

2023-24 AAU Standard Tournament Rules

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Player Eligibility & Age Verification

Age group eligibility is determined by the player's age as of September 1, 2023. If a player is aged, for example, 16 on September 1, 2023, he or she is eligible to play the 16 & Under age group until August 31, 2024. This includes all official AAU events during period from September 1st2023, till August 31, 2024.

Coaches/Team Managers must have copies of player photo ID on hand to provide tournament officials for inspection. Any players found to be playing in an age group lower than their age will be ineligible to play and any games they have played in will have the results voided. This means the game will be considered a forfeit and the win be given to the opposing team(s).

Complaints about suspected age group violations must be brought directly to Tournament Directors who will investigate.

Their decision on this matter is final.

Accepted forms of Age Verification are:

- Passport
- Driver's License
- School ID assuming photo is included

Players are only eligible to play in one team per age group.

Players must play at least 2 games in order to qualify for finals bracket play. The finals/playoffs game cannot be the second qualifying game.

Players can play in multiple age groups as long as they play only in age groups above their youngest age group. They can also play for other teams in other age groups without clearance, if they name is on the team sheets completed before tournament. There is no clearance required to play for different teams from one event to the next.

Generic Game Rules

The following rules apply to all age groups:

- **All teams to provide one scorer per game who is 15 years or older**
- Game balls supplied by referees. All male age groups will play with the size 7 ball and all Girls age group will play with size 6 ball
- **NO BALLS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE STADIUM without permission of event organiser. TWO BALLS PER TEAM WILL BE SUPPLIED FOR WARM UP.**
- Inbounds pass allowed into back court on the full
- Call full or 30-second timeouts when in possession of the ball. During 30-second time outs, players must not sit and stay on court.

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Game Timing Rules

All Age Groups Boys and Girls

- 4 x 10 minute quarters
- Running clock
- Clock stops in all timeouts, and last 3 minutes of 4th quarter
- 1 minute break at end of 1st and 3rd quarters
- 2 minute break at end of 2nd quarter
- 2 x 30-second and 1 x full time out per half. Players must be on court and not sit for 30-second timeouts.

ELAM Ending

ELAM Ending is used to break a tied score at the end of regulation time. This means that at the end of regulation, a target score of + 8 points is set.

Game clock is turned off and the game ends when the target score is reached. The team to reach that score first is declared the winner. Team and personal fouls carry over into the ELAM period, and possession is determined by a jump ball at the beginning of the ELAM period and is controlled by the possession arrow thereafter.

AAU Athlete and Officials Membership

Valid photo ID and your AAU Membership card must be presented for all AAU Australia Events entry. All players and coaching staff must have a current AAU Membership to participate in AAU Australia events. This provides injury insurance and covers all practices, travel to and from, and game play in AAU sectioned events. The coverage pays for anything not covered by Medicare in the treatment process and is similar to other insurances offered by State and Federal basketball bodies.

Membership status of players and coaches will be checked before AAU event commences. Failure to have current membership will mean denial of access to the event until membership status is updated to PAID. For participants less than or equal to 18 years of age, the AAU Junior Athlete Membership applies. For participants (including coaches) 19 years + the AAU Adult Membership applies.

Team Spreadsheets

Team Spreadsheets must be received by the Tournament Directorate by no later than 10-days before commencement of event.

Complete details must be included and the format must be in the same format as supplied. No team sheets, no play.

Team Registration

Team Registration invoices must be received into AAU bank account by no later than 7 days before the event commencement. Team participation may be stopped until full payment is received.

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BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY

Participant and Spectator Behaviour

Only players, coaches, team manager/S and score officials shall sit on the bench. All spectators must sit opposite the bench (where possible).

There is zero tolerance for 'storming the court' during the game.

STORMING OF THE COURT BY ANY PLAYERS AND/OR SPECTATORS DURING A GAME WILL RESULT IN THE OFFENDING TEAM BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM THAT GAME.

There is zero tolerance for:

- Dissent, abusive and threatening language, or abusive and threatening behaviour to officials, coaches or players;
- Violence either inside or outside of the venue;
- Any form of bullying including, and especially, online;
- Theft or interference with property; and
- Dangerous or unnecessarily rough play;

Participants or spectators involved in such behaviour will be asked to leave the venue and will not be able to continue in the event. This is solely at the discretion of the Tournament Directorate. No refunds will be available.

Where a second technical foul is adjudged in a single game, the recipient will be ejected from the venue for the remainder of that day's competition.

If the ejected player/coach is under 18, they will need to stay at the Tournament Directorate table until released into the care of a parent or guardian.

ALL SANCTIONS FOR BEHAVIOURAL OR OTHER MATTERS IS AT THE COMPLETE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORATE AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO.

Zero Tolerance for Fighting

The AAU has ZERO TOLERANCE for fighting.

