

# AAU BASKETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

(formerly known as "Super Regional Tournaments")

# **TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

Following are guidelines of hosting an AAU Regional or Grand Prix Tournament.

# 1. AAU License & Membership

- a. Hosts must submit the AAU Regional/Grand Prix Application Form to the AAU National Office. The National Committee will review applications for approval. A limited number of Regional and Grand Prix events will be approved.
- b. Once approved, the Host will be sent the AAU Event License Application from the AAU Basketball Sport Manager. The application must be returned to the AAU National Office along with the appropriate license fee (\$50 per day). THESE EVENTS CANNOT BE LICENSED ONLINE.
- c. All participants must be members of the AAU (club, athletes and non-athletes). It is the tournament Host's responsibility to ensure participants are AAU members. This can be done in the following ways:
  - i. Require teams to complete their roster online at <a href="www.aauboysbasketball.org">www.aaugirlsbasketball.org</a> submit a copy of the AAU generated team roster with their entry.
  - ii. Require teams to present proof of membership at check-in which includes an AAU generated team roster, AAU generated club listing or copies of AAU membership cards.
- d. The tournament must be promoted as an AAU licensed tournament. Dual licensed events will not be approved. An event flyer will be required as part of the application process and must include the approved AAU language included.
- e. Officials must have an AAU membership when working national level events including Regionals. It is the tournament host's responsibility to require officials to provide their valid 2020 AAU membership number before the start of the event.
- f. Event bid fees: Upon the completion of the event, the Host will be responsible for paying the following bid fees to the AAU National Office:

  i. \$25.00 per team participating in event

# 2. Regional Guidelines

- a. Any team meeting the AAU membership requirements and rules can participate.
- b. The tournament is open to teams nationwide and not limited to teams within a District or Region. There will be a limited number of Regionals conducted, so teams from outside of your District should be invited.
- c. Rules of the AAU World Championships must be followed. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. All participants must meet the age requirements.
  - ii. All players must live within the AAU District of their team or in a bordering District, and comply with the guidelines set forth in the AAU Code Book. Hawaii, Alaska and US Territories, including Puerto Rico, do not have bordering Districts.

- iii. Boys are not permitted on girls' teams. Girls are not permitted on boys' teams.
- iv. For additional rules, please refer to the AAU Basketball Handbook and World Championships Rules.

# 3. World Championship Participation

# a. AAU Boys' Basketball

- i. The number of placements awarded in a Regional, are determined according to the calculation formula set out above in sections IV. G. 4. and VI. F., 1-2. of the <a href="AAU Boys">AAU Boys</a> <a href="Basketball Handbook">Basketball Handbook</a>.
- ii. Regional placements for any age division are not awarded below 4th place.
- iii. Teams which earn a World Championship placement through regionals but can earn even a higher placement seeding by participating a District Championship.
- iv. In Divisions 15U/9th Grade, 16U/11th Grade and 17U/11th Grade, Division I and Division II, teams may advance directly from a Regionals to a World Championship Tournament without participating in a District Championship. However, to earn a higher seeding, teams can participate in their District Championship.
- v. All teams must still register for the AAU World Championships. Spots will not be automatically held for winning teams. All teams must follow the entry requirements and policies as outlined in the event information packet.

#### b. AAU Girls' Basketball

- i. Teams will be awarded invitations (bids) to the Division I, Division II, or Division III World Championships based on their finish in their Regional Tournaments.
- ii. The maximum number of bids that will be awarded to the World Championships from a RT is based on the number of teams entered as shown in Section 8. D. of the <u>AAU Girls' Basketball Handbook</u>.
- iii. All teams that receive a bid to a World Championship Tournament at a Regional Tournament shall play in their District Championship Tournaments (DQT) to validate their bids. Exception: High school Division, 9th – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are NOT required to play in a DQT to validate a bid earned in a Regional Tournament Event.

# 4. Tournament Structure

- a. The event can be one or multiple days, as approved by the AAU.
- b. Each Host can offer one or all age groups, as approved by the AAU.
- The AAU National Headquarters will assist each Host, but it is the Host's responsibility to organize the tournament. The Host may retain all proceeds from entry fees minus those entry fees outlined in 1. b. & f. (see above)
- d. Blast emails may be sent from the AAU National Office to assist in promoting the event. Contact the AAU Basketball department to request a blast email. Hosts should not rely solely on these emails for promotion of the event. The blast email schedule is at the discretion of the AAU National Office.
- e. Each Host must submit a tournament recap to the National Headquarters including list of all participating teams and complete results. This must be submitted within 10 days of the conclusion of the tournament. Hosts who fail to submit this recap may lose their right to run a Grand Prix or Regional event in the future.

For additional information, please contact AAU Basketball at 407-934-7200 or <u>aaubasketball@aausports.org</u>.