

# PVAU GIRLS BASKETBALL 2017 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION SUMMARY (3/27/17)

Any team that brings a new Organization to the 2017 registration will receive a \$50.00 discount for each organization. If a team recommends/refers 5 New Organizations/ teams, they will receive free registration for a team in 2017 and 2018. All new team introductions must be made in writing to P. K. Martin at [pkSPORTSS@yahoo.com](mailto:pkSPORTSS@yahoo.com)

The PVAU Girls Basketball program will be operating as a committee in 2017. This committee will be responsible for the operation of the District Championship Tournament. We are seeking committee members to host future events. The current committee members are.....

P. K. MARTIN – GOVERNOR

KEVIN HARRIS, GBC Member

BRIDGET COSTIGEN – GBC Member

ALVA AMAKER – District Sports Director

ESAU MUHAMMAD - INTERN

DANIELL EDMOND – GBC Member

Andy Stadnik, Lt Governor

MELODY BRITT - 2 LT GOVERNOR

MARCUS CLIFTON – GBC Member

KELLY BUCHANNAN – District Sports Director

ROSA SINGLETARY – GBC Member

AKEEM HARRIS, GBC Member

## PVAU GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM REGISTRATION DATES (3) LOCATIONS

The Committee agreed to hold multiple dates for this year's registration. The intent will be to host registration in 3 of the PVAU areas of Virginia, Montgomery and Prince Georges County's. This will allow for teams to meet registration requirements on multiple days.

### LOCATION DATES FOR REGISTRATION

VIRGINIA - March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – Paul the VI Catholic High School - 10am-2pm both days

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY – Oxon Hill High School April 1<sup>st</sup> - 10am – 3pm

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Discovery Sports Center April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – most of the day during the Boys DQT

### DATES FOR TOURNAMENTS

APRIL - Committee agreed on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Emory Recreation Center 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades

MAY - Committee agreed on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Fairfax High School – 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Committee agreed on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – Earl Wood Middle – High School with free 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tournament for teams that played in April event.

**WHAT IS NEEDED/WHEN:** At the team registration dates, the tournament **entry fee of \$350.00 per team is required with the submission of a completed AAU team roster, copies of athlete birth certificates, copy of athlete proof of grade, athlete pvaau waiver form, copy of coaches PCA course certificate or USAB silver or gold license.**

The \$350.00 payment can be made via club check, certified check, or money order. We WILL NOT accept personal checks. All payments should be made payable to "PV AAU Girls Basketball" with your club's name and AAU number noted in the memo section.

**Complete Registration Binder Due Before First DQT Games:** Teams will be required to present complete registration materials binder, as outlined below, upon team check-in before tournament play begins. Team registration material is to include the following (all materials should be organized in a binder to aide in efficiency of the team check-in process). The binders will be returned to the coach after check-in:

- Completed AAU online roster form (Use PlayAAUHoops to create roster)\*
- A copy of each player's birth certificates (no originals)
- A copy of each player's report card or other proof of grade with school or government entity for home schooled players (no originals)
- Any supporting documentation regarding AAU district residency (to include home address on the report card or the address of the school on the report card)
- PCA course completion certificate copy or copy USA Basketball Silver or Gold Coaches License
- PV AAU Waiver form filled out for each player (see following page)

\*Teams should establish an AAU team account and set up their team's rosters to enter AAU sanctioned events by going to this page: <http://application.aausports.org/sbw/default.asp>

or if creating a new roster in the new AAU Play Hoops system please follow the steps outlined in this guide <http://classicsbasketball.d1scout.com/forms/8%20Steps%20Creating%20a%20PlayHoops%20AAU%20Verified%20Roster.pdf>

**PVAU GAMES MAY BE STREAMED, BROADCAST OR RECORDED THIS YEAR. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS ARE AWARE OF THIS.**

