

Tournament Information

2008 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES 9U/ 3RD GRADE DIVISION II BOYS' BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



July 23 – 28, 2008

Detroit, Michigan

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTER

Step 1: Read all pertinent tournament details on the **Tournament Information Flyer**.

Step 2: You need to enter your team into the National Championship by **ONLINE Registration**. Click on "**National Championship Registration**" icon in order to begin this process.

Please remember it is the responsibility of the Head Coach to submit **all** the necessary registration materials **BEFORE FRIDAY JULY 11, 2008**.

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION MAY REJECT ENTRIES THAT ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINES.

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- DATES:** Wednesday, July 23 Team Check-In & Coaches Meeting
Thursday, July 24 to Monday, July 28 Competition
Monday, July 28 Celebration of Athletes
- SITES:** TBD
- ENTRY FEE:** \$525.00 per team. Entry fees are non-refundable. All fees must be paid online. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be completed online no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008**. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.
- TEAM CHECK-IN:** On-Site Check-In will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008 between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm at the Rock Financial Showplace** located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI 48374. All players and coaches must be at registration at assigned time. A \$5 per day parking fee will apply. Please follow the posted signs to the Check-In Area. For check-in hours, mapping and additional directions please visit www.aaujrogames.org.
- PLAY STARTS:** Play will begin THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2008 at approximately 9:00 am. The Championship game will be played on MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008.
- COACHES' MEETINGS:** **First coaches' meeting:** WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008, 5:00 pm at the Rock Financial Showplace.
Second coaches' meeting: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008. Location of the second coaches meeting TBA
- The Head coach from each team is required to attend BOTH meetings. Penalty for failure of the Head Coach to attend is a one game suspension. Suspensions do NOT include forfeited games.
- GAME SCHEDULE:** The National AAU Office will EMAIL schedule and registration times to each team that provide an email contact person. This information will also be posted no later than (7) seven days before the start of the tournament at www.aauboysbasketball.org. Practice times will not be available.
- HOUSING:** The Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau will handle all requests for hotels. **To make reservations, visit www.aaujrogames.org and click on Housing.** For assistance, please call the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) DETROIT or (800) 338-7648. You will need to have the following information ready when making reservations: (1) The sport in which you will compete (2) The number of people in your party (3) The number of rooms you need (4) Your arrival and departure dates (5) Your credit card number.
- Important:** Please check online or with the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau regarding deposit requirements and cancellation policies. AAU is not responsible for any refunds from cancellations.
- CELEBRATION OF ATHLETES:** The 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games **Celebration of Athletes** will be held on Monday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of Eastern Michigan University at Olds-Marshall Track. All athletes are encouraged to attend, as you won't want to miss this year's celebration. Check the web site at www.aaujrogames.org for more announcements on the **Celebration of Athletes**.
- TRANSPORTATION:** All participants and spectators are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities, events, and hotels.
- SECURITY:** All 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain the right to search any bags, backpacks, purses, jackets, etc. throughout the duration of the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games.
- FOOD:** All 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games facilities maintain exclusive rights to concessions. Outside food and beverage are not permitted throughout the duration of the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games. No coolers at any venue.
- ADMISSION FEE:** Admission to all venues and the Celebration of Athletes for credentialed participants is included in your entry fee. Please note that you must check-in and pick up your athlete or coach credential prior to receiving admittance into any venue, including the Celebration of Athletes. All other spectators will be able to enjoy any of the sporting events and ceremonies throughout the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games by purchasing an admission ticket that is valid for all the sports involved in the Games. For more information on ticket options, please refer to the Event Handbook or visit www.aaujrogames.org.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

ELIGIBLE TEAMS: This tournament is open to all 9 & Under teams, except teams that participate in the 9 & Under Division I National Championships.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes as well as, all four (4) non-players allowed on the bench must hold a current membership in the AAU. No non-player shall be allowed on a team bench without an AAU membership card. Each team will receive a maximum of four (4) bench personnel and 15 player credentials.

AGE DETERMINING DATE: **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 ROSTER: A team that qualifies for a National Championship Tournament may add a maximum of seven (7) players to its District Roster for the purpose of participating in the National Tournaments. Pick-ups/replacements players listed on roster are subject to the following restrictions: These players must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding age, residence, etc.) unless approved by the Eligibility Committee. Teams may not add players from the rosters of other teams advancing to the National Championship Tournament. 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.

