

2010 Arkansas AAU State Tournament : Rules and Procedures

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The 2010 Arkansas AAU Girls Basketball Tournament will be held at Little Rock area gyms, including P.A.R.K., Hall High School, and additional gyms as needed.

The Kamikaze Basketball Club will once again host the tournament. The Tournament Director is Doris Gaiser. For urgent tournament questions, please [contact Doris by e-mail](#). [General questions about AAU Girls Basketball should be directed to our District Sports Director, Ms. Jane Nichols](#). Rules or procedures that are *new or changed* from last year are marked with **NEW!**

Tournament Dates - 2010

<i>By Age</i>	
9u, 11u	April 24-25 All Games
8u, 10u, 12u	April 10-11 All Games
13u, 14u, 15u, JR	April 10-11 Pool Games April 24-25 Championship Games
SR/Open	April 10-11 All Games

<i>By Date</i>	
April 10-11	8u, 10u, 12u All Games 13u, 14u, 15u, JR Pool Games SR/Open All Games
April 24-25	9u, 11u All Games 13u, 14u, 15u, JR Championship Games

NEW! Teams must designate if they are entering as Division I or Division II. If there are enough teams entered in Division II, there will not be a cross over of games between divisions. If there are not enough teams entered in Division II, there may be a cross over of games, but Division II teams will not play the elite/seeded teams entered in the Division I tournament.

Age & Eligibility The new Age Determining Dates for 2010 are below:

8/u	Born in 2001 or after, OR in the 3rd Grade & born in 2000 or after
9/u	Born in 2000 or after, OR in the 4th Grade & born in 1999 or after
10/u	Born in 1999 or after, OR in the 5th Grade & born in 1998 or after
11/u	Born in 1998 or after, OR in the 6th Grade & born in 1997 or after
12/u	Born in 1997 or after, OR in the 7th Grade & born in 1996 or after
13/u	Born in 1996 or after, OR in the 8th Grade & born in 1995 or after
14/u	Born in 1995 or after, OR in the 9th Grade & born in 1994 or after

15/u	Born in 1994 or after, OR in the 10th Grade & born in 1993 or after
JR	Born in 1993 or after, OR in the 11th Grade & born in 1992 or after
SR/Open	Born in 1990 or after

An athlete who attends college and participates on that institution's basketball team is eligible for the AAU girls basketball program. Whenever applicable, the college or university MUST approve in writing an athlete's participation. All approval letters must be attached to the team's roster. *NCAA Division I and II athletes are prohibited from participation in the AAU by the NCAA.*

NEW! An athlete may participate from any Association may participate in the Arkansas District Qualifying Tournament.

Participation

Athletes may begin participation in an AAU practice, tryout, scrimmages or games as follows:

1. For an athlete who attends an Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) member school

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- 9th graders playing up on senior high teams, and all 10th, 11th, 12th graders may begin at the completion of the AAA basketball season, which is Sunday March 14, 2010 this year.
- 7th, 8th, and 9th graders may begin after the school's last game.

Any athlete that is found in violation of the AAA rules is subject to penalties by the AAA and risks suspension from school participation. Any AAU coach that is found in violation of the AAA rules will be barred from coaching in AAU sanctioned events for a minimum of one year.

2. For an athlete who attends a non-AAA school, AAU participation can take place now. Note: Elementary schools and most private/parochial grade schools are typically non-AAA affiliated.

3. For an athlete who attends school in another state, you must follow the rules set forth by that state's sports governing body.

Questions about the AAA rule should be directed to Jane Nichols, Arkansas AAU Girls Basketball Sports Director.

An athlete may not miss school to participate in a game, practice, tryout, scrimmage or travel involving the AAU Girls Basketball Program.

If any of the above provisions are violated, the coach, team or athlete(s) will be disqualified from the AAU Girls Basketball Program. Reinstatement may occur after a review by the Girls Basketball Committee.