## PV AAU - ATHLETE WAIVER/LIABILITY RELEASE FORM ("AGREEMENT")

IN CONSIDERATION of my/ the minor's participation in any way in an Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., inc., activity ("ACTIVITY") I, for myself, the minor, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Activity and that I am/ the minor is qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I/the minor will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own/the minor's actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur/the minor incurs as a result of my/the minor's participation in the Activity.
3. HEREBY RELEASE, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE, AND CONVENANT NOT TO SUE the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. Inc. ("AAU"), the Potomac Valley Association of the AAU and the municipalities in which any such activity is conducted, their parent, related, affiliated and subsidiary companies, as well as the officers, directors, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns of the foregoing entities, and the AAU's Associations, clubs, coaches, officials, administrators, members, volunteers, participants, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, and any other party indemnified and held harmless by the AAU (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES OR DAMAGES ON MY/THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ACTION, INACTION OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES: OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO NEGLIGENCE RESCUE OPERATIONS, NEGLIGENCE SECURITY, TRAVEL, AND RECREATIONAL OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on RELEASEES from any litigation expense, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, through AAU Arbitration or other Arbiter approved by RELEASEES, and subject to the Rules of AAU or the applicable Arbiter, and applicable Florida law.

### Agreement to Participate

I, or we, grant to the Directors, Assistants, or assigned chaperones of the Potomac Valley AAU event to act as guardian/spokesman in granting permission for emergency treatment/hospitalization (including anesthesia) if necessary for the minor in route to or from or at the site of the AAU event or hospital or other medical facility. I understand that should a health emergency arise, such parties will attempt to notify me, but that if I cannot be reached by telephone, such medical treatment as deemed necessary by competent medical personnel is authorized. I hereby authorize the AAU to allow the reproduction, dissemination, and/or publication of my/the minor's name and/or likeness for media coverage, public relations, or any other purpose which may involve the use of photographs, films, and/or video tape recording. This is to be done in conjunction with my/the minor's participation in the AAU event and I understand and agree that I may neither pay a fee to receive individual promotional consideration from my/the minor's participation in the event, nor will I/the minor receive any payment for the possible commercial use of my/the minor's name or likeness. INSURANCE; AAU membership provides excess medical insurance for any member athlete participating in an AAU-sanctioned practice or event. If such athlete has other medical coverage, theirs will be applied first, followed by AAU insurance. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL, RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

PRINTED NAME OR PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE (only if age 18 or over) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR RELEASE: AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY-AS IS, WITHOUT MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION. I HEREBY RELEASE, FOREVER DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ACTION, INACTION AND/OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES: OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF LITIGATION AND/OR ARBITRATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGES, OR COSTS ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if participant is under the age of 18): \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS, please understand that you are certifying that your child is of the correct age and grade. If your child is found to be illegal for this age group, he may lose his rights of membership in the AAU.**

# CHECKLIST FOR TEAM REGISTRATION FOR 2017 PVAU GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## REGISTRATION DATE ITEMS:

1. **ENTRY Declaration:** A standard 8.5x11 sheet size cover page must include:
  - a. **CLUB NAME**
  - b. **TEAM NAME**
  - c. **GRADE**
  - d. **Division I or Division II (for 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grades).**
2. **Roster:** AAU Tournament online roster form with AAU ID number for coaches, bench personnel and players, plus players' uniform numbers. You can use the online feature to generate your roster form online at the AAU website. You may only turn in roster forms with players for only one team and in only one Grade Division per entry packet. Create your AAU online roster starting at: <http://application.aausports.org/sbw/default.asp>
3. **Birth Date Verification:** Copies of birth certificates or other Birth date verification documentation per section 5 of this document and the AAU Girls Handbook (Clear photo copies only. If the document is not clear, it may be deemed invalid and participation in the tournament can be denied)
4. **Proof of Grade and Residency Declarations:** For Proof of Grade and residency declarations, the appropriate paperwork MUST be complete and in the entry packet. Failure to furnish the information when requested by the PV AAU GBC will lead to player disqualification from the tournament.
5. **Coaches Certifications:** A copy of the "Positive Coaches Alliance certification for all bench personnel (up to three) must be present in the team binder or copy of USA Basketball Silver or Gold License. Any bench personnel without proof of certification will not be allowed to sit on the bench during the tournament.
6. **PV AAU Athlete Liability Waiver Form:** Fully completed for each athlete
7. **ENTRY FEE:** \$350.00 payment shall be made in the form of a money order, certified check, or club guaranteed/business check **only**. No personal checks or cash. (NO REFUNDS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORMS.) **PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION TO FINALIZE THE TEAM'S ENTRY. NO TEAM ENTRY IS GUARANTEED WITHOUT PAYMENT!!**

