

2010 NC AAU Girl's Basketball Schedule District Championship Series

REGIONALS: (FOR ALL WHO WISH TO ENTER)

AGE GROUP DATE ENTRY DEADLINE	WEST REGION	CENTRAL REGION	EAST REGION
9,10,11,12, Mar 26-28 March 12	Wilkes Diamonds Ronda Elkin, NC 336-244-7972 C pstokes@dorsetts-inc.com	Winston Salem Steelers Mike Darrow Winston Salem, NC 336-225-0868 tourneydirector@wsstealers.org	Garner Flames Talise Morris Raleigh 919-797-7716 talisemorris@yahoo.com
13,14,15,16 Apr 9-11 March 26	WNC Lady Royals Joe Carrington Asheville, NC joecarrington@hotmail.com	Lady Phoenix Tracie Ritch Greensboro, NC 336-2358-2100 DRUDD99@aol.com	Hoop City Heat Rik Seymour Durham 919-272-4314 hoopscityheat@nc.rr.com

STATE FINALS:

AGE GROUP	DATE	LOCATION	HOST
9,15,16	May 15-17	Greensboro	Lady Phoenix Bob Harvey 336-254-6355 rdhs@aol.com
10,11,12	Apr 30 – May 2	Fayetteville	Fayetteville Warriors Kelvin Mills 941-524-2457 Kelvin.mills@us.army.mil Stephanie.fuller1@us.army.mil
13,15,19	Apr-23-25	Asheville, NC	WNC Lady Royals Joe Carrington joecarrington@hotmail.com

A. Rules and Regulations

1. Eligibility:

A. Competition in girl's basketball in North Carolina will be conducted in the following age divisions: 9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 and 19. The District will be divided into three regions: West/Central/East. The regional assignment of pre-existing clubs has been determined. The regional assignment of any new club will be made after all Tournament Entries have been received and the number of teams per age group has been established. Each team **will** compete in its Regional competition **and** the State Finals.

B. Age determination of the competitor per division:

9/u-4th Grade	Born in 2000 or after or in the 4th Grade & born in 1999 or after
10/u-5th Grade	Born in 1999 or after or in the 5th Grade & born in 1998 or after
11/u-6th Grade	Born in 1998 or after or in the 6th Grade & born in 1997 or after
12/u-7th Grade	Born in 1997 or after or in the 7th Grade & born in 1996 or after
13/u-8th Grade	Born in 1996 or after or in the 8th Grade & born in 1995 or after
14/u-9th Grade	Born in 1995 or after or in the 9th Grade & born in 1994 or after
15/u-10th Grade	Born in 1994 or after or in the 10th Grade & born in 1993 or after
16/u-11th Grade	Born in 1993 or after or in the 11th Grade & born in 1992 or after
19/u	Born in 1990 or after

(A **Grade Exception Form** letter as printed online at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org will be required for any athlete who meets the grade exception in her age division.)

All home school students must register with the 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 can appeal for a grade exception. A grade exception form, her birth certificate and a letter from her school (on school stationary) stating that she has been accelerated must be submitted with the roster for approval.

C. A player may participate on up to three teams within the same club if she meets age and residency requirements. (A player may play "up" an age division, but cannot play in a younger age division.) In North Carolina, the club who wishes to list an athlete on multiple rosters **must** declare the **playing** roster for that athlete during a weekend when she will be listed on multiple rosters that play on the same weekend. That is, a 10U athlete may be listed on the 11U and 12U roster for the same weekend, but she **may only play on one team during the weekend**. If the coach violates this rule, the team forfeits any game in which the athlete played and the head coach is suspended for the next game regardless of when it is played in the NC AAU DQT Series. This rule only pertains to athletes playing on the **same weekend**. If an athlete is listed on multiple rosters such as the 13U and 14U, she may play on both weekends when those age divisions do not play at the same time.

D. An athlete may only participate in her District of residence, where she attends school full time or in a bordering District (South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, or Virginia). All non-resident players must register in the resident District. A maximum of three (3) non-North Carolina residents will be allowed per **team** at the District, Regional or National level.

