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# AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION I, II & III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX

JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

- This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S., Inc.
- All participants must have a current AAU membership.
- AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event.
- AAU membership must be obtained before the competition begins except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connect. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU web site [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) to obtain their membership.



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HOSTED BY: AAU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
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### COACHES INFORMATION

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DATES:	JULY 7 <sup>TH</sup> – JULY 12 <sup>TH</sup> , 2014
FACILITIES:	The HP Field House (Six court facility) and Jostens® Center (Six court facility) at the spectacular ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex - 700 Victory Way, Kissimmee, FL 34747 - and other sites as needed. <i>Not all games are played at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.</i>
ENTRY FEE:	Division I, II & III - \$670.00 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - \$570.00 if registration is completed by TUESDAY, APRIL 15 <sup>TH</sup> , 2014. *Once a team enters the tournament refunds will not be given.
ENTRY DEADLINE:	All materials must be <b>RECEIVED</b> via Online Registration by <b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014</b> . All participating teams must have a roster submitted online at <a href="http://www.aagirlsbasketball.org">www.aagirlsbasketball.org</a> Entry fees must be submitted via Online Roster System.
SPECTATOR ADMISSION:	Daily admission will be available for \$16.50 per adult, \$11.50 per youth (ages 3-9) and under 3, free. A Length of Event pass will also be available for \$49.50 per adult, \$34.50 per youth (ages 3-9) at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Box Office. All admission may be purchased at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Box Office or at other sites as needed.
OPENING CEREMONY:	No Opening Ceremony will be held.
REGISTRATION:	MONDAY, JULY 7 <sup>TH</sup> , 2014 – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Location TBD. Your registration time will be assigned and posted along with the schedule on <a href="http://www.aagirlsbasketball.org">www.aagirlsbasketball.org</a> . <b>ALL COACHES MUST BE AT REGISTRATION AT ASSIGNED TIME.</b>
COACH VERIFICATION:	All bench personnel must be present and show government issued photo ID in order to receive credentials. NO EXCEPTIONS
COACHES' MEETINGS:	First coaches' meeting: MONDAY, JULY 7 <sup>TH</sup> , 2014 – 5:00 PM at Location TBD.  Second coaches' meeting: WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 <sup>TH</sup> , 2014. The second coaches meeting will be held in the tournament office at ESPN Wide World of Sports 45 minutes after the last game concludes in your pool. 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.
ELIGIBLE TEAMS:	Only teams that have qualified through AAU Qualifying Procedures will be eligible to compete in the National Championships. (See 2014 Girls' Basketball Handbook at <a href="http://www.aagirlsbasketball.org">www.aagirlsbasketball.org</a> and click on Rules).

<b>RULES OF PLAY:</b>	This National Championship will be played under 2013-2014 NCAA Women's Basketball Rules, except where amended by the AAU Girls Basketball Handbook. Please visit <a href="http://www.aagirlsbasketball.org">www.aagirlsbasketball.org</a> and click on the Rules/Info tab, then Rules/Handbook.
<b>SCHEDULES/RESULTS:</b>	Schedules and results will be posted at <a href="http://www.aagirlsbasketball.org">www.aagirlsbasketball.org</a> and will be emailed to each team that provides a valid email address in the Online Roster System.
<b>GAME FORMAT:</b>	Two (2) 16 minute halves – 5 minute halftime/warm-up – 4 minute overtime.
<b>TOURNAMENT FORMAT:</b>	<p>July 7 – Registration</p> <p>July 8 – Pool Play</p> <p>July 9 – Pool Play</p> <p>July 10 – Bracket Play</p> <p>July 11 – Bracket Play</p> <p>July 12 – Conclusion of Bracket Play</p>
<b>BENCH RULES:</b>	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. <b>At least one person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times.</b>
<b>MERCY RULE:</b>	A running clock will be used in the second half when a team is behind by 30 or more points. Regular rules will return if at any time the spread falls below 30 points. The losing coach may opt to ignore this rule at any time.
<b>AWARDS:</b>	<p>Each athlete and registered coach on the top ten finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and a team trophy. Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Classic Bracket will receive a finalist medal and a team trophy.</p> <p><b><u>Division III only:</u></b> Each athlete and registered coach on the top four finishing teams in the Championship Bracket will receive a finalist medal and a team trophy.</p>
<b>ROSTER:</b>	<p>All athletes and non-athletes allowed on the bench must hold a current AAU membership. 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.</p> <p>Pick-up/replacement players listed on the roster are subject to the following restrictions:          These players must have been able to satisfy all eligibility requirements (regarding grade, 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.</p> <p><b>For further clarification, please refer to the 2014 AAU Girls Basketball Handbook at <a href="http://www.aagirlsbasketball.org">www.aagirlsbasketball.org</a> (click on Rules/Info).</b></p>
<b>GRADE DETERMINATION:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> - An athlete must be in the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2013 and <b>cannot</b> turn 16 prior to September 1, 2014. If an athlete wishes to play down a grade division, please verify if they are eligible based on the criteria in the Rule Book.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the National Chair or his designee in attendance. No member of the local Tournament Committee shall have the authority to rule on eligibility. The AAU Girls' Basketball Eligibility Committee will handle all of these matters.

**TEAM DOCUMENTATION:**

Each team MUST present "ELIGIBILITY MATERIALS" for review. The "ELIGIBILITY MATERIALS" must contain:

1. Copy of the team AAU Online Roster to be used at the event.
2. Copy of each athlete's Proof of Grade.
3. Copy of each athlete's Proof of Age.