If an athlete is found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, that athlete will be disqualified from the tournament. If an athlete is found to be ineligible after the tournament has started, both the team and the athlete will

be disqualified from the tournament. *Coaches are required to see that their team meets all participation requirements.*

AAU Memberships

All participants in the AAU Girls Basketball program, at any level, must be a current member of the AAU. Every team, whether independent or as a member of a club, must have an AAU Club Membership for the current year.

Club Membership. There are **three levels of AAU Club Membership**: Level 1 fee is \$30.00, Level 2 fee is \$60.00, and Level 3 fee is \$300.00. The description of benefits of each Level is described on the AAU website www.aausports.org. Club Levels 1 and 2 may be registered through the local office (Laura Rymel) or Online at www.aausports.org; Club Level 3 must register Online at www.aausports.org.

Coach/Athlete Membership. Coach membership is \$14.00 or \$16.00* each; athlete membership is \$12.00 or \$14.00* each. AAU memberships are good for any association athletic competition. AAU membership provides for accident insurance and general liability. *The higher membership fee is for the "Added Benefit" -- or "AB" -- membership option. The "AB" membership provides coverage for *non-sanctioned* and sanctioned events. Details are provided in your AAU registration material. Memberships may be acquired Online at www.aausports.org, registered through the local office (Laura Rymel). Purchase your Club Membership now!

The Sports Accident Claim Form, and other insurance related information, may be obtained from www.aausports.org (click on "Insurance" on the top bar).

Registration and Tournament Entry Procedures

There are 4 important steps to take in order to enter the AAU state tournament.

Step 1. Apply for AAU Club Membership. Every team must submit an AAU club number for tournament registration. Two ways to apply for AAU Club Membership: online at www.aausports.org, or manual application form sent to Arkansas Registration Chair, Laura Rymel (contact info below).

TIP: Apply online now for your AAU Club Membership. You will need to present the AAU Club number by no later than the Coaches Meeting date.

Step 2. Apply for AAU memberships (cards) for your players and coaches. Every coach or player must have an AAU number for tournament registration. Two ways to apply for your AAU cards: online at www.aausports.org, or manual

application form sent to Arkansas Registration Chair, Laura Rymel (contact info below).

TIP: Apply online for your AAU cards as soon as possible. You'll need them by the Coaches meeting.

Step 3. Send Team Entry and Entry fee to Tournament Director.

1. Complete this form: [aau10-entry.pdf](#)
2. Prepare checks (money orders or cashier's checks... NO personal checks) :
Entry fee for 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u - Division I = \$250
Entry fee for 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u - Division II = \$175 **NEW!**
Entry fee for SR/Open = \$175 **NEW!**
Entry fee for 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, and JR divisions - Division I = \$300
Entry fee for 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, and JR divisions - Division II = \$200 **NEW!**
Forfeiture fee for all divisions - \$100. (Only one forfeiture check is required per Club.)
3. Mail the Entry form and fees to : **NEW! Note new address.**
Doris Gaiser
14 Bluestem Cv
Little Rock, AR 72211

Receipt of your entry fees by the POSTMARK DEADLINE assures your entry. (Rosters may be completed later... See Step 4.)

Step 4. Complete the Official Team Entry & Roster. 2 ways you can do this:

A. Rosters should be entered online at the national girls AAU website. This is the easiest method, and automatically pulls in your AAU membership numbers. This is the same process used for AAU Nationals. To access: Go to <http://www.aaugirlsbasketball.org> Click on ENTER TEAM ROSTER ONLINE.

First time users must create a login userid and password. Follow directions to create your team/roster. Your roster will be automatically sent to the Tournament Director.

