



**2008 SOUTH CAROLINA
AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL
DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
APRIL 18 – APRIL 20, 2008**

SANCTION BODY:

South Carolina District of AAU
NOT under sanction by the S.C. High School League

TOURNAMENT DATES:

FRIDAY – April 18 thru SUNDAY – April 20
Age Divisions: 9&U, 10&U, 11&U, 12&U, and 13&U

LOCATION:

COLUMBIA, SC (Columbia H.S., Richland Northeast H.S, and others)

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

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ENTRY FEES:

Tournament entry fee \$300.00 PER TEAM. - Payable no later than the entry deadline, via Certified Check or Money Order. Make check or money order payable to South Carolina Stars.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION:

AAU/USA Junior Olympic Membership Registration is required of each participant of the tournament. The membership fee is \$12.00 for one year and provides each participant with secondary insurance. Registration must be completed prior to coming to the tournament. The membership number must be included on the team roster; therefore, the membership registration must be done before the entry deadline. The registration must be done online from <http://www.aausports.org> or you can go to <http://www.scaau.org> and click on the membership link and it will take you to the membership page on aausport.org. AAU no longer uses membership cards. YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE.

- ***Team coaches must also be registered through the AAU in order to coach in the district and national tournament.***

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Participation teams must be affiliated with an AAU Member Club. The registration MUST be done online from either, <http://www.scaau.org> or <http://www.aausports.org> . The cost is \$30.00 and is good for one (1) year.

AGE DIVISIONS AND AGE DETERMINING DATE:

July 1st, at 12:00 a.m., of the previous year (2007) shall be the determining date for the age of the competitor and shall hold true for the District, Regional, and National Championships. The only exception will be the 16/u-Junior Girls (born in 1990 with high school eligibility remaining or born in 1991).

Any player competing in a specific age division must remain in the same age division throughout the District qualifying tournament and National level.

Age Group	Born on or after:
8-Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1998
9-Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1997
10- Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1996
11-Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1995
12-Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1994
13-Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1993
14-Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1992
15-Under	Born on or after – July 1, 1991
Junior Girls (16-Under)	Born in or after – 1990
Open Division	Born on or after – July 1, 1988

If an age group does not have at least three teams in competition, from at least two different clubs, the teams will be moved into the next older age group. Once a team enters an age group that has enough teams in competition, the entry is locked into that age group. No switch of age groups will be allowed with the above-mentioned exception. Notification will be made immediately following the entry deadline.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

APRIL 9, 2008, 3:00 PM EST - RECEIVED DATE! (AGES:9&U,10&U, 11&U, 12&U and 13&U)

Send all tournament entries to the following mailing address:

Betty Quave
South Carolina District AAU
Blatt P.E. Center, USC
Columbia, SC 29208
803-777-3890

- If a street address is required for an overnight delivery include **1300 Wheat Street** with the above information
- Deliveries that are made to the wrong address, that are received after the deadline, **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**
- **Make checks or money orders payable to the South Carolina Stars. Entry fee \$300.**
- **An e-mail will be sent to the head coach listed on the official roster form to confirm receipt of entry information.**
- **Brackets will be posted on the SCAAU Web Site (<http://www.scaau.org>) no later than Monday, April 14th.**
- **Any entries that are received after the deadline are not guaranteed a spot in the tournament.**

PLAYER PARTICIPATION:

A player may participate in only one Division I National Championship, excluding the 8/u, 9/u, Open Division and the AAU Junior Olympic Games competition. She may play in both 8/u & 9/u or both 9/u & 10/u, plus playing in the Open Division does not preclude playing in any one other Division. A player may participate in only one age division in their District Qualifier.

Individual players will be allowed to play in Division I **AND** II National Championships, only if their TEAM does NOT qualify for Division I. Players will be allowed to play in both the D-I National Championship (by being picked up by a Qualifying team) & the D-II National

Championship (either by being picked up by another NON-D-I Qualifying team or with their original NON- Qualifying team). A player whose team has qualified for a Division I National Championship may not be added to another qualifying team's roster unless her original team does not enter the National Championship for which they qualified. Likewise, individual players will be allowed to play in Division II **AND** D-III National Championships, only if their TEAM does NOT qualify for Division II. Players will be allowed to play in both the D-II National Championship (by being picked up by a Qualifying team) & the D-III National Championship (either by being picked up by another NON-D-II Qualifying team or with their original NON- Qualifying team). A player whose *team* has qualified for a Division I National Championship may not be added to another qualifying team's roster unless her original team does not enter the National Championship for which they qualified. All players shall be eligible to play in the appropriate Grade Based Events regardless of their participation in an Age Based National Championship, D-I or D-II.