**COMPLETE PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT DATE:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE IN A BINDER THAT WILL BE CHECKED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TOURNAMENT. PLAYER INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETE OR RISK THE DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT

1. **Roster:** AAU Tournament online roster form with AAU ID number for coaches, bench personnel and players, plus players' uniform numbers. You can use the online feature to generate your roster form online at the AAU website. You may turn in roster forms with players for only one team and in only in one Grade Division per entry packet. Create your AAU online roster starting at: <http://application.aausports.org/sbw/default.asp>  
**This is the same roster that was submitted with team registration. Changes/Additions are allowed until the day of the tournament. Once tournament play begins, a team is not allowed to add players to the roster.**
2. **Birth Date Verification:** Copies of birth certificates or other Birth date verification documentation per section 5 of this document and the AAU Girls Handbook (Clear photo copies only. If the document is not clear, it may be deemed invalid and participation in the tournament can be denied)
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### Acceptable forms of age verification are noted below:

- A certified copy of birth record from the State, County or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics in the place of birth (**Hospital Records are not an acceptable form of birth certification**)
- A certified copy of the delayed registration of birth, if the athlete's birth was not recorded on her day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies
- Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. Department of State
- Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25
- Form No. 43-12311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice
- Legal passport
- Driver's License – a driver's license is an acceptable form of ID, but a state Identification Card is not.

**School Grade Verification** - A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school. For Home school students, certification letter from state designated home school authority.

**Your game schedules:** You will receive information about your first game, at the latest by Wednesday during the week before your tournament starts. QUESTIONS EMAIL PKMARTIN – [pkssportss@yahoo.com](mailto:pkssportss@yahoo.com) and ASTADNIK [andy@stadniks.com](mailto:andy@stadniks.com)

# RULES GOVERNING THE 2017 PVA AU GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following rules and criteria are derived from the National AAU Girls Basketball Handbook and are the local PV AAU District implementation of the National AAU rules as they apply within the district.

## 1. AAU Club/Team Eligibility and Registration Deadlines/Requirements for 2017:

**Club , Non-Athlete Adult and Athlete AAU Membership registrations** To be eligible to compete in the PVA AU Girls' Championship Tournament , the team or club (Club hereafter) must be registered before you turn in your entry packet on one of the registration date.

**\*\*Clubs/teams forming "at the last minute" will only be considered for entry by the PV AAU Executive Committee if the Club Primary Contact notifies the PV AAU Governor no later than 6 pm on April 9th of their late registration.**

**2. Player Eligibility:** All athletes must meet player eligibility criteria for their grade division, club, district residency and district affiliation. Each athlete and non-athlete on the submitted team rosters for each Club must also be registered with AAU before a team or club submits their registration packet on one of the registration dates. Coaches/team managers need to advise any individuals on procedures for purchasing AAU memberships and receiving an AAU member registration ID number and use the proper AAU club code for the club/team(s) they are playing for in this AAU sanctioned event.

**3. Grade Divisions:** 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, an athlete may play down provided they meet the established criteria listed in the chart below.

