

2008 CT AAU Girls Basketball Championships Coach's Information

Game rules

National Federation High School rules are in effect except for the following modifications: Two 16 minute halves are played with a 5 minute half-time. Each team will be given a minimum of 5 minutes to warm up. Overtime periods are 3 minutes long. Each team is given 3 full time outs and two 30 second time outs during regulation play. An additional full time out is available in overtime and unused time outs from regulation are carried over. Lane entry for free throws is on rim contact. No games will start prior to schedule without concurrence from both participating team coaches.

Any team without 5 players present at the published start of the game forfeits the game. No exceptions. This is the same policy utilized at AAU National Championships. Teams should review the schedule carefully to ensure they are present at the right time and place. Facility doors will not open until 30 minutes prior to the first game. No games will start prior to schedule without concurrence from both participating team coaches.

Only athletes, coaches and bench personnel on the official team rosters submitted to the District are allowed to be on the team bench. Only official championship staff members are allowed at the scorers table.

Any parent or coach ejected from the gym is escorted from the facility not just the court of play. Unprofessional behavior of coaches and/or fans will NOT be tolerated. No appeals are allowed and all results are final.

Championship Format

The Championship format includes a double elimination bracket to determine medal winners. All Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are ceremoniously awarded. Teams suffering their second loss are eliminated from the event. If a team from the losers bracket win a division final, a "what if" game is played on Sunday, May 4 with the same two teams.

Bench Personnel

All teams must have at least 2 and no more than 4 registered bench personnel during all games. All bench personnel including coaches must adhere to the dress code by wearing a shirt with a collar, long pants or dress shorts/skirts and closed toe shoes. No head attire may be worn. Each violation will result in a technical foul (administrative, not charged to the coach). The offending individual must leave the bench and is not allowed to return until the violation is corrected.

Trainers

Trainers are available at all sites. *You must bring your own tape and pre-wrap.*

AAU Nationals

The championship is the district qualifier for AAU Nationals. Recent rule changes from the national committee have placed limits on the number of teams districts may send to a Division 2

National. Currently we can send twice as many teams to a Division 2 event as qualify for a Division 1 National. We may however petition the national chair if more teams want to attend.

The CT District is qualifying the following for AAU Div 1 Nationals:

- Two teams- 11A and 16D1
- Three teams- 12A, 13D1 through 15D1
- Unlimited- 10D1

National event information and registration is available at www.augirlsbasketball.org. Those teams who qualify for AAU National Division I & II Championships must notify the Girls Basketball Committee of its intent to attend within two weeks of the time/date the team qualified for the Division I or II event. Teams who fail to notify the Committee of their written intent within this two week period will be fined \$100 per team. Failure to pay the penalty will cause the team to be barred from the following year's district championship.

A pilot program for ages 11 and 12 will allow a more realistic qualification process for teams and allow them to play in an A or B bracket for competition purposes. Teams in the A Bracket have made a Division 1 or 2 declaration. Those teams declaring Division 1 are competing to qualify for a Division 1 National. The 'A' bracket teams declaring Division 2 will split the available Division 2 spots with the top qualifiers in the 'B' bracket. Our objective is to qualify more of our competitive teams for a Division 2 AAU National.

Spectator admission

Adults- \$5 per day

Ages 8 and under- free

Team members must have their AAU cards available for admission at the facility gate.

Unsupervised children and their parents (when located) will be ejected from the site. Signage will emphasize this penalty. No entry fee refund will be given.

Facilities

Please respect the facilities by asking your team to clean the bench areas after each game. The Girls Basketball Committee is not responsible for any personal property damaged/lost or citations issued for illegal parking.

Table Staff

We are challenged in obtaining enough table staff for the Championship. There is generally good coverage but there may be some times we cannot supply both a timer and scorer. In these cases we are asking for a scorekeeper from the teams to supplement the table staff. Preference is given to the home team to support this. The score sheets are the property of the Girls Basketball Committee and must be submitted to National AAU for record keeping.

Issue Resolution

Article III of the AAU code applies. Complaints must be made in writing directed toward the Girls Basketball Sport Director. The Disciplinary Committee is composed of all tournament directors (excluding site directors) with the Girls Basketball Sport Director acting as the committee chair. Dress code infractions may be resolved by the sport director immediately.

Tournament play/game issues are resolved by the Tournament Director with input from other Committee members as available. To contact the Tournament Director during the tournament, call 860-334-5035. Please respect the Director's time during the tournament by attempting to address important issues requiring immediate attention. Issues that require long term resolution, negative and positive feedback are better handled by sending an email to Larry Miller at ctstormprez@aol.com.

Feedback

Feedback about this year's event is always welcome, positive and negative. The site directors have incident report forms to track issues we encounter in the execution of the tournament but your first hand feedback is important. Please email the tournament director at ctstormprez@aol.com when you have an opportunity.

Welcome and Good Luck!

Larry Miller
Tournament Director

2008 Tournament Staff

Tournament Director- Larry Miller
Facility & Concession Services Director- Jack Bethke
Registration Director- Dan Dembinski
Tournament Staff Director- Vince Simmons
Financial Director- Rocco Sansone
Logistics Director- Ed Bruce

Site Directors

New Haven Field House- Doug Roberts
Yale- Ed Bruce
Wilbur Cross- Vince Simmons