B. Alternatively, you may download either of these files, and send completed file as an e-mail attachment to e-mail id provided in the form :
Microsoft Excel format -- [aau10-official-roster.xls](#)
Microsoft Word format -- [aau10-official-roster.doc](#)

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Deadlines The tournament fees MUST be mailed and POSTMARKED on or before the established deadlines below. *Late entries will not be opened!*

Age/Division	Entry Fee Deadline
8/10/12/13/14/15/JR/SR	Tuesday, March 30
9/11	Tuesday, April 6

Remember, only the minimum team/coach info, your tournament entry fee (\$300, \$250, \$200, or \$175 - see [Fees](#)), and forfeiture fee (\$100) are required by the dates above. The rest of your roster is not due until the Coaches Meeting.

Birth Certificates Coaches are required to bring a complete set of birth certificates to the Coaches Meeting. *Do not mail them.* Birth certificates will be checked at the Coaches Meeting.

Each athlete's birth record must be a certificate of live birth from the State, County or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics of the place of birth. Hospital or school records are not acceptable. For the older age groups, valid Drivers License (or photocopy) may be provided in lieu of birth certificate.

Grade Exception Form The Grade Exception Form must be completed and attached to each player's birth certificate that is competing under the grade exception rule. An administrator of the player's school must sign the form. (Note: There is no longer a Junior Eligible Form.) [Download the form.](#)

Coaches Meetings A *required* coaches meeting will be held for each age division. A coach or team representative is required to attend. *Any problems making the Coaches Meeting, PLEASE make prior arrangement with tournament director regarding paperwork completion.* Coaches meetings will help coaches complete the tournament entry process adequately, allow input into the AAU program, allow coaches to arrange practice games, **provide input to tournament format if the standard format/draw is not feasible**, conduct drawing for pool alignment, present birth certificates, and allow for completion of the Official Roster.

The following schedule for coaches meetings is tentative and subject to change. Any changes to date, time or location will be communicated via e-mail, website update, and/or phone call. Please check the website for updates.

Age/Division	Date / Time
8/10/12/13/14/15/JR/SR	Saturday, April 3, 2:00PM tentatively at St. Theresa's Catholic Church
9/11	Saturday, April 10, 10:00AM at P.A.R.K.

Bring your AAU cards to the meeting !!

Roster should be complete and final by end of Coaches Meeting. Any changes afterward will be assessed \$50 late fee.

Fees Each team that enters the AAU state tournament will be required to pay an entry fee per the schedule below. Cashiers check or Money Order is required. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Age/Division	Entry Fees
8u, 9u, 10u, 11u	\$250 if entering as Division I, \$175 if entering as Division II
12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, JR	\$300 if entering as Division I, \$200 if entering as Division II
SR/Open	\$175

Each team or each club must submit a \$100 forfeiture fee - in a cashiers check, money order, or **personal/club check NEW!** - which will be returned to the coach or administrator at completion of the tournament if your team does not forfeit any games, *or if you do not owe late processing fee(s).*

Rules of Play Each team is guaranteed 10 minutes warm up time. However, at the tournament host or site director's discretion, the game may be started before the official scheduled time if the facility is running ahead of schedule. (Note, a game will not be started if a team has not had at least one and a half hours rest between games.)

Game playing times... note, **red** are **NEW!**

Age	Playing Time	Halftime	Overtime	Timeouts
8u	6-min quarters	6 minutes	3 minutes	3 full, 2 30-sec
9/10u	7-minute quarters	6 minutes	3 minutes	3 full, 2 30-sec
11/12/13u	8-minute quarters	6 minutes	5 minutes	3 full, 2 30-sec
14/15/JR	18-min halves	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 full, 2 30-sec
OPEN	20-min halves	6 minutes	5 minutes	4 full, 2 30-sec

A full timeout is 75 seconds in length.

Shot clocks will be used in championship play. Shot clocks *may* be used in pool play and consolation games *if available* on the court.

Teams are asked to report to the game site at least 30 minutes ahead of scheduled game time.

The 2010 AAU Girls State Championships will be governed by the *2009-2010 NCAA Basketball Women's rules*. The playing rules book titled *2009-2011 Men's and Women's Rules and Interpretations* may be purchased from <http://www.ncaa.org>, or you can download PDF file - [click here for download page](#).