E. Coaches are responsible to see that players meet all eligibility requirements. Use of an ineligible player will result in a forfeiture of all games in which the player participated. The player participates in a game if her name is placed in the official scorebook. Intentional use of an ineligible player could result in expulsion of the team from the tournament, suspension of the player, coach, and sponsoring organization from AAU activity or other penalties as imposed by the NC AAU Girl's Basketball Infractions Committee, with due process.

F. No 7th through 12th grade player, who is a member of her public or private school basketball team, shall be permitted by any NC AAU member club, to attend open gym, tryout, practice, or play for that organization from November 1st or the 1st day of school practice, whichever is earliest, until the last school game is played. (**Exception:** When the scheduled school season for 7th and/or 8th graders **starts** in February and continues during the month of March and early April, tryout, practice and play is permitted provided that the NC AAU organization observes a practice schedule that does not conflict with the school team activity and parental consent is arranged.)

G. All athlete and non-athlete bench personnel must be current members of the AAU: <http://aausports.org/JoinNow.aspx>. The membership fee is \$12.00 or \$14.00 per athlete, \$14.00 or \$16.00 per non-athlete. The Club contact and any other volunteer member who registers will pay the non-athlete fee. North Carolina High School Athletic Association coaches may participate as coaches in AAU events provided they observe all rules that govern NCHSAA members. Please check with your Athletic Director or call the NCHSAA office, if you have any question about these provisions.

2. Competition Rules:

A. The official playing rules of the AAU Girl's Basketball program are the current NCAA Women's Basketball rules unless otherwise stated. It is recommended that all non-athlete personnel obtain this rulebook via the Internet at www.ncaa.com. There is a charge for this book. Any North Carolina coach who is ejected from a game by the officials will sit out (suspension) for the next game available. If in a subsequent game, the same coach again receives two technical fouls, he/she shall be removed from the competition venue and will not be allowed to coach the remainder of the tournament. AAU Girl's Basketball does not recognize protest.

B. A team may have on its bench only the eligible players and 4 non-athlete bench persons listed on the official roster and line-up card. Each team is required to have a scorekeeper with the team. All must be registered members of AAU. A violation of this rule will result in a warning. A **Game Official**, the **Tournament Director** or his **Site Director**, can administer this warning. After the issuance of the warning, the bench will be cleared of all ineligible persons within one minute. If the team fails to comply after one minute, a two shot technical foul will be assessed against the head coach, with like penalties assessed for subsequent violations. (It is permissible for managers, trainers, etc. to operate behind a team bench.)

C. A player will be disqualified on her sixth (6th) personal foul. This is for NCAA Certified Events (including District Qualifying Tournaments, Super Regional Tournaments, Super Showcase Events and National Championships).

D. A maximum of 15 players is allowed on an official roster. Any team listing 15 players on the District level **may not** pick up players on the National level. **A team shall be allowed to pick up a maximum of seven (7) players to the official roster when advancing to a Division I, II or III National Championship as long as they qualify by age, residence and are a member of the AAU. It is not necessary for a player to have been on the roster of any team in their respective**

DQT. No team, after submitting the official roster may drop any player to pick another. Once a team has qualified for a National Championship, that team may choose pick-up players and have those players join the roster to compete in any competition unless her original team is still trying to qualify for a National Championship. ***It is understood that the original team coach will be contacted BEFORE the parents of that player are contacted to determine the intentions of the original team! It is also understood that the original coach should not avoid contact with the new coach in order to prevent his player from being approached by any qualifying team.***

E. **NO RECRUITING OF PLAYERS/ROSTER MOVES** will be allowed after the tournament entry deadline. An athlete cannot leave a team or be contacted by a new team unless the parent contacts the Head Coach of the original team first. The roster submitted for the Regional event is to remain the same through the Finals event that the team qualifies for. An athlete may be pulled from the roster when the Head Coach contacts the NC AAU Office, but no replacement may be made and she cannot be placed on any other roster until such time as the new team has qualified for National AAU play.