**2ND GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2017.

**3RD GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2017.

**4TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2017.

**5TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2017.

**6TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2017.

**7TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2017.

**8TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2017.

**9TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2017.

**10TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2017.

**11TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2017. For an athlete that is in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2016 wanting to play down, they can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2017.

**12TH GRADE DIVISION:** An athlete must be in the 12th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 19 on August 31, 2017.

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> , 2016	Requested Grade	Birthdate Requirements
12th Grade	11th Grade	born on or after 9/1/1999
11th Grade	10th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2000
10th Grade	9th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2001
9th Grade	8th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2002
8th Grade	7th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2003
7th Grade	6th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2004
6th Grade	5th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2005
5th Grade	4th Grade	born on or after 9/1/2006
4th Grade	3rd Grade	born on or after 9/1/2007
3rd Grade	2nd Grade	born on or after 9/1/2008

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

- College students are eligible for participation in the AAU Girls' Basketball program if they have the permission from their college or university and meet other eligibility criteria. Written permission from the college must be submitted with the entry roster and form at the time of the TOURNAMENT draw.
- All home school students must register with their State Department of Education and belong to an accredited home school organization. The student can get a letter from that organization stating the grade level in which she is currently enrolled. If an athlete has been academically advanced and is a grade level ahead of her age group, she must meet the eligibility rules to play down a grade.
- An athlete may always play in an older grade division but never a younger grade if they do not meet eligibility criteria.
- Additional player eligibility to participate in a particular grade is posted on the AAU website at the following location:  
<http://image.aausports.org/dnn/girlsbasketball/EligibilityRules.pdf>.

**4. District Residency for Potomac Valley:** Players that are in the PV AAU District must reside within the boundaries of the PVAAU Association or meet AAU By-Laws Section 4.3 requirements for other residency considerations regarding declaring District of Residency, and have a current 2017 AAU member registration ID number and Club affiliation. The PVAAU boundaries encompass the District of Columbia, the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges, and the Virginia counties of Arlington, and Fairfax (including the cities within these counties) and the cities of Falls Church and Alexandria.

#### **5. Participation In a Bordering District**

1. An athlete may only participate in her District of residence, where she attends school full time or in a bordering District Qualifying Tournament. She must register in her resident District.
2. A maximum of three (3) athletes from bordering Districts will be allowed on any team at the District, Regional or National level.
3. EXCEPTION: An athlete that resides in a metropolitan area as defined by the NCAA is not considered a cross boundary athlete. The NCAA's Metro Area Rule and Metro Area Maps can be found at the following link -  
<http://www.ncaa.org/enforcement/basketball-certification/metro-area-maps>

**6. Disqualification and sanctions for fielding ineligible team.** A team in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade divisions will be disqualified if there are more than 3 players out of district or if any player resides in a non-neighboring district, such as Mid-Atlantic, unless appropriate documentation is furnished at time of TOURNAMENT registration with the team's entry packet where residency is being declared per the AAU By-Laws Section 4.3 regarding residency for those athletes governed by custodial/guardianship agreements or educational arrangements that allow them to select a district of residency that may not be the district of their physical home address. Appropriate documentation includes copies of custody agreements indicating residency or letter from school and copy of a winter grading period report card within the district of residency indicating the athlete's student status.

NOTE: Players may be registered with multiple AAU clubs for multiple sports (e.g., Athletics, Softball, etc.) **but can only be registered to play with only one AAU Girls Basketball (BW) club in the PV AAU TOURNAMENT.** Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the PV AAU Executive Committee. Only the Sport Director or Governor have the authority to rule on eligibility.

**7. Player Participation:** A player competing in a specific Grade division must remain in the same division within the same AAU Club throughout the tournament. An individual player may play in up to three Grade divisions. Players may play in their Grade division at the D1 or D2 bracket in the PV AAU GBB TOURNAMENT and may play up a Grade Division on up to two other teams from their AAU Club in older Grade division(s) at the D1 or D2 level. A player playing on a D1 team in a Grade Division may not play on a team in the D2 bracket in that same or younger Grade Division. Players may not be added to or change teams from the team(s)' rosters after the start of the tournament.