ROSTERS & PROOF OF AGE:

A maximum of fifteen (15) players is allowed on a team throughout the DQT, SRT and/or the National level. A team shall be allowed to add (pick up) a maximum of three (3) players to their official roster when advancing to a National Championship with an overall maximum of fifteen (15) players. (D II & D-III teams may pick up a maximum of 5 players) An athlete may be granted a temporary transfer from her team/club to another team/club. For the purpose of competing in an AAU National Championship >Pick-up players must qualify by age and residence in the year of competition. No player whose team has qualified for a Division I Championship may be picked up for Division II. As noted above, a player whose team has qualified for a Division I National Championship may not be added to another qualifying team's roster unless her original team does not enter the National Championship for which they qualified. No team, after their roster has been accepted for the District Qualifying Tournament, may drop any player to pick up another. Refer to *Player Participation* above. A maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Districts will be allowed on any team at District level and/or National level.

- **BIRTH CERTIFICATES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ROSTER. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **NO PLAYER WILL BE PERMITTED TO PLAY WITHOUT A CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR AAU MEMBERSHIP. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **JUNIOR ELIGIBLE FORMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ROSTER FOR ANY JUNIOR ELIGIBLE PLAYERS.**
- **ROSTERS MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED WITH NO EXCEPTIONS! INCLUDING ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, AAU NUMBER, UNIFORM NUMBERS, BIRTH DATE, AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES.**
- **ONLY COACHES THAT ARE LISTED (AND HAVE PROPER AAU MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION) ON THE COMPLETED ROSTER WILL BE ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE TOURNAMENT.**
- **YOU MUST USE THE OFFICAL GIRLS' SCAAU ROSTER FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY.**
- **IF YOUR TEAM'S ENTRY INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED INCOMPLETE, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED TO PROVIDE MISSING INFORMATION. IF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS NOT SUBMITTED BY DATE REQUESTED, YOUR TEAM WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**

RULES OF PLAY:

The official rules of AAU Girls' Basketball (ALL AGES) are the 2007-2008 NCAA Women's Basketball rules (Some local rules will apply). (Including: 30 second shot clock.) The Rawlings 10 panel 28.5" circumference composite basketball will be used for all tournament games.

GAME PLAYING TIMES:

Age Division	Game Length
9/U, 10/U	7-Minute Quarters
11/U, 12/U, 13/U	16-Minute Halves
14/U, 15/U, 16/u-Jr. Eligible	18-Minute Halves
Open (19/U)	20-Minute Halves

- Overtime periods are 5 minutes, except for the 9/Under and 10/under age division. Overtime periods for 9/Under and 10/Under division is 3 minutes.
- **Half –time is 8-minutes for all age divisions.**
- **Teams shall have 10 minutes to warm-up before games.**
- **Game time is game time. If a team arrives prior, then they shall have 10 minutes to warm-up.**

AWARDS / MEDALS:

- Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in all divisions.
- Team Championship and Runner-Up Trophies will be awarded for each age group.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

Athletes and teams that have qualified in their respective DQT and/or SRT will be eligible to compete in the National Championship held during that calendar year.

Districts, which do not field and play a minimum of 3 teams from at least 2, separate AAU clubs in their age division Qualifying Tournament shall not be eligible to participate in the D-I National Championships, unless qualifying in a SRT. They may, however, participate in a Division II or Division III National Championship.

Procedures for advancing to National Championship Tournaments:

Division I, Division II and Division III

Districts may have separate D-I and D-II brackets in their District Qualifying Tournament (DQT) with no crossover required. All teams, both D-I & D-II, will count toward sending teams to the National Championship Tournaments. However, teams playing in a D-II bracket may qualify only for D-II tournaments. D-I bracket teams can qualify for either D-II or National Championship tournaments. **If a team in D-I qualifies for the National Championship, they cannot play in D-II or D-III. (Neither the team nor the athletes)** Any team that does not qualify for D-I is eligible to play in their respective D-II National Championship. Teams that qualify for D-I or D-II may pick up a player from D-II. **Teams may pick up a maximum of five (5) players to advance to the Division II or Division III Championship** (See additional rules in the Handbook regarding “pick-up” players.)