For further clarification, please refer to the 2008 AAU Boys Basketball Handbook at www.aauboysbasketball.org (click on Handbooks).

BIRTH RECORDS: Each competitor must send proof of his age in one of the following acceptable manners:

HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE UNACCEPTABLE!

- a) A **COPY** of his birth record from the STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS from the place of birth. (the AAU is not responsible for returning original birth records).
- b) A 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.
- c) An un-expired Passport

ELIGIBILITY Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the Tournament Commissioner.

QUESTIONS: The AAU Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will handle all of these matters.

NO MEMBER OF THE LOCAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND/OR THE ASSIGNED AAU BOYS' BASKETBALL COMMISSIONER HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RULE ON PLAYER OR TEAM ELIGIBILITY.

STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE

The AAU can not and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

HOTEL POLICY

Upon approval by the National Sport Chair, a National Championship Host may designate certain hotel/motel properties not to be used by teams participating in a National Championship Event. The exact name and address of each property must be provided to the National Sport Chair. The AAU Boys' Basketball Committee may reject entries of teams who reserve rooms in these designated properties. Once the National Championship Event begins, team(s) can be required to vacate the designated property in order to continue to participate in the event.

TOURNAMENT RULES & TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

- RULES OF PLAY:** The National Championship Tournament will be played under the 2007-2008 National Federation of State High School Association rules, except where amended by the AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook.
- PRESS RULE:** 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.
- BENCH RULES:** The home team will sit on the left side of the official scorekeeper, facing the table from the floor. A team may have on its bench only eligible players in uniform and four non-players. Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench. **At least one person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times.**
- UNIFORM:** The top team on the bracket or the team listed on the left side of pool play schedule shall be the home team and shall wear **white**. 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.** Violation of this rule shall be penalized by a two (2) shot technical foul for each illegal jersey, to be assessed at the time the player with the illegal jersey enters the game.
- COACHES' ATTIRE:** All non-uniformed persons on bench shall wear long pants, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championships. Jeans, shorts, sweat pants, tee shirts, hats and open-toed shoes are not permitted. Any non-uniformed person on the bench will be removed until properly attired.
- CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND COACHES:** Players' and coaches' conduct should be above reproach, on and off the court. Misbehavior or misconduct may result in disqualification from the tournament. Coaches listed on the official team roster are responsible for the conduct of their players and any damages incurred to the motel or facilities used by the players.
- COACH/PLAYER SUSPENSIONS:** If a coach or a player is suspended during a game, the suspension does NOT include forfeited games. The suspension will be for the next game played.
- Ejection's:**
- A. Any player recorded on the official score sheet as ejected for fighting by the officials (striped shirts) will be prohibited from playing in the next scheduled game.
 - B. If a coach or player is ejected from a game, he/she will be placed on probation (unless ejected for fighting).
 - C. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will sit out that game and the next game.
 - D. If a coach or player is ejected a third time, he/she will be suspended from the tournament
- PROTESTS:** A protest must be made in writing within two hours of the completion of the game being protested. A fee of \$100.00 in cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany the written protest, which must be submitted to the National Commissioner-in-Charge. Coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements. Every effort has been made to ensure that all teams participating in this event meet the eligibility requirements.
- The Boys' Basketball Eligibility Committee will be on call to deal with any protest filed with the appropriate fee to review the facts as you know them. Any remaining eligibility questions can be submitted, with the appropriate protest fee, at any time, and will be acted upon by the eligibility committee, as soon as possible. A more detailed explanation will be given at the first coaches meeting.
- TOURNAMENT PLAY:** A POOL PLAY SYSTEM WILL BE USED, LEADING TO A CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET:
Four teams (if possible) in each pool will play three games. Top two teams from each pool will advance to a single elimination championship bracket, while the remaining teams in pool will advance into the Classic Tournament. Teams that lose a game in the Championship Bracket will automatically be placed in a consolation bracket. In the pool play system, a cap of 15 points for tie breaker will be used if needed to break ties. Teams must play all scheduled games or penalties will be applied.
- CLASSIC TOURNAMENT:** The Classic Tournament Bracket is considered part of the total National Championship. The Final Four teams in the Classic Tournament will receive automatic bids into next year's championship provided they meet prescribed rules. All teams must remain and play in this single elimination tournament.