

## **Eligibility Excerpt from AAU Boys Basketball Handbook 2012**

### **B. Competition Rules**

The Official Playing Rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules for the current year as modified by this rule book.

This section shall be administered at all District Qualifiers, National Championships, Super Regional Championships, Disney Spring Classic's and Inter-District competitions.

#### **1. Eligibility**

##### **a. Player/Team Disqualification**

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements. If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of a sanctioned competition, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will continue. If a player is found to be ineligible after the competition has started, the player will be expelled from the competition and the team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player was listed on the official score sheet. The team may continue to participate, if applicable, without the expelled player.

##### **b. Player/Club Attachment**

An athlete becomes attached (a member of) to an AAU club when he participates in an AAU sanctioned competition, which involves two (2) or more AAU clubs (This does not include practice or league sanctions issued by AAU).

##### **c. Grade Divisions**

Competition in boys' basketball shall be in the following grade divisions: 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Authorized for competition at the District Level Only) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 10

3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

For the purpose of determining grade eligibility, the grade of the athlete on October 1, 2011 shall be the determining date.

### **Competition Divisions for District Qualifying, Super Regional and National Championships**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

**i.** An athlete must be in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 19 on August 31, 2012.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

**ii.** An athlete must be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2012

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

**iii.** An athlete must be in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2012 For an athlete that is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2012

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division**

**iv.** An athlete must be in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older

than 15 on August 31,2012

#### **8th Grade Division**

v. An athlete must be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older than 14 on August 31,2012

#### **7th Grade Division**

vi. An athlete must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older than 13 on August 31,2012

#### **6th Grade Division**

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vii. An athlete must be in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012

#### **5th Grade Division**

viii. An athlete must be in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012

#### **4th Grade Division**

ix. An athlete must be in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade division they can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2012

#### **3rd Grade Division**

x. An athlete must be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to petition to play down, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade division they can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2012

#### **2nd Grade Division**

xi. An athlete must be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as of October 1, 2011 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2012. For an athlete that is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 wanting to play down, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade division they can be no older than 8 on August 31,2012

\*\* The AAU is a grade based organization. Each grade division consists of a 24 month age window which determines an athletes' participation in that division. If an athletes' age is outside the 24 month window for their grade, the athlete must play up to the grade division that is normal and customary for their age. If an athlete is in any grade above what is normal and customary for their age, that athlete may petition to play down provided they meet the established criteria.

**Effective 2012, the petition to play down form is no longer required. An athlete is eligible to play down a grade provided they meet the requirements listed in the chart below.**

### **AGE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY DOWN A GRADE DIVISION**

## **Grade as of Oct.1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Requested Grade Birthdate Requirements**

12th Grade 11th Grade born on or after 9/1/1994

11th Grade 10th Grade born on or after 9/1/1995

10th Grade 9th Grade born on or after 9/1/1996

9th Grade 8th Grade born on or after 9/1/1997

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8th Grade 7th Grade born on or after 9/1/1998

7th Grade 6th Grade born on or after 9/1/1999

6th Grade 5th Grade born on or after 9/1/2000

5th Grade 4th Grade born on or after 9/1/2001

4th Grade 3rd Grade born on or after 9/1/2002

3rd Grade 2nd Grade born on or after 9/1/2003

**\*Proof of grade and age must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU sanctioned competitions, if requested. If said information is not available the team is subject to removal from the competition.\***

***\*\*\*Questions regarding eligibility may be directed to the National Office by calling 407-934-7200***

### **d. Player Participation Restrictions**

**i.** Only males may participate as players.

**ii.** An athlete may not participate later than the summer following his class graduation from high school.

**iii.** An athlete may participate in a maximum of three (3) grade divisions of the AAU Boys' Basketball program for which he can qualify.

**iv.** Athletes that compete in more than one grade division must compete with the same AAU club until the conclusion of the District Championship.