Coaches should meet with your parents, athletes and fellow coaches and advise them that any act of aggression will be met with severe consequences for individuals, team and club.

Please know and understand that formal criminal charges may be pursued. In addition, the team could be suspended from any AAU competition at AAU's discretion.

If a fight breaks out, the venue supervisor or referees may clear the venue of all spectators if deemed necessary and no refunds will be given.

Parents and spectators are prohibited from offensive or hostile language towards the coaches, athletes, referees or other parents before, during or after the games. Disorderly behaviour will not be tolerated.

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It is the coaches' responsibility to maintain your teams' sportsmanship. We suggest you print this memo and distribute it to your fellow coaches, parents and athletes. This includes local and national competition.

Fighting will not be tolerated.

Event Safety

As a participant protection measure we have introduced the following to maintain a safe event at all times both inside and immediately outside the venue. The Event Safety team is committed to ensuring that all AAU participants can enjoy their experience and come away having had a wonderful time.

- Event Safety staff will be in attendance and will be wearing high viz vests. Anyone experiencing any difficulty or is aware of any misbehaviour should approach these staff to discuss.
- No one is allowed entry into areas not being used at the venue. Those found in such areas will be asked to leave the venue.
- Anyone caught entering the venue other than through the main entrance, or anyone caught opening side entrances for others to access the venue will be asked to leave the venue and not be permitted to play with their team.
- Anyone in distress or who is aware of anti-social behaviour should call The Event Safety team.

AAU Australia Basketball Terms and Conditions for services or activities provided throughout Australia

AAU Australia as a supplier of basketball services or recreational activities is entitled to ask AAU Athlete/Officials to agree that statutory guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Commonwealth)) do not apply to AAU Members (or a person for whom or on whose behalf AAU Members are acquiring the services or activities).

Exclusion of rights under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Commonwealth):

By signing AAU membership, AAU Athlete/Officials agree that the liability of AAU Australia in relation to recreational services

(as that term is defined in s139A of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Commonwealth)) for any:

(i) death;

(ii) physical or mental injury (including the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of such an injury);

(iii) the contraction, aggravation or acceleration of a disease;

(iv) the coming into existence, the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of any other condition, circumstance, occurrence, activity, form of behaviour, course of conduct or state of affairs that is or may be harmful or disadvantageous to AAU Athlete/Officials or the community; and that may result in harm or disadvantage to AAU Athlete/Officials or the community; and that may be suffered by AAU Athlete/Officials (or a person for whom or on whose behalf AAU Athlete/Officials are acquiring the services) **resulting from the supply of recreational services is excluded and the application of any express or implied term that any services will be provided with due care and skill is hereby excluded.**

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The change to AAU Athlete/Officials' rights does not apply to a significant personal injury suffered by AAU Athlete/Officials that is caused by the reckless conduct of the supplier of the recreational services. The supplier's conduct is reckless conduct if the supplier is aware, or should reasonably have been aware, of a significant risk that the conduct could result in personal injury to another person; and engages in the conduct despite the risk and without adequate justification.

Rules of AAU membership and event participation.

- a) Upon registering with AAU through the AAU website and payment of membership fees, Athlete/Officials will become a Member of AAU Australia and can play in any AAU Australia basketball association or basketball club or team.
- b) Athlete/Officials will acknowledge, agree and consent to becoming a member of, or participant with, these AAU Basketball Entities and accepting Each Basketball Entity's Rules/Constitutions.
- c) Athlete/Officials participation in Basketball Activities supplied by the AAU Basketball Entities is inherently dangerous and may involve risk. There are risks specifically associated with participation in the Basketball Activities and accidents can and do happen which may result in personal injury, death or property damage. Prior to undertaking any AAU Basketball Activity, Athlete/Officials should ensure that are aware of all of the risks involved, including those risks associated with any health condition may have.
- d) Athlete/Officials agree and undertake any such risk voluntarily and at they own risk. Athlete/Officials acknowledge that the assumption of risk and warning above constitutes a 'risk warning' in accordance with relevant legislation, including Australian Consumer Law in particular State or Territory.
- e) By signing AAU membership application form and declaration, Athlete/Officials acknowledge that where Athlete/Officials are a consumer of recreational services, as defined by any relevant law, certain terms and rights usually implied into a contract for the supply of goods or services may be excluded.
- f) Athlete/Officials acknowledge that these implied terms and rights and any liability of the Basketball Entities flowing from them, are expressly excluded to the extent possible by law, by AAU membership application form and declaration. To the extent of any liability arising, the liability of the Basketball Entities will, at the discretion of the Basketball Entities, be limited in the case of goods, to the replacement, repair or payment of the cost of replacing the goods and in the case of services, the resupply of the services or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again. For the avoidance of doubt, this exclusion does not exclude liability for recklessness as defined by any relevant law.