Key NCAA rules differences from High School Federation rules will be discussed at the coaches meeting.

NEW! Player Foul Rule: A player will be disqualified on her 6th personal foul. This is for 14u, 15u, JR and SR/Open age divisions.

NOTE: The 9/u will use 27.5" ball and move the foul line to 12'. This is same with 8/u.

Bench Rules A team may have on its bench ONLY the eligible players and coaches listed on the *2010 Arkansas AAU Girls Basketball Tournament - Official Team Roster & Entry* form, all of which must be registered members of the AAU. A violation of this rule will result in one warning. The team will have one minute to comply with the rule. Failure to do so will result in a 2-shot technical foul on the bench (indirect technical for the coach). Failure to comply after the technical will result in forfeiture of the game with a score of 15-0.

To be consistent with national AAU, we require a **minimum of two (2)** and a **maximum of four (4)** bench personnel to be listed on rosters.

Players and coaches must be above reproach at all times. Any misconduct will result in disqualification from the tournament. Head coaches are responsible for their players actions at all times.

Uniforms An AAU basketball team may not wear school property or use school mascot names while participating in AAU activities (games, practices or scrimmages). Each team **MUST** have a light and dark set of uniforms.

Note: Matching the undershirt with the jersey will not be enforced (example: white T-shirt under red jersey). However, all team members must have the same color undershirts.

Team listed first in pool play or team listed on the top bracket will be the home team and MUST wear light colored jerseys. The home team will sit on the bench to the scorekeeper's right. Each team will warm up on the goal away from their bench.

It is the coach's responsibility to check the official score book before the game. Any technicals issued because of errors in the score book will be the fault of the coach. The following numbers are legal and must be on the front and back of the uniform: 0 or 00 (but not both), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55.

NEW! The AAU is now allowing jersey numbers from 00-99. We will continue to require the numbers (above in red) for consistency with NCAA rules and high school federation rules because our officials will not be experienced calling the "international" numbers.

Teams should come dressed in uniforms, if possible.

Equipment Each team is responsible for their own warm up balls. Be sure balls are adequately marked and properly put away during the game. The AAU, the Tournament Host, or its assigns are not responsible for balls lost, stolen, or misplaced.

The tournament will provide the GAME BALL - an official AAU 8-panel 28.5" basketball.

Protests Protests are not allowed at Nationals; therefore, no protest will be allowed at the state tournament.

Officials Officials will be assigned by a Tournament Head of Officials. All comments, good or bad, should be submitted in written format to either the Head of Officials, the tournament host, or site directors.

A three-person officiating crew will be used for Division I semi-final games in 13U-SR, and all Division I and Division II Championship games. (Other games of significance may also be assigned a 3-person crew.) A two-person officiating crew will be used for all other games.

Team Roster You must have at least 9 and no more than 15 players on your Official team roster. If you roster less than 15 players in the State tournament, you can *optionally* add ("pick up") up to 7 (NEW!) players without exceeding 15

total for a Division I, II, or III National Championship. The 7 pickup players must qualify by age/grade, but they can come from *anywhere in the world*. **NEW!**

The *2010 Arkansas AAU Girls Basketball Tournament - Official Team Roster & Entry* form must be completed in full on or before the Coaches Meeting. After the coaches meeting, if you want to change or add to your roster there will be a \$50.00 fee assessed to you for *each* change you make.

Rosters are FINAL at 5:00 P.M. of the Friday before pool play. Roster changes after the Coaches Meeting and before this DEADLINE should be faxed or e-mailed to the Tournament Director, and the \$50.00 late fee is payable when you arrive for your first pool game, or it will be deducted from your forfeiture fee. Your fax or e-mail should include: player name, jersey number, birth date, and AAU number.

Tournament Format

The following are default formats that will be adhered to as much as possible. When there are not enough teams to support these formats, an alternate format will be discussed at the coaches meeting.