F. Playing times and timeouts allowed are as follows:

9/u, 10/u	7-minute quarters	4 full (75 seconds) and 2 (30 second)
11/u, 12/u, 13/u	8-minute quarters	4 full (75 seconds) and 2 (30 second)
14/u, 15/u, 16/u	18-minute halves	3 full (75 seconds) and 2 (30 second)
19/u	20-minute halves	3 full (75 seconds) and 2 (30 second)

Overtime periods are 5 minutes for all age groups (Exception: 9U/10U plays 3 minute overtime periods.)

F. All ages use the 30-second shot clock and observe 6-minute half times. Tournament Directors should observe that the warm-up time before games is no less than 4 minutes and provide an area in which warm-up and stretching time may begin prior to the completion of the preceding scheduled game's finish.

G. During pool play in the case of a three-way-tie, the team with the most points is declared the top team. (There will be a maximum of thirteen (13) points awarded per game.) The team with the next most points is second and the team with the third most points is third. If the second and third place teams are tied then head to head comes into play. In the case of a three or four-way tie with points all even, then the National Rule will apply. (See II.J.5c, page 7 of National Rulebook)

H. A college student, if she meets the other eligibility requirements, may participate in AAU Girl's Basketball; but only if the player submits along with her team's entry, written permission from her college, on college letterhead, and signed by either the head women's basketball coach, the athletic director, or the President of the institution. (The NCAA prohibits NCAA Division I student athletes from participation.)

I. The **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** is responsible for having one individual who is designated as the **CHECK-IN** person. Birth Documents are **not** required for check-in. All teams **must** report to this individual at least **30 minutes** prior to the scheduled game time with all members available for play. The Tournament Director's emergency number is listed on page 1 of this document to call with road problems. **GAME TIME IS GAME TIME.** A forfeit is declared at the end of the 4-minute warm-up period. **NO GAMES WILL BE HELD FOR LATE ARRIVALS.**

J. In the second half of any DQT game when the score is 30 points or greater, the losing coach has the option to ask the game's head official for a running clock, except during shooting fouls and time outs, for the remainder of the game.

3. National Championship Qualifying:

A. There are three ways to qualify for National Championships. A team may qualify in the District Championship (DQT). Any Club that finishes in the top four of any age group at the National Championships of the previous year will receive an automatic bid in the National Championship tournament for the next year. If an automatic bid recipient qualifies from the 2010 District tournament advancement structure, the bid may be used by the club to advance another team from the club in the same age/grade division. If the club does not use the automatic bid in this manner, the bid will revert to the District to be awarded to the next highest place team not otherwise qualified. Also, teams may enter any number of Super Regional events (SRT) to qualify for DI National Championships. However, when the team qualifies through a SRT, the roster must remain the same and the team must participate in its DQT in the same age division it qualified in order to receive the National Championship packet for which it qualified.

B. The following schedule will apply to all District Qualifying Tournaments:

Division I DQT:

1 st Place	Division I
2 nd Place	Division I
3 rd Place	Division I or Division II (team's choice)
4 th Place	Division I or Division II (team's choice)

The remaining teams may choose Division II or Division III

Division II DQT:

1 st Place	Division II
2 nd Place	Division II
3 rd Place	Division II or Division III (team's choice)
4 th Place	Division II or Division III (team's choice)

The remaining teams may advance to Division III

Division III DQT:

1 st Place	Division III
2 nd Place	Division III
3 rd Place	Division III
4 th Place	Division III

All teams advance to Division III

To petition to attend a different National Championship other than that qualified, submit request to specialrequestgirlsbball@aausports.org

The 9/u (Division I and II) and 19/u age divisions are open events. Any team eligible by age, residence and membership may participate in that AAU DI National Championship without participating in a District Qualifying Tournament (DQT). Participating is defined as a registered team that has actually played in its district age-group qualifier. A registered team that forfeits all of its games shall not be counted as a participating team. The 9/u Divisions I District Qualifying Winner must play in the Division I National Championship Tournament.

