuals who wish to participate in Virginia AAU Basketball during 2012, including all players and coaches, must obtain a 2012 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. The Virginia District Handbook will be posted on the Virginia AAU Boys' and Girls' Basketball Web Site www.vaaaubb.net

IV. District Championship Tournaments/National Championship Advancement

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

Registration for Virginia AAU District Tournaments

Walker ID/Children ID WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams must register online at www.vaaaubb.net or www.aaboysbasketball.org or www.aagirlsbasketball.org.

If you have any questions about entry procedures please call Jeremy Bullock at 540-710-1228 or jbullock@virginiaaau.net

Rosters received by the deadline is the Official District Roster.

Players cannot be added after the deadline.

The Head Coach of each team, or designee, if permitted, shall attend registration during the assigned time.

All athletes and coaches AAU membership verification shall be presented at the time of Registration. If verification is misplaced or cannot be produced, another one must be purchased at that time with no refund

A late athlete must register before he/she takes part in any game. Penalty: All games in which he/she participated shall be forfeited, if he/she fails to register.

An athlete who arrives late may register at any time before the conclusion of play in all Tournaments; however he/she may not play until registered. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to complete late registration before the player participates.

Copy of report cards and approved birth records must be carried to every game. Proof of grade must be available for review, by the Tournament Director or designee, at all AAU sanctioned competitions.

Acceptable documents included the following:

1. Photo copy of that portion of the athlete's report card for the correct school year which shows name, grade and school.
2. 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)
3. A certified copy 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.

4. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. Department of State.
5. Immigration and Naturalization forms 1-51 and 1-25
6. Form No. 43-12311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.
7. Legal Passport
8. Driver's License
9. **Walker ID/Children ID WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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.

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 deadline date or an individual(s) documentation is not submitted or is incomplete then such individual(s) shall not be eligible to participate.

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

Boy's Basketball

A player may participate in a maximum of three (3) age/grade divisions of the AAU Boys' Basketball program for which he can qualify. A player may play in any grade division above his current grade as long as he meets age requirements. Players that compete in more than one age/grade division must compete with the same AAU club until the conclusion of the district championship.

A player may not participate later than the summer following his class graduation from high school.

Boy's Teams receiving automatic bids into the 2012 AAU National Championship must participate in the 2012 District tournaments.

BOY'S Virginia AAU District Qualifying Tournament Age Divisions:

- 3rd grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 4th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 5th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 6th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 7th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 8th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 9th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 10th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2
- 11th grade - Division 1, Division 2 and Eastern Division 2

- Division 1 - Single District Wide Tournament
- Division 2 – The state minus Division 2 East
- Division 2 East – Richmond to the Eastern Shore

Boy's Basketball will use pool play to single elimination format. 3 game guarantee.

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.

				<u>Over Time</u>
3 rd grade	5 min/warm up	6 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
4th grade	5 min/warm up	7 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
5 th grade	5 min/warm up	7 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
6th grade	5 min/warm up	7 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
7 th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
8th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
9 th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
10th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
11 th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter

Timeouts – Boys - 3 full timeouts (75 seconds) and (2) 30 second timeouts

Basketball Size

The "undersized" basketball shall be used for all 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade age division competitions. Circumference shall be 28.5 inches. Regulation size ball will be used for 7th through 11th grade.

Press Rule

For 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade:

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 technical.

For 5th grade 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 technical.

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.

The number of teams that qualify for Boy's National Tournaments through district or super regional 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 counted to determine the number of teams qualifying for the National Championship.** {NOTE}: 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.**

- a. When there are 3 teams – (A) First Place team only may advance for Division I.
(B) One (1) team may advance for Division II.
- b. When there are 4-6 teams – (A) Two (2) teams may advance for Division I.
(B) Two (2) teams may advance for Division II.
- c. When there are 7-9 teams – (A) Three (3) teams may advance for Division I.
(B) Three (3) teams may advance for Division II.
- d. When there are 10-12 teams – (A) Four (4) teams may advance for Division I.
(B) Four (4) teams may advance for Division II.
- e. When there are 13-15 teams – (A) Five (5) teams may advance for Division I.
(B) Five (5) teams may advance for Division II.

- f. When there are 16-18 teams – (A) Six (6) teams may advance for Division I.
(B) Six (6) teams may advance for Division II.
- g. When there are 19-21 teams – (A) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division I.
(B) Seven (7) teams may advance for Division II.
- h. 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.
- i. Teams that finish in 5th Place or lower which qualify for Division I may choose to use their bid for either Division I or Division II or both.
- j. EXCEPTIONS: In the 2nd grade, 3rd grade and 12th Grade Division all teams are eligible to compete in the National Championship.

Division III - All eligibility rules for AAU Boys' Basketball Grade Divisions and roster limitations shall apply to Division III.

- a.** Teams which qualify to advance in the Division I District Qualifying event may not participate in Division III
- b.** Teams which finish 1st through 4th in the District Qualifying event for Division II may not participate in Division III
- c.** Teams must compete in a District Championship in order to receive a Division III National Championship invitation or petition the Boys' Basketball Chairman.

Girl's Basketball

A player may not play on more than one team on the same weekend that multiple district championships are being held. If an infraction occurs the game in question will be forfeited.

GIRL'S Virginia AAU District Qualifying Tournament Age Divisions:

- 2nd grade – Division 1 and Division 2
- 3rd grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 4th grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 5th grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 6th grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 7th grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 8th grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 9th grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 10th grade - Division 1 and Division 2
- 11th grade - Division 1 and Division 2

Girls Basketball will use pool play to single elimination format. 3 game guarantee

				<u>Over Time</u>
2 nd grade	5min/warm up	6 min/quarters	5 min halftime	3 min/quarter
3rd grade	5 min/warm up	6 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
4 th grade	5 min/warm up	7 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
5th grade	5 min/warm up	7 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
6 th grade	5 min/warm up	7 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	3 min/quarter
7th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
8 th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
9th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
10 th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter
11th grade	5 min/warm up	8 min/quarters	5 min/halftime	4 min/quarter

A player will be disqualified on her 5th foul in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Divisions

A player will be disqualified on her 6th foul in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grade Divisions.

Timeouts – Girls – (3) full (75 seconds) and (2) 30 second (2nd grade to 6th grade)

Timeouts – Girls – (4) full (75 seconds) and (2) 30 seconds (7th grade to 11th grade)

Basketball Size

The Rawlings 10 panel 28.5” circumference composite basketball shall be the official basketball for all AAU National Championship Tournaments and AAU Super Regional Tournaments except 2nd and 3rd grade Divisions. It is not required, but strongly recommended, that this ball be used in all AAU Sanctioned Tournaments including the District Qualifying Tournaments (DQT) except 2nd and 3rd grade Divisions.

AAU 2nd and 3rd grade National and Qualifying Tournaments (SRT and DQT) will use the Rawlings 27.5” basketball. The foul line for these tournaments will be moved to 12’.

Press Rule

If a team is up by 15 points or more, in the 2nd and 3rd grade divisions, the leading team cannot press until the offensive team reaches the three point line. In addition, in the 2nd through 8th grade National Championship Tournaments, a running clock will be used in the second half when a team is behind by 30 or more points. Regular rules will return if at any time the spread falls below 30 points. The losing coach may opt to ignore this rule at any time.

Penalty for breaking the 15-point rule mentioned above is a warning for the first offense and an administrative technical for the second offense. If the rule is broken a third time, a technical foul goes to the coach.

GIRL’S DIVISION I DISTRICT QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

<u>District Finish</u>	<u>National Championship</u>
1st place	Division I
2nd place	Division I
3rd place	Division I or Division II (team’s choice)
4th place	Division I or Division II (team’s choice)

The remaining teams may choose Division II or Division III

*If a district tournament does not play out all places, the names of the teams that didn’t place will be put in a hat and drawn out to determine their finish places.

Any club that finishes in the top four in the previous year’s National Championship Tournament will receive an automatic bid to the next higher grade division the following year. (Example – 4th grade division 2010 first place team will receive an automatic bid to the 5th grade division National Championship Tournament in 2012.)

If an automatic bid recipient qualifies from the 2012 District tournament advancement structure, the bid may be used by the club to advance another team from their club in the

same grade division. If the club does not use the automatic bid in this manner, the bid will revert to the District to be awarded to the next highest place team not otherwise qualified.

General District Tournament Rules

Boys and Girls

Games shall start the later of (a). The scheduled starting time, or (b). 5 minutes following the completion of the last game at the site for girls' and 7 minutes for boys'.

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.

It is suggested that all non-championship tournaments sanctioned by the Virginia District (e.g. "invitational") for 2012 adhere to these tournament administration guidelines.

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 **\$20** for adults and **\$15** for students (“students” shall mean 7-17 years old.) 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. **Only the Head Coach may file a protest.**

Tournament Awards

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

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 its 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 Division II National Championship in the same age group without the written permission of the Eligibility Committee.
 - e. In age groups 3rd Grade through 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 district roster can be replaced

NOTE: Please refer to the Boys and Girls AAU Basketball Handbook(s) 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

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' (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 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, District 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.

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