For the 2-weekend tournaments - 13u, 14u, 15u, and JR divisions - the format will be Pool Play the first weekend, then **all** teams will advance to a double elimination Championship bracket the second weekend. Exception: If all teams play one another (i.e. a round robin) during the pool weekend, the 2nd weekend championship bracket will be single elimination.

For the 1-weekend tournaments - 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u, and SR divisions - the format will be Pool Play, then single elimination Championship bracket. Optionally, first round Championship bracket losers may be advanced to a consolation round.

Every effort will be made to give each team 5 games in the tournament. However, teams placed in a 3-team pool could end up playing only 4 games total.

Note: A team may choose not to return for the 2nd weekend of play, and not lose the forfeiture money, **IF** the Tournament Director is notified by no later than 9:00PM Sunday (conclusion of pool play).

Note: If the team representative at the coaches meeting agrees to playing Exhibition games during Pool weekend, and the team cancels after the schedule is published or the team does not show up, this too will be considered a forfeiture.

POOL PLACEMENT. When placing teams in pools, teams will be placed into 3-team or 4-team pools and play a round-robin pool schedule. Short pools (3-team pools) will be assigned to seeded pools first, consistent with how they are done at Nationals. The seeded teams--*up to 8 teams based on last year's finish*--will be allocated to the pools, left to right then right to left, per example below. *Exception:* When a draw results in two teams from the same AAU Club being placed in the same pool, there will be a redraw. Teams from the same Club will not be placed in the same pool.

<u>Example:</u>	<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>	<u>Pool C</u>	<u>Pool D</u>
4 pools	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seed 3	Seed 4
14 teams	Seed 8	Seed 7	Seed 6	Seed 5
	Draw 1	Draw 2	Draw 3	Draw 4
			Draw 6	Draw 5

The same tie breaker rules (pool play) used at Nationals apply to our District (state) tournament. In the case of a tie with two teams, head-to-head is still the tie breaker. In the case of a **TIE WITH MORE THAN TWO TEAMS**, points from ALL games will determine all places of finish. The maximum point spread per game is 13 points. The following examples shows tie breaker for 3 teams tied with 2-1 records.

<u>Example:</u>	<u>Team A</u>	<u>Team B</u>	<u>Team C</u>	<u>Team D</u>
4 teams	vs B, wins by 4 (+4)	vs A, loses by 4 (-4)	vs D, loses by 8 (-8)	vs C, wins by 8 (+8)
in pool.	vs C, wins by 20 (+13)	vs D, wins by 6 (+6)	vs A, loses by 20 (-13)	vs B, loses by 6 (-6)
Teams A, B, D finish	vs D, loses by 14 (-14)	vs C, wins by 15 (+13)	vs B, loses by 15 (-13)	vs A, wins by 14 (+14)
with 2-1	Record : 2-1	Record : 2-1	Record : 0-3	Record : 2-1
records.	Total points = +3	Total points = +15	Total points = -34	Total points = +16
	Finishes 3rd in pool.	Finishes 2nd in pool.	Finishes 4th in pool.	Finishes 1st in pool.

Mercy Rule At discretion of losing coach, the score clock will run continuously when the margin is 30 points or more. When the margin is cut to 20 points, clock will return to normal.

Score Keepers As we have the past years, we will require each team to provide a table worker. Be prepared ahead of time; have someone identified to keep the clock, score book, or shot clock. You may request on an exception basis to have a neutral person(s) work the clock and/or scoreboard. You must make this request to the Tournament Director ahead of time, who will make every effort to accommodate such requests.

Coaches may request copy of the score sheets; scanned image will be e-mailed to the coach. Call the Tournament Director after your playing weekend to request score sheet copies.

Awards Team trophies will be awarded to the *Champion, Runner-up, and optionally Shootout (consolation) winner*. Each athlete from the gold medal team, the silver medal team, and the bronze medal team will be awarded AAU Championship Medals. Each athlete from the consolation winner and runner-up teams will awarded AAU Sports Forever Medals.

Compensation The tournament host will compensate teams advancing to the Division I National Championship tournament using the following schedule. If the team that earns the compensation does not go to nationals, the next team in line will be awarded **half** of the compensation money.

Number of PAID Div-I entries.*	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
3	\$300		
4	\$400		
5	\$500		
6	\$600		
7 to 13	\$650		
14 to 23	\$650	\$400	
24 or more	\$650	\$400	\$300

*NOTE: For compensation purposes, only teams that enter the Division I tournament are counted and contribute to the compensation. Division II entries do not count/contribute.

\$650 matches AAU Nationals entry fee (before credit card charges are added).

Admission Because of increasing facility costs, admission prices will increase this year. These are planning costs for now and subject to change. Please share this information with your supporters.

Weekend Pass : Adults \$15.00; Students & Seniors (over 65) \$8.00

Day Pass : Adults \$8.00; Students & Seniors (over 65) \$5.00

(Children 6 and under are free.)

Coaches will receive passes good for both weekends of play for his/her respective age group. Players not in uniform will be admitted free for both weekends of her age group if she presents her AAU card at the door.

National Championship Procedures for advancing to National Championships have changed from past years. **NEW!**

Division I District Qualifying Tournament (State)	
District Finish	National Championship
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)
Remaining teams	Division II or Division III (team's choice)

Division II District Qualifying Tournament (State)	
District Finish	National Championship
1st Place	Division II
2nd Place	Division II
3rd Place	Division II or Division III (team's choice)
4th Place	Division II or Division III (team's choice)
Remaining teams	Division III

For more information, go to <http://www.aaugirlsbasketball.org>

Changes Please refer to <http://www.aaugirlsbasketball.org> for complete list of changes to 2010 AAU Girls Basketball. Summary of 2010 and other recent changes...

NEW! Pick Up Player Rule - you can now add 7 players from anywhere in the world to your Nationals roster. [Check it out.](#)

NEW! Player Foul Rule - Players in 14u, 15u, JR, SR divisions are allowed 6 personal fouls. [Check it out.](#)

NEW! Playing times and number of timeouts allowed for 12u and 13u have been modified. [Check it out.](#)

NEW! Criteria for advancing to the National Championship tournaments have changed. [Check it out.](#)

The 9/u will use 27.5" ball and move the foul line to 12'. This is same with 8/u.

Merchandise Tournament merchandise will be sold at select gyms.

Junior Olympics For additional information, contact our Chairman, [Ms. Jane Nichols](#).

Infractions Committee For additional information, contact our Chairman, [Ms. Jane Nichols](#).

Information Any questions about competition rules that are not detailed in this packet are deferred to the 2010 AAU Girls' Basketball Handbook. The handbook is also an excellent source of information related to qualifying for and entering the national tournaments. Copy of the handbook may be obtained from the AAU (call 407-934-7200, or write to Amateur Athletic Union, c/o The Walt Disney World Resort, P.O. Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000, or download from AAU web site).

The national AAU web site can be found at <http://www.aausports.org>. The AAU girls basketball web site is at <http://www.aaugirlsbasketball.org>. Our girls basketball contact, Mr. Eddie Clinton, is eddie@ausports.org.

2010 Girls AAU State Basketball Tournament -- Summary of Dates

Age	Tournament Dates	Deadline (Postmarked by)	Coaches Meeting
8/10/12 Div I or Div II	April 10-11	Tuesday, March 30	Saturday, April 3 TBD
SR	April 10-11	Tuesday, March 30	Saturday, April 3 TBD
13/14/15/JR Div I or Div II	April 10-11 April 24-25	Tuesday, March 30	Saturday, April 3 TBD
9/11 Div I or Div II	April 24-25	Tuesday, April 6	Saturday, April 10 10AM, P.A.R.K.

The End.