**8. Tournament Play:** The tournament play will be governed by the AAU 2017 Tournament Format rules and will be pool play followed by a single elimination seeded playoff medal round for all Age Divisions. Game format, quarter lengths, halftimes, etc., are specified in the 2016 Rule book and noted on the rule sheets as posted on the PVAAU Girls Basketball website. The basic format is summarized below:

Grade Division	Warm-Up/Halftime	Playing Time	Overtime
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 minutes	12 minute halves	3 minutes
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 minutes	14 minute halves	3 minutes
7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	5 minutes	16 minute halves	4 minutes

For planning purposes, TOURNAMENT schedulers will use the following game time blocks for scheduling games: 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades - 60 minutes; 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades 75 minutes; 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade – 90 minutes.

**9. Tournament Structure:**

a. **Division 1 and Division 2 Brackets.** In the 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grade divisions, separate D1 and D2 brackets will be held if there are more than 8 teams total per grade with at least 4 D1 and/or 4 D2 teams entered. If there are less than these numbers of teams for the grade, one or two pools may be formed in one single division. This will be determined on the night of the draw once all entry packets are received. **After pool play, a single elimination seeded playoff will be conducted with all teams advancing.**

b. **Playoff Rounds.** All teams D1 and D2 will advance to the seeded single elimination playoff in the medal round. Playoff/Medal round games will only be played out to determine 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place. Medal round seeding will be determined by overall pool play and point differential (using the +/- 15 point per game maximum) in the case of tie.

c. Minimum number of TOURNAMENT games. Each team is expected to play **four (4)** games depending on the total number of teams in a grade division with at least a 3 game minimum guaranteed. The number of games depends on the number of teams in the specific grade division.

**10. National Bids.** Every team playing in the TOURNAMENT will receive either a D1, D2, or D3 bid to the AAU Nationals per 2017 Rulebook criteria.

**11. BENCH RULES:**

a. **Bench Location:** The Home team shall sit to the official scorer's **RIGHT (left when facing the scorer's table from center court)** and take the opposite basket for pre-game warm-up and first-half play. Scorer's tables must be located between the benches and on the same side of the court as the team benches. A team may have on its bench only eligible players in uniform and four non-players who are registered as AAU non-athletes on the team's AAU roster form. Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul. The violator will be removed from the bench. **At least two people age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times.**

b. **Bench Personnel:** Each team roster must have a minimum of 2 bench personnel (coaches), with a maximum of 4, all of which must have current valid AAU numbers and cards. **There must always be two registered bench personnel over 18 present on the bench during games. It is highly recommended each team register 4 bench personnel and all of those persons have completed the PCA course or have a USA Basketball Coach License.**

c. **COACHES' ATTIRE:** All non-uniformed persons on bench shall wear dress shorts, long pants, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play. **Jeans, jeans shorts, sweat pants, mesh shorts, tee shirts, hats and open-toed shoes are not permitted.** Any non-uniformed person on the bench will be removed until properly attired. **Violation of this rule shall result in a two shot technical foul and the violator will be removed from the bench.** Enforcement of coaches' attire will be conducted by the tournament site director if necessary.

**12. UNIFORMS:** The **top** team in the game brackets, or **first** team listed in pool pairings, will be the **HOME** team and **MUST wear light uniforms.**

a. Numbers can be **00-99.** Each player shall be numbered on the front (at least 2" high) and back (at least 4" high) of the shirt with plain Arabic numbers. Sponsor names are permitted so long as placed in fashion that does not obstruct uniform numbers.

b. It is required that all teams bring a light colored jersey and a dark colored jersey to all games.

c. Team shirts shall be of the same solid color front and back. Jerseys must be tucked inside the game pants before reporting to score table.

d. Team shorts shall be alike for all players.

e. Undergarments are considered to be part of the jersey and must be a color similar to the jersey. No logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, lettering or numbering may be used on the undershirt. An illegal undershirt may not be worn.

f. Tights/lycra shorts that extend below the game pants must be similar in color to the pants.

**13. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND COACHES:** Players' and coaches' 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 parents and spectators associated with their team and for any damages incurred to facilities used.

**a. COACH/PLAYER SUSPENSIONS:** 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

**b. EJECTIONS**

1. Any player recorded on the official score sheet as ejected for fighting by the officials will be prohibited from playing in the next 2 scheduled games.

2. If a coach or player is ejected from a game, he/she will be placed on probation for one game.

3. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he/she will sit out the next 2 games.

4. If a coach or player is ejected a third time, he/she will be suspended from the tournament.

**14. Competition Rules**

a. The official rules for grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th are the 2016-2017 National Federation of State High School rules unless otherwise stated in this online handbook.

b. The official rules for grades 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th are the 2016-2017 NCAA Women's Basketball rules unless otherwise stated in this online handbook.

c. Bonus Free Throws: A team is awarded 2 (two) free throws for each foul beginning with the 10th (tenth) team foul of the half. This rule applies to all grade divisions. There is no 1-and-1. d. Player Foul Rule Player Foul Rule for District Qualifying Tournaments, Super Regional Tournaments and National Championships

d. A player will be disqualified on her 5th personal foul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 7th grade divisions.

e. A player will be disqualified on her 6th personal foul in the 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12th grade divisions.

f. Protest: Any protest should be filed prior to the completion of Pool Play. Any Protest filed during the District Qualifiers will be turned over to the PVA AU Girls Basketball Review Committee. Any emergency hearing will be held by a quorum of the Girls Basketball Review Committee. Any protest filed after pool play may not stop the progress of the event and may be settled after the event. Protests WILL be reviewed and if found to be accurate, that team will not be allowed to retain its seeding for the National Championships.

**15. Roster Size:** The maximum roster size is 15. Players who participated for other teams at the tournament may be picked up for the National Championship Tournament by a different team. However, the maximum roster size is still 15 for the National Tournament. See the AAU Girls' Basketball Handbook for details on picking up players for Nationals.

**16. Tournament Seeding:** Pool pairings will be done by a draw held on or after April 10<sup>th</sup> by the PV AAU Executive Committee. Seeding will be done based on last year's PV AAU GBB TOURNAMENT prior age division finishes for the top position in each pool (up to four pools). Other positions in the pool will be by random draw. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade divisions will be a random seeding. Teams from the same Club will not be placed in the same pool unless it is unavoidable (e.g., only two pools, but a club has three teams).

**17. Awards:** Medals will be awarded to athletes from the teams that are the top four finishers in the medal round play in each grade bracket, Division 1 and Division 2.

**18. Scheduling:** Games will be played at various high schools, middle schools, commercial facilities and other appropriate venues in the PVA AU area. No game times or pairings will be altered after the schedules are set by the PV AAU GBC. Game times may be altered if the scheduled gym times are preempted by the school, venue owner, weather or other unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances.

**19. Maintaining standings and results of Tournament on PV GBB website.** All schedules, scores and standings and other tournament results will be posted on the PV GBB website and only on this website. All gym directors, during the tournament, are required to maintain the scores at their facility during the event and email the final results to the PVA AU GBB Sports Director. Gym directors will review the online results and confirm their accuracy to the PV AAU GBB Executive Committee by e-mail within 48 hours of completion of the Grade Division they are hosting.

**20. Notification to PV GBB Committee of teams qualified for Nationals at a Super Regional Tournament (SRT). IMPORTANT FOR ALL CLUBS:** It is very important that all PV AAU Association Clubs make sure their teams notify the Committee members of their qualification for D1 or D2 via SRT participation within 48 hours of the end of the SRT, so that any D1 or D2 bids assigned at the tournament may be referred to the subsequent team in the final tournament standings.