Each District may qualify two (2) teams for Division II for every team they qualify for Division I, with a maximum of eight. At the discretion of the National Chair, the Host District would be allowed additional teams. Teams that do not qualify for D-I or D-II may participate in D-III.

- Number of teams that qualify for the national championships are determined as follows:

Age Division	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 1 Team	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 2 Teams	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 3 Teams	# of Teams Participating* to Advance 4 Teams
8/u & 9/u	OPEN			
10/u	3	3	3	4
11/u to Jr.	3 – 9	10-17	18-35	36 or more
Sr. & Open	OPEN			

*Participation is defined as a registered team that has actually played in its District Qualifying Tournament. A registered team that does not play any of its games shall not be counted as a participating team. Exceptions to this may only be granted by the National Chair.

In the event a qualified first, second, third or fourth place team from a DQT relinquishes its right to play in the National Championships:

1. The team must notify the District Girls' Basketball Director by certified letter of its inability to fulfill its obligation to participate.
2. Upon receipt of the certified letter, the District Girls' Basketball Director shall select, in descending order qualification, the teams to fill the announced vacancies and notify the AAU Girls' Basketball National Certification Chair of these changes.
3. Exceptions to the above may be granted by the National Chair.

No District may be represented at the National Championships by more teams than it qualified thru their DQT or Final Four National finish or SRT, unless granted by the National Chair. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC), is granted an additional position for a Host Team.

HOUSING:

A list of hotels will be posted on the <http://www.scaau.org> web site no later than March 15th.

SITE DIRECTIONS:

Directions to all gym sites are posted on the <http://www.scaau.org> web site the week of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT BRACKETS:

Brackets will be posted on the SCAAU Web Site (<http://www.scaau.org>) no later than Monday, April 14th.



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REGISTERED TEAM TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

NATIONAL AND STATE AAU REGULATIONS:

1. A maximum of fifteen (15) players are allowed on a team through the District level.
2. No more than three (3) players returning to the same high school varsity team may play on the same team if a coach from a school (including volunteer coaches) is associated with that team. There is no limit on the number of students from the same school if there is no coach involved from that school. If you have any questions or concerns about this rule, you should contact the South Carolina High School League at 803-798-0120.
3. Any player competing in a specific age division must remain in the same age division throughout the District Tournament.
4. No district may be represented at the National Championship without proof that a minimum of three (3) teams from at least two separate AAU clubs participated in their District age division-qualifying tournament except for the Open Division (19U) age division.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

1. The official rules for the AAU/USA Girls Basketball Championships (ALL AGES) are the 2007-2008 NCAA Basketball Women's Rules.

2. **GAME PLAYING TIMES:**

9 / 10 &U	7 min. quarters	8 Min. halftime
11 / 12 / 13 &U	16 min. halves	8 min. halftime
14 / 15 / 16-Jr. &U	18 min. halves	8 min. halftime
Open (19U)	20 min. halves	8 min. halftime

Overtime periods are 5 minutes, except for the 9&U and 10&U age division. Overtime period for 9&U and 10&U division is 3 minutes.

4. **BENCH PERSONNEL:** Only those players whose names appear on the roster form may sit on the player's bench. This is limited to 15 players and no more than four (4) other persons (coaches, trainer, scorer, etc.) with a maximum of 19 persons (All of which must have AAU cards). **NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED TO SIT ON THE BENCH!**
5. **EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE A SCOREKEEPER FOR EACH GAME. AN OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH SITE. THE HOME TEAM IN EACH GAME WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THE OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK. COPIES OF THAT OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST. (If your team does not have a scorekeeper, your team has no input concerning any possible conflicts)**
6. There will be a supervisor at each facility. Any problems or questions must be first addressed to the supervisor.

ANY ARGUMENTS AS TO RULES SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. NO COACH OR INDIVIDUAL WILL ABUSE (VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY) ANY TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL. ANY ABUSE WILL RESULT IN THAT PERSON OR PERSONS BEING REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT, AND THEIR TEAMS FORFEITED OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT.

7. Each team must have their rosters in the **OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK**, no later than five (5) minutes prior to the start of the game. Failure to do so will result in a technical being assessed to that team. (If game times are backed up, the facility supervisor will make the decision as to the time frame.)
8. **UNIFORMS:** Uniform numbers given on OFFICIAL ENTRY ROSTER are final and will be printed in the tournament program as given on the roster form. For the sake of the organization of the entire tournament, please adhere to this policy.
9. For the SC District Championship tournament we are using the NCAA uniform rule that defines a legal number to be worn on jerseys. This is the same rule that is used for all AAU National Championship tournaments. The following numbers are legal: 0, 1, 2, 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).

UNIFORM NUMBERS ARE TO BE PRINTED ON BOTH THE FRONT AND BACK OF EACH UNIFORM. NO TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY WITHOUT THE PROPER UNIFORM.

THE HOME TEAM WILL BE THE TEAM THAT IS ON THE TOP OF THE BRACKET OR THE FIRST TEAM LISTED IN EACH AGE GROUP, IN EACH GAME. THE HOME TEAM WILL BE IN WHITE, AND THE VISITING TEAM WILL BE IN DARK UNIFORMS.

10. Each team will have no less than five (5) minutes of warm-up time, and no more than ten (10) minutes of warm-up time. Each supervisor, according to the finish time of the previous game, will establish time. In the event that a team plays back-to-back games at the same site, the team will have no less than ten (10) minutes before the start of the second.
11. Each team will be given a five (5) minute grace period at the start of each game. At the end of the five (5) minute grace period, the team that does not arrive will forfeit that game (NO EXCEPTIONS).
12. *Each team will be responsible for valuables. The SOUTH CAROLINA AAU GIRLS' BASKETBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AND/OR SOUTH CAROLINA STARS WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY VALUABLES LOST OR STOLEN.*
13. GAME BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH SITE. THE RAWLINGS 10 PANEL 28.5" CIRCUMFERENCE COMPOSITE BASKETBALL WILL BE USED FOR ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES. EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE WARM-UP BALLS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE TEAMS.
13. Each team must provide bench equipment (towels, water, cups, etc.) for all days of the tournament, including championship day

14. Each team must provide its own training supplies. The tournament will not provide any supplies. A Trainer will be on call, but will not be available to tape or rehab any athlete.
15. INSURANCE: The AAU Membership provides only a secondary form of insurance. Any injuries, that require a doctor's care, emergency or otherwise, must be handled through each individual's insurance, and then AAU will work as a secondary provider.
16. NO GAME WILL BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF COACHES SCHEDULING.

AWARDS - CHAMPIONSHIP DAY:

1. AAU Medals will be awarded to each individual participating on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.
 1st – GOLD 2nd – SILVER 3rd – BRONZE
2. Championship and Runner-Up team awards will be presented in each age group.

RULES EXPLANATION AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

1. All game rules based on 2007-2008 NCAA Women's Basketball rules. Please get a copy of these rules and make yourself aware of specifications. Local tournament rules will be in place as designated in the tournament organization, as listed.
2. A 30 second shot clock will be used for all games, all age groups.
3. Numbers must be printed on front and back of jerseys - no exceptions. The game will not begin until numbers are made visible on both sides of the jersey.
4. Uniform shorts do not have to match the uniform jersey (it is highly encouraged), however, the tights worn under the shorts must be the same color as the shorts.
5. Children are not allowed to sit on the bench. This is a safety and liability issue and will be followed very closely! THIS IS A MANDATE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE!!!!
6. **TIMEOUT RULES:** Each team is entitled to four (4) full-length time-outs per regulations game and two (2) 30-second TIME-OUTS per game. If the game goes into overtime you will receive an additional full-length timeout
 ** You must indicate your intention for the 30-second TIME-OUT immediately after calling the TIME-OUT. If you call for a 30-second TIME-OUT and you are out of 30-second time-outs, the TIME-OUT will automatically become a full-length TIME-OUT. Substitutions must be made before the first horn.*
7. With ten minutes remaining in each game, if one team has a lead of 30 points or more, the game clock will continually run (w/ exception of timeouts or technical fouls). If the lead is reduce to 29 points or less, the game clock will run as a regulation clock. The losing coach may opt to ignore this rule at any time.
8. If a game begins after the scheduled game time, that game's halftime will automatically be reduced from ten minutes to five minutes.
9. You may only have a total of seven players on the FT lane – the shooter and up to three players on each side of the lane, and the slots nearest to the basket must be left open. All of the players can move into the lane on the release of the shot, the remaining players off of the lane must wait until the ball contacts the rim before entering inside the three point line.
10. In the last minute of the game, the clock will stop on all made baskets, and restarted when the ball is touched in-bounds.
11. There is no 10-second violation in the backcourt in women's college basketball.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Each team is responsible for educating their fans and supporters as to the unique rules of the tournament. We have had increased problems with over-zealous fans and/or supporters in recent years. It is embarrassing for the players on the court to exhibit sportsmanship when the fans in the stands cannot control themselves.

- We encourage each team and/or club to meet with the parents and impress upon them how important it is to show class and sportsmanship. We do not like to remove individuals from the tournament, but we will if we have to! Thanks for your cooperation.
- It has also become a trend for players on the floor to “show-up” opposing players on the floor in the aftermath of a good play. Officials will be instructed to look very closely at these incidents and to emphasize the “taunting” rules that are currently on the books. We encourage sportsmanship and fair play, which does not include the encouragement of “show-boating” in the face of opposing players, coaches, and or fans.

2008 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Do **NOT** register for a **National Championship** event if your team has not qualified through your District Qualifier or Super Regional tournament. The AAU is not responsible for monies spent, if you are not eligible for a National Championship event.

<u>AGE DIVISION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	ONLINE REGISTRATION
8 & Under	President's Cup	DISNEY	7/12 - 7/17 Entry Deadline 6/23/08	
9 & Under	Nat'l Championship	Kenner, LA	6/23-6/30 Entry Deadline 6/2/08	
10 & Under	Nat'l Championship	DISNEY	7/12 - 7/20 Entry Deadline 6/20/08	
10 & Under	Division II	DISNEY	7/12 - 7/19 Entry Deadline 6/20/08	
11 & Under	Nat'l Championship	Branson, MO Website	6/27 - 7/5 Entry Deadline 6/6/08	
11 & Under	Division II	New Haven, CT	6/27 - 7/5 Entry Deadline 6/6/08	
12 & Under	Nat'l Championship	Rochester, MN Website	7/4 - 7/12 Entry Deadline 6/13/08	
12 & Under	Division II	Bloomington, IN Website	7/4 - 7/12 Entry Deadline 6/13/08	
13 & Under	Nat'l Championship	Norman, OK	7/11 - 7/19	

		Website	Entry Deadline 6/20/08	
13 & Under	Division II	Kingsport, TN Website	7/9 - 7/17 Entry Deadline 6/18/08	
14 & Under	Nat'l Championship	Clarksville, TN	7/21 - 7/27 Entry Deadline 6/30/08	
14 & Under	Division II	Hampton Roads, VA	7/20 - 7/26 Entry Deadline 7/1/08	
15 & Under	Nat'l Championship	Kings Island, OH Website	7/9 - 7/15 Entry Deadline 6/18/08	
15 & Under	Division II	DISNEY	7/5 - 7/11 Entry Deadline 6/13/08	
Jr. Girls Formerly 16/u	Nat'l Championship	DISNEY	7/9 - 7/15 Entry Deadline 6/18/08	
Jr. Girls Formerly 16/u	Division II	DISNEY	7/5 - 7/11 Entry Deadline 6/13/08	
Open Division Formerly 19/u	Nat'l Championship	DISNEY	7/7 - 7/13 Entry Deadline 6/16/08	
HS Eligible	Junior Olympics	Detroit, MI	7/24 - 7/31 Entry Deadline 7/7/08	
Freshman Girls By Invitation Only	Disney Showcase	Josten Center	7/7 - 7/10 Entry Deadline N/A	
Soph Girls	Disney Showcase	Josten Center	7/21 - 7/24	

By Invitation Only			Entry Deadline N/A	
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Jr. Girls By Invitation Only	Disney Showcase	Josten Center	7/5 - 7/9 Entry Deadline N/A	
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All Ages	Division III	Hampton, VA	6/30- 7/4 Entry Deadline 6/9/08	
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Grade Based 5th and 6th	National Invitational Tournament (NIT)	Hampton, VA	6/19 - 6/22 Entry Deadline 6/2/08	
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Grade Based 7th and 8th	National Invitational Tournament (NIT)	Hampton, VA	6/26 - 6/29 Entry Deadline 6/6/08	
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Grade Based	Nat'l Championship	Reno, NV	7/31 - 8/3 Entry Deadline 7/10/08	