The "ELIGIBILITY MATERIALS" will be collected at your assigned registration time for review by a member of the AAU Tournament Staff. All collected materials held for review will be returned to the team at the 2nd Coaches Meeting. Failure to have proper documentation at registration or during the event may result in athlete or team disqualification. Acceptable documents can be found at [www.aaugirlsbasketball.org](http://www.aaugirlsbasketball.org) in the Rule Book.

**PROTESTS:**

For National Championship play, any eligibility protest that is turned in the first day of competition by 6:00 pm will be reviewed by the eligibility committee, and a decision will be made prior to bracket play. Any eligibility protest that comes after the first day of competition will be reviewed at the Eligibility Committee's discretion. All non-eligibility protests will be reviewed by the Eligibility Committee at their discretion.

A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany all protests. Protests must come from a non-athlete member listed on the official online roster for the event. The written protest must be submitted to the National Commissioner-in-Charge. All decisions of the Eligibility Committee shall be final.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Players', coaches' and spectators' 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 hotel or facilities used by the players. 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.

**MISBEHAVIOR/EJECTIONS**

1. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
2. Players ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Additional penalties, up to exclusion from the tournament, may be imposed by the National Eligibility Committee.
3. If a coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. The head coach may appeal the penalty by submitting a written request for appeal to the Tournament Headquarters within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game. A Commissioner shall consider the appeal. The Commissioners ruling is final.
4. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
5. Coaches or Players who leave the bench to engage athletes or coaches on the playing floor may be suspended by the National Eligibility Committee for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
6. The National Eligibility Committee may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occurs at any time and at any location during the event.



7. Coaches and Athletes who engage in misbehavior are subject to additional disciplinary action from the AAU Girls' Basketball National Infractions Committee. Penalties may include suspension from AAU events in future years.

**UNIFORMS:**

The top team on the bracket or the first team listed on the pool play pairings 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 the bench shall wear dress shorts, long pants, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play at the National Championships. Jeans, jean shorts, sweat pants, mesh shorts, tee shirts, hats and open-toed shoes are not permitted. Any non-athlete on the bench will be removed until properly attired. Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench.

**COACHES EDUCATION:**

The PCA Coaches Education Course is MANDATORY and FREE for all AAU Non-Athletes. Please visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and click on PCA Button in order to enter and take the MANDATORY AAU/PCA coaches educational course. Membership may be revoked from Non-Athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

**WARM-UP & GAME BALLS:**

Basketballs are provided during warm-up sessions. Rawlings, the official ball of AAU Girls Basketball, shall provide basketballs for warm-ups and games. **DO NOT** bring basketballs to games.

**HOTEL/MOTEL 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 Girls 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.*

**HOUSING INFORMATION:**

AAU has selected Official Housing properties for the 2014 Events to help streamline your travel management efforts and provide competitive rates and amenities for you in the Orlando area. Hotel and apartment style accommodations are now available and guest can book online [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

**CAR RENTALS:**

Discounts are available at MAGNA AUTO RENTALS, INC. Visit [www.magnaautorentals.com](http://www.magnaautorentals.com) or Contact [magnaautorentals@cfl.rr.com](mailto:magnaautorentals@cfl.rr.com), 321-269-6851 (Phone) and Use Code AAU-Disney [CLICK HERE](#) for more options

**THEME PARK INFORMATION:**

Discounted theme park tickets are available by calling Anthony Travel at 866-796-5222 or email [aa@anthonytravel.com](mailto:aa@anthonytravel.com).

### **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 licensed (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.

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# AAU HOTEL/CONTACT FORM



EVENT NAME:

TEAM/CLUB NAME:

CELL PHONE:

TEAM CONTACT (during event):

LOCAL? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Did you book your rooms using the recommended housing provider Anthony Travel? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, would you book through Anthony Travel again? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Did you purchase specially-priced Walt Disney World Theme Park Tickets before your arrival? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE AN X NEXT TO THE HOTEL(S) WHERE YOUR TEAM IS STAYING DURING THE EVENT**

Condo style properties are highlighted in gray.

	Buena Vista Palace		Hampton Inn - South of Universal
	Buena Vista Suites		Hilton Garden Inn Seaworld - Interntl Cent.
	Caribe Royale		Holiday Inn Resort
	Clarion Suites Maingate		Holiday Inn WDW (Downtown LBV)
	Comfort Suites Maingate East		Hyatt Place Universal
	Courtyard Vista Centre		Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
	Disney All Star Sports Resort		Hyatt Regency (formerly Peabody)
	Disney Caribbean Beach Resort		Lake Eve
	Disney Pop Century Resort		Maingate Lakeside
	Disney Port Orleans - Riverside		Melia Orlando Hotel
	Doubletree - Entrance to Universal		Radisson Celebration
	Doubletree Seaworld		Westgate Towers
	Embassy Suites LBV Resort		Worldquest
	Fairfield Inn & Suites LBV		Wyndham Grand Bonnet Creek
	Hampton Inn & Suites LBV South		OTHER

If your hotel is not listed above, please specify where your team is staying:

Are you staying in a vacation home? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which property? \_\_\_\_\_

What name is your reservation under?

How many rooms? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you book as a team? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

How many nights? \_\_\_\_\_