



**2009 South Carolina
AAU Girls Basketball District Championship
April 24th - 26th , 2009**

SANCTION BODY:

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

TOURNAMENT DATES:

FRIDAY – April 24 thru SUNDAY – April 26
Age Divisions: 14U/9th, 15U/10th, 16U/11th, Open Division

LOCATION:

COLUMBIA, SC (Columbia H.S., Richland Northeast H.S., Eau Claire 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.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

APRIL 15, 2009, 3:00 PM EST - RECEIVED DATE! (AGES:14U/9th,15U/10th, 16U/11th, and Open Division)

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://scaau.org/girlsbasketball.htm>) no later than Tuesday, April 21st.**
- **Any entries that are received after the deadline are not guaranteed a spot in the tournament.**

HOUSING:

To book hotel rooms for the tournament go to <http://scaau.org/girlsbasketball.htm> web site.

SITE DIRECTIONS:

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

TOURNAMENT BRACKETS:

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RULES OF PLAY:

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GAME PLAYING TIMES:

Age Division	Game Length
9/u, 10/u	14-Minute Halves
11/u, 12/u, 13/u	16-Minute Halves
14/u, 15/u, 16/u	18-Minute Halves
Open	20-Minute Halves

- **Overtime periods are 5 minutes, except for the 8/u, 9/u, & 10/u age divisions.**
- **The overtime period for 8/u, 9/u, & 10/u division is 3 minutes.**
- **Half time is 6-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.**

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.

NEW DIVISION FOR 2009:

Age Determining Date (Click the link for age calculator: http://aaugirlsbasketball.org/pages/agedefinition_new.asp)

DIVISION	BIRTH DATE	GRADE
8/u-3 rd Grade	Born in 2000	or after or in the 3 rd Grade & born in 1999 or after
9/u-4 th Grade	Born in 1999	or after or in the 4 th Grade & born in 1998 or after
10/u-5 th Grade	Born in 1998	or after or in the 5 th Grade & born in 1997 or after
11/u-6 th Grade	Born in 1997	or after or in the 6 th Grade & born in 1996 or after
12/u-7 th Grade	Born in 1996	or after or in the 7 th Grade & born in 1995 or after
13/u-8 th Grade	Born in 1995	or after or in the 8 th Grade & born in 1994 or after
14/u-9 th Grade	Born in 1994	or after or in the 9 th Grade & born in 1993 or after
15/u-10 th Grade	Born in 1993	or after or in the 10 th Grade & born in 1992 or after
16/u-11 th Grade	Born in 1992	or after or in the 11 th Grade & born in 1991 or after
Open	Born in 1989 or after	

All home school students must register with the State Department of Education and belong to an accredited home school organization. The student can get a letter from that organization stating the grade level in which she is currently enrolled. If an athlete has been academically advanced and is a grade level ahead of her age group, she can appeal for a grade exception. A grade exception form, her birth certificate and a letter from her school (on school stationary) stating that she has been accelerated must be sent to the Certification Chair for approval.

PLAYER/TEAM PARTICIPATON:

A player may play for the same Club in as many as three Divisions in which they qualify. A team that qualifies for Division I may also play up a Division and participate in a Division II. If a District has separate D-I & D-II Tournaments, they will be counted as separate divisions.

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).

COLLEGE ELIGIBLE:

College students are eligible for participation in the AAU Girls' Basketball program if their college or university clears them and they meet all other eligibility criteria. Permission from the college or university must be in writing and filed with both the District and the National Tournament entries.

NCAA Division I student athletes are restricted, at the present time, from AAU participation by the NCAA.

PARTICIPATING IN A BORDERING DISTRICT:

An athlete may participate in her District of residence, where she attends school full time OR in a bordering District qualifying tournament. At no time will a player be eligible to play in a District that is not her own or does not border her own. She shall register in her resident District.

A maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Districts will be allowed on any team at the District, Regional or National level.

ROSTER SIZE

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 7

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 officially releases her or 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. A maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Districts **will be allowed on any team at District level and/or National level.**

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. Participation in a DQT is encouraged, but not required, for advancement to the respective the 8/u President's Cup, 9/u National Championship or the Open National Championship.

PROCEDURES FOR ADVANCING TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS:

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 or D-III tournaments. D-I bracket teams can qualify for either D-II, D-III 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 or D-II is eligible to play in the new D-III 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.)

DIVISION I, DIVISION II AND DIVISION III

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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.

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
Open	OPEN			

*Participation is generally 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 may not be counted as a participating team. Exceptions to this may 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 of 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.

ENTRY FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

ALL Tournament Registration will be ONLINE ONLY at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org The AAU has made it easier for you! No longer **do you need to mail in different rosters to each event** you enter. Once a roster is submitted online, it is available to you for the rest of the 2009 AAU season. Once your roster is completed, you may return to update it (as rules allow) or use it as is, for the next tournament.

BENCH PERSONNEL:

Bench personnel for any NCAA certified event (14/u thru Open Division, including the AAU Junior Olympic Games competition) must register thru the NCAA in order to sit on the bench during certified event competition.



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REGISTERED TEAM TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REGULATIONS:

1. 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.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

1. The official rules of AAU Girls' Basketball (ALL AGES) are the 2008-2009 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.
2. Only those persons whose names appear on the roster sheet may sit on the players' bench. This is limited to 15 players and no more than 4 other persons (coaches, trainers, score keepers, etc.) for a maximum of 19 persons (All of which must have verified AAU membership). Young children will not be allowed to sit on the bench.
3. **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.**

4. **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.
5. 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.)

6. **TIMEOUT RULES:** Each team is entitled to four (4) full-length time-outs per regulation 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. There is no 10-second violation in the backcourt in women's college basketball.
8. 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.
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. UNIFORMS: Uniform numbers given on OFFICIAL ENTRY ROSTER will be used.
12. For the 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.
13. 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.
14. 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).
15. *Each team will be responsible for valuables. The NATIONAL AAU GIRLS' BASKETBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AND/OR SOUTH CAROLINA STARS WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY VALUABLES LOST OR STOLEN.*
16. 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.
17. **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.
18. **NO GAME WILL BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF COACHES SCHEDULING.**
19. If a game begins after the scheduled game time, that game's halftime will automatically be reduced from ten minutes to five minutes.
20. 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.**

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 as 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.