C. A team that qualifies for the Division I National Championship may also play up an age division in the Division II National Championship.

4. Entry Requirements:

A. In order to enter a team into a 2010 NC AAU District Championship event, a team must properly complete the Tournament Entry process online at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org. The tournament entry fee in the form of certified funds and the tournament entry form and Line-up form must be in the possession of the designated Girl's Basketball Registrar **by the tournament entry deadline**. Arrangements may be made to mail any and all required documents to said registrar by phone, (919)-269-1960.

B. The Tournament Entry process includes completing the online roster form and requires the uploading of the athlete's birth document in one of the following forms:

- I. A photocopy of her **Certificate of Live Birth** from the State, County, or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics at the place of birth.
- II. A photocopy 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.
- III. Consular Service Form FS-240, "**Report of Birth**" issued by the US Department of State.
- IV. Immigration and Naturalization forms I-151 % I-25, & Form 43-R311-7 issued by the US Department of Justice, including a copy of any visa and/or **Passport** papers.

HOSPITAL RECORDS AND MOTHER'S COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Any incorrect information will cause the player to be stricken from the roster without notice to the team, coach, or club contact.

C. The TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE IS \$ 450.00 (\$225.00 for 19/u Division) and is due in the District office with the line-up card by the deadline date. Make the **CERTIFIED CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** payable to:

NC AAU Girl's Basketball
 And mail to Talise Morris, Registrar
 116 Westongate Way
 Cary, NC 27513

NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED

5. Dress Code:

A. All bench personnel, both male and female, must adhere to the dress code by wearing a shirt with a collar, long pants or dress shorts/skirts and closed toe shoes. No head attire may be worn while on the bench. Shorts are permissible provided that the shorts are of a dressy nature (no cut-off jeans) and are no shorter than 4" above the knee. A violation will result in a warning, with a five-minute grace period to allow for a change of clothing during which play will continue. Subsequent violations will result in a two-shot technical foul charged to the head coach. **Tournament Directors** issue warnings and **Game Officials** assess technical fouls.

B. All teams must wear like-colored shirts with minimum 4" numbers on the front and 6" numbers on the back. The numbers can be from 00 to 99. All teams **must** have both a **WHITE** and dark jersey. In the event that two teams have shirts of the same color, the Tournament Director shall direct the **visiting** team to change shirts. If the visiting team does not have an alternate shirt, the use of

practice jerseys with numbers or pennies will be permitted as long as the color is different from the *home team* jersey. But, the burden to change is on the **visiting team**. The visiting team is always the lower seeded team in the pool and the lower half of the bracket. All members of a team must wear the same color shorts.

B. Benefit of Membership:

1. Accident coverage is provided to all registered athletes and non-athletes. This is SECONDARY coverage to any health and accident coverage the registrant has. There may be a deductible per occurrence. An Insurance Coverage Brochure and instructions on how to file an Incident Report are available at www.aausports.org. Tournament Directors have asked to have copy of the form available, if needed.
2. AAU Membership cards should be purchased with your credit card prior to the start of practice at www.aausports.org and are required for the athlete and non-athlete to be included on the online roster form.

C. Tournament Format:

1. **NO PROTEST IS ALLOWED.** If a coach suspects the use of an ineligible player, notice must be given to the Tournament Director immediately, who will contact the Sport Director to investigate and rule on such suspicions. The Sports Manager has checked all **Proof of Age** forms at the roster deadline.
2. The District Regional tournament will be conducted under pool play format, to a single elimination bracket. Teams that do not advance into the Gold Bracket portion will be placed into a Silver Bracket. All teams advance to the State Finals Tournament, but are placed in separate brackets for play towards the Division I, Division II or Division II National Championship events.
3. The District Championship tournament will be played as a single elimination with consolation bracket. All places will be played to determine 1-16 places.
4. Teams, coaches, players, and organizations are subject to sanctions imposed by the NC AAU Girl's Basketball Infractions Committee for misconduct. Sanctions may be appealed to the NC AAU Review Committee and may include fines, suspension, and forfeiture of games, probation, or other appropriate action. Misconduct includes, but is not limited to: fighting, destruction of property, intoxication, or commission of a crime during AAU competition. Sanctions may be imposed for failure to comply with these NC AAU Rules or the AAU Code. Coaches are expected to comply with the NC AAU Girl's Basketball Policy Statement of Coaches Ethics and The AAU Coaches Code of Ethics as currently printed online at www.ncaaugirlsbasketball.org.
5. Any scheduled game in the NC AAU Girl's Basketball Championship Tournament will be played to its completion in all age groups. Any intentional forfeit of a game or portion of a game will be subject to a penalty of forfeiture of the National Championship Bid and monetary fine of \$250.00 and the coach of the offending team will be suspended for the next game of an AAU Sanctioned event regardless of time between that game and the forfeit. This rule applies to North Carolina club teams that compete in the District Championships, an AAU-Sanctioned Invitational, Super Regional Tournament, or any AAU National Championship Tournament. In the event that a North Carolina club or team forfeits a game in any AAU-Sanctioned event, the District Chair may additionally require the forfeiting club or team to post a performance bond of \$250 with the NC AAU prior to any further competition by that club or team in any NC AAU event. The club, team, and/or coach shall also be subject to sanctions including probation, fines, suspension, expulsion, or other appropriate action as dictated by the circumstances of the forfeit, with due process.

6. If a spectator is considered unruly and out-of-control during the playing of any game to such a degree that he/she is a danger to the tournament officials, the local tournament workers or others around him/her, then the tournament director will have that spectator ejected from the premises. The corresponding athlete of the team for whom the spectator was cheering will also be ejected for the remainder of the game without future penalty. If no athlete is identified, then the Tournament Director may have the entire team forfeit the game.

D.. Tournament Deadlines: Line-up cards and fees:

1. **No roster or line-up card changes will be allowed after the Regional tournament deadline. No roster changes will be allowed between the Regional tournament and the State Finals tournament.**

2. TOURNAMENT ENTRY DEADLINES:

9,10,11,12,	March 12, 2010
13,14,15,16	March 26, 2010
19	April 9, 2010

The roster form, AAU cards and Birth Documents **must** all be available for review online or received by mail by the tournament entry date. The Tournament entry form and certified funds **must** be in the hands of the District Registrar by the deadline. The schedule will be posted on the Monday evening after the tournament entry deadline at www.ncaaugirlsbasketball.org.

These dates are final! Any club membership received will not be refunded due to non-compliance of tournament requirements.

F. General Information:

1. If you have questions about your birth certificates, entry forms, tournament deadlines, or other specific items, call Talise Morris, (919)-269-1960.

2. If you fail to complete the forms properly, or prepare all of the online information on time, the Girl's Basketball Registrar will reject your entry.

3. The NC AAU Girl's Basketball Committee Annual Meeting will be held August 8, 2010. Notice of time and location will be sent to those clubs who are registered in the 2010 year and have at least 5 members.

2010 Entry Check List

1. **Official Team Entry Form and Line-up Card.**
2. **Certified Check or money order for \$450.00 made payable to NC AAU Girl's Basketball.** (\$225.00 for Open teams) Put the team or club name and age group on the check.

All other information including the AAU card, Club membership and Certificates of Live Birth will be made available online at www.aausports.org for review. An entry will be rejected if the proper documents are not available by the entry deadline.

EXPRESS MAIL BOTH TO ARRIVE BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE DATE TO:

**NC AAU Girl's Basketball
Talise Morris, Registrar
116 Westongate Way
Cary, NC 27513**

NO FEDEX OR UPS.

DO NOT REQUIRE A SIGNATURE FOR ANY ENVELOPES SENT.

NO FAXED ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION