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2009 Maryland AAU Girls' Basketball District Tournament Information

Junior Division Age Groups: 8 & U, 9 & U, 10 & U, 11 & U, 12 & U, 13 & U,

Tournament dates: April 24, 25, 26, Finals May 1, 2, & 3

Tournament Format: Pool Play with top 2 teams in each pool advancing to Division I District Championship Double Elimination Bracket Play tournament. All other teams will be placed into the Division II Single Elimination Bracket Play tournament.

Entry deadline for all materials is April 1, 2009

Senior Division Age Groups: 14 & U, 15 & U, 16 & U (or in the 11th grade born 1992 or after), Open (Born 1989 or after)

Tournament dates: May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10, Finals May 15, 16, & 17

Tournament Format: Pool Play with all teams in each pool advancing to District Championship Single Elimination Bracket Play tournament (based on win/ loss record in pool play).

Entry deadline for all materials is April 1, 2009

Effective December 2005: ALL Teams entering the District Qualifier Tournament shall declare with their tournament entry package **if they are** competing to advance to the National Championship. **Failure to declare will automatically place them in a non competitive status** and if you place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the District Qualifier and are in the non competitive status you **will not** be provided an invitation to the National Tournament. If your team successfully advances and **DOES NOT** attend the National Championship Tournament a penalty will be assessed to your club in 2010.

THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS REQUIREMENT!!!!

ENTRY FEES: Are as follows: **Junior Division Age Groups:** 8 & U, 9 & U, 10 & U, 11 & U, 12 & U, 13 & U = \$500.00 per team . **Senior Division Age Groups:** 14 & U, 15 & U, Junior eligible (16 & U + 17 & U w/ 1 year High School eligibility, Open = \$525.00 per team. **There** is a **\$100.00 refundable forfeit fee for each team** entered into the tournament this year. **For example,** if you enter 1 team your cost would be \$500.00 + \$100.00 for a total of **\$ 600.00** or \$525.00 + \$100.00 = **\$625.00**. If a team forfeits no games in pool, bracket or the shootout tournament play, then the \$100.00 fee is refunded. **If a team forfeits 1 game they lose \$100.00.** If they forfeit a second time they are expelled from the tournament!

All entry fees along with a completed roster, Code of Conduct Signature Form (Signed by all coaches, athletes and parents or guardians of athletes listed on the roster), Grade Exception Forms, and a Declaration of Intent to Compete for National Championship must be received by the entry deadline date. The “entire” package must be complete or the team will not be entered into the tournament. NO

EXCEPTIONS! Send 2 checks one check for the entry fee(s) and one check for the forfeit fee(s). On the forfeit fee check attach designate to whom and where the check is to be returned. If no games are forfeited then the original check will be returned if a game is forfeited the check will be deposited and we will refund the balance. Make the Club bank check, cashiers check or money order payable to "Maryland AAU Girls' Basketball". Send to Phil Holloway 1709 Prairie Court, Severn, MD, 21144-1621. **DO NOT MAKE THE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ME OR PLACE MY NAME ON THE CHECK!!!** Also enclose 1 addressed envelope with the name, address & zip code of the person(s) to receive the forfeit fee check. All coach passes (maximum of 4 per team) will be sent to the Head Coach whose name appears on the official roster.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY: In order to compete in the District Tournament, the *minimum club registration* is \$30 and *all team members* must meet player eligibility criteria. **Every team member and coach must become members of the AAU;** membership *is \$12.00 or \$14.00 per player and \$14.00 or \$16.00 per coach*. You can register your club, players and coaches on line at www.aausports.org. You will forfeit any game that you attend without your AAU cards to present. **High school coaches should check the MPSSAA regulations on coaching their own players' off-season.** The \$14.00 player card and \$16.00 coaches card gives you the benefit of having your AAU insurance covering you at all tournaments. The whole team must get the coverage or is not accepted. I recommend this added benefit if you are playing in other tournaments.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: Each player must reside within the boundaries of the Maryland District (Prince George's and Montgomery Counties are *NOT* in the Maryland District) and have an AAU membership **A team may have a maximum of three (3) players from bordering Districts play on their team in the MD District Qualifying Tournament;** *permission is not required from either District. However the non-resident player must register in her HOME District.* Athletes may only play for one team in the District tournament. College students are eligible for participation in the tournament if permission has been granted by the player's college. Clearance from the player's school must be in writing and accompany the team entry form. NCAA Div. I and Div. II student athletes are prohibited from participating by the NCAA. **PLAYERS WHO ARE NOT THE REQUIRED AGE MUST SUBMIT 2009 GRADE EXCEPTION FORM WITH THEIR TEAM ENTRY PACKAGE.**

AGE DETERMINING DATE: The player's age as of January 1st at 12:00 A.M. of the previous year (2008) determines the age group in which she can compete. The full age determination rules along with an automated calculator are available @ www.aaugirlsbasketball.org . Any player competing in a specific age division must remain in the same age division throughout the District and National events.

TEAM COMPOSITION: A *maximum* of 15 players are allowed on a team. A team must have a minimum of 5 players to compete in the tournament. **A Team can add or delete players to their roster up until the entry deadline.** A team that qualifies for the National Tournament with less than 12 players may add up to 3 additional players; provided these players qualify by age, residence and are a member of the AAU (It is not necessary for these players to have participated in the MD District Qualifier); making a maximum of 15 players. A team with more than 12 players at the MD District level

may only pick up enough players to get to 15 (i.e. 13-2, 14-1). No players can be dropped to pick up someone else for the National Tournament.

BIRTH RECORDS: AAU regulations require copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, or Immigration papers for each player to be available upon request. **Do not send me your birth certificates,** but have them with you at all games because we are using the challenge system. If a coach or tournament director challenges a player's birth date, proof of age must be available at the time of the challenge or the player will not be allowed to participate until the proofs of age papers are produced.

New MD District Rule adopted Feb 2007: Every HEAD COACH shall have in their possession at each game for every athlete listed on the team an AAU membership card signed by the athlete and parent or legal guardian, a current photograph of the athlete and a copy of the birth certificate for the athlete. All required documents shall be permanently laminated w/ the front side showing the AAU membership number and name, a copy of the back side of the AAU card w/ signatures, and the current photograph. The reverse side shall have a copy of the birth certificate for the athlete whose AAU card and photo are on the front. Failure to produce the required documents will require the athlete to be removed from the bench until such time the documents are provided and reviewed by the Tournament Director or their designee. (See sample provided in package.) A Completed and signed Grade Exception Form for each athlete that is playing by the Grade determination rule must be available along with the cited documents.

TOURNAMENT PLAY: Junior Division - A pool play format will be used; with the top two teams of each pool entering a double elimination Division I championship bracket. In a pool of 4, each team will be guaranteed to play 3 games, in a pool of 3 teams, each team will be guaranteed 2 games. A Single Elimination Division II Tournament will be held for teams that do not advance if sufficient numbers of teams permit based on numbers of entrants into each age group

Senior Division - A pool play format will be used, with all teams in each pool advancing to a single elimination championship bracket. The number of teams in each pool will be determined by the number of teams entered by each age group. Anticipate a guarantee of 3 games per pool possibly up to 6 **NCAA Women's Basketball rules will be used.** These rules employ the 28.5" smaller size ball

8 & under - 6 minute quarters stop time. No press if a team is by 15 or more points

9 & under and 10 & under - 14 minute halves, stopped clock in pool and bracket play.

11, 12, 13 & under - 16 minute *halves*, stopped clock.

14, 15, 16 & under, Open - 18 minute halves, stopped clock.

A 30-second shot clock will be used at all times.

Slaughter rule will be used when the score difference reaches 30 points, which means the clock will run until the last minute of each period. All games will have 10 minute warm up time and 6 minute half time. All games will have 4-minute overtime.

CONFLICTS: Games will be played at the sites indicated on the first page. There will be Friday night and weekend games scheduled on the basis of facilities available. (Thursday night games will only be played if it is absolutely necessary.) The girls play many spring sports and conflicts will arise. **Be aware that the tournament is played during prom season.** Once the schedules are set, **NO** changes will be made, except for a facility change.

SEEDINGS: Pairings will be done by a draw. Information regarding tournament pairings and pools will be posted at www.mdaaugirlsbasketball.org, no later than 7 days before the first game. Four teams will be seeded from the previous year's tournament.

2009 SEEDED TEAMS:

Age	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Copper
10 & Under	<i>Balto. Cougars</i>	<i>Balto. Ravens</i>	<i>MYBA Wildcats</i>	<i>Sure Shots</i>
11 & Under	<i>Sure Shots</i>	<i>Sam Cassel Stars</i>	<i>MD Elite</i>	<i>Grizzlies</i>
12 & Under	<i>Balto. Cougars</i>	<i>Sure Shots</i>	<i>OM Lady Tigers</i>	<i>Grizzlies</i>
13 & Under	<i>Balto Ravens</i>	<i>Grizzlies</i>	<i>MYBA Wildcats</i>	<i>MD Elite</i>
14 & Under	<i>Shooting Stars</i>	<i>Balto. Starz</i>	<i>Sure Shots</i>	<i>MD Storm</i>
15 & Under	<i>Sure Shots</i>	<i>OM Lady Tigers</i>	<i>MD Comets</i>	<i>MYBA Wildcats</i>
16 & Under	<i>Lady Lions</i>	<i>MYBA Wildcats</i>	<i>MD Comets</i>	<i>Lady Clippers</i>
Open	<i>Balto. Cougars</i>	<i>Baltimore's Charm</i>	<i>Sure Shots</i>	<i>Shooting Stars</i>

Division I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: The District champion will represent the Maryland AAU District at the Division I National Championships. In the event that the first place team wishes to relinquish its right to play in the National Championships, this team must notify the National Chairman in writing in order that the second place team may be eligible. Dates and locations of National Championships may be found at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org under tournaments tab.

ADVANCING TO NATIONALS: Teams will advance to the Division I National Tournament from each District based on the following participation levels in each age group

11 & U, 12 & U, 13 & U, 14 & U, 15 & U, Junior (16\ 17) = 3 - 9 teams, 1 team goes to Nationals; 10 - 17 teams, 2 teams go to Nationals; 18 - 35 teams, 3 teams go to Nationals; more than 36 teams, 4 teams can go to Nationals. In the 9 & U, 10 & U, the first four teams may advance to the Nationals. The 8 & U, Open Division is an open tournament.

Division II NATIONAL Championships: Teams that finish in 1st or 2nd place in the D-II Single Elimination Tournament and teams that are awarded Bronze or Copper medals in the Division I National tournament (Bracket Play) and do not qualify for the D- I nationals because of insufficient numbers of teams will automatically advance to the Division II Tournament in their respective age division or they may elect to participate in an older D-II age division tournament.

Dates and locations of Division II National Championships may be found at www.aaugirlsbasketball.org

JUNIOR OLYMPIC TEAM – The Junior Olympic team will be selected by the MD District Girls' Basketball selection committee appointed by the District Sports Manager to represent the Maryland District at the Junior Olympic games. **Players are eligible to be picked for the team even if they did not play in the District Qualifier.**

CONDUCT: *The conduct of all persons involved in the tournament, including players, coaches, and managers should be above reproach both on and off the court. Teams may be disqualified for misconduct and use of profane language. Coaches are responsible for their players and for any damages incurred to the facility by their players.*

If a player is ejected from an AAU tournament game, she will not be allowed to play in the next scheduled AAU tournament game. A player ejected twice will not play again.

AWARDS: District Championship medals will be awarded to all players on the teams that place first, second, third and fourth in each age division. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place teams Division II Championship.

DEADLINES: *Entries must be received by the entry deadline date. No entries will be accepted after this date. Allow ample time for United States Postal Service delivery, which are normally 3 working days*

UNIFORMS: *Each team participating in the MD District Qualifier Tournament shall have two different color team jerseys. One jersey shall be white. The home team must wear their white uniform jersey.*

TEAM NAMES: *The term "All Stars" may not be used in team names.*

ROSTERS: *Included in this packet is a team roster sheet and Code of Conduct Signature Form. The Roster Form and Signature form are available in an MS Excel Format or Adobe fillable pdf format. The pdf. roster must be done on line in order to be returned electronically. Completed Signature Forms may be scanned and emailed be certain to place the team name and age on the form. It is imperative that the roster is returned along with the tournament entry fee and all other required information by the entry deadline date.*

TOURNAMENTS: AAU Sanctioned Girls' Tournaments can be found on the AAU Girls' website at www.aagirlsbasketball.org .

WEB PAGES: The MD Girls' Basketball program will post information and updates at the following web page address www.mdaagirlsbasketball.org. You may email me from this site and it will come directly to my home. The www.mdaagirlsbasketball.org site is where I'll be posting all of the info regarding the Tournament and will also be using this for site for documents that you can down load.

The Maryland AAU has a web page www.mdaau.com and the National AAU has a web page at www.aausports.org . The National AAU Girls' webpage is www.aagirlsbasketball.org .

2008 Membership Card

Club Expires

Date of Birth

Last Name, First Name

Address

City State Zip Code

I agree to be bound by the AAU Code as well as AAU operating procedures and policies.....

NOTE: Parent/ Guardian signature required if under 18years old

Members Sign

Parents Guardian Sign

Place Recent Photo of Athlete Here

SAMPLE

Front

Rear

Laminate front and rear together! These 2 sheets must be permanently sealed!

**PLACE
COPY OF
ATHLETE'S
BIRTH CERTIFICATE
ON THIS
SIDE OF SHEET**

Declaration of Intent to Participate in the Maryland District Qualifier

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE _____ GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE MARYLAND DISTRICT QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A BID THROUGH COMPETITION TO THE AAU NATIONAL DIVISION I OR DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP. BY CHECKING THE BOX PLAN TO COMPETE FOR A NATIONAL BID, I _____, AS HEAD COACH, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM COMMITTING MY TEAM TO REPRESENT THE MARYLAND DISTRICT IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING A THROUGH THE MARYLAND DISTRICT QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FAILURE TO FULFILL THE OBLIGATION OF REPRESENTING THE MARYLAND DISTRICT AT THE AAU NATIONAL DIVISION I OR II TOURNAMENT WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF THE SEEDED POSITION TO MY TEAM OR CLUB IN THE 2010 MARYLAND DISTRICT QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT (TEAMS IN THE 16 & UNDER TOURNAMENT ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE FORFEITURE OF SEEDED POSITION STATEMENT.)

Signed by _____

Date _____

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" Code of Conduct " Signature Form

TEAM NAME _____ **** For a complete team entry **** **AGE** _____

The coaches, bench personnel, players and parents **MUST** read the "Code of Conduct"
 (Which is page 3 of the Roster Form) *All Coaches & bench personnel must adhere to the AAU Girls' Basketball 'Coaches Code Of Ethics'*
 and **ALL** coaches, bench personnel, players and parents **MUST** sign this form.

Head Coach Signature-	
Asst. Coach Signature-	
Bench Personnel Signature-	
Bench Personnel Signature-	
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MARYLAND AAU DISTRICT GIRLS' BASKETBALL
COACHES, PARENTS AND PLAYERS
CODE OF CONDUCT

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I. PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

The Maryland AAU District Girl's Basketball Committee recognizes the positive effect of participation in athletic activities; however, the need exists to state a uniform code of conduct for all participants(i.e. coaches, players, bench personal) in the Maryland AAU District Girl's basketball program. The purpose of this code is to assist players, coaches and parents in making positive decisions when participating and/or attending a sanctioned Maryland AAU District contest and/or event.

It is a privilege to participate in and/or attend a Maryland AAU District Girl's Basketball event. Spectators, players, and coaches are expected to exhibit pride in themselves and the Clubs they represent. They are expected to exemplify standards consistent with good citizenship as well as good sportsmanship.

Please read these rules and guidelines carefully. Signature(s) of all the coaches, players and parents on the official roster, as well as the Club Contact on the Club Membership and any guest who attend the contest with you, understand the guidelines and will abide by them. It is also understood that helping to maintain proper control over any spectator who is associated with any club or team is the responsibility of the Head Coach and also their Maryland District Club Contact.

II. RULES

Each player, coach and/or parent must comply with the following rules:

- A. Each player, parent and coach must have a signed "Code of Conduct" form on file before participating in any contest.
- B. Each player, coach and/or spectator will conduct themselves as ladies or gentlemen at all times.

The following types of behavior will not be tolerated:

- 1. Yelling at referees, coaches, players, game workers or spectators in a degrading or disrespectful manner.
- 2. Throwing any objects on the floor.
- 3. Entering the playing floor at anytime before, during or after any contest unless instructed to do so by game or tournament officials.
- 4. Conduct that in any way will disrupt the continuation of any contest.
- 5. Confrontation of game officials at anytime on tournament grounds. This includes the parking lot.

II Part A Penalties for Violations

- A. Violations of any of the before-mentioned rules may result in any or all of the following consequences:
 - 1. Requested removal from contest and gymnasium.
 - 2. One game suspension from participating in or attending AAU contest.
 - 3. Multiple game suspension from participating in or attending AAU contests.
 - 4. Removal of player from team and/or total ban from attending any AAU contest for player, coach and/or spectator.
 - 5. Tournament hosts have been instructed to contact local Law Enforcement Agency's to help enforce any penalties that may result from violations.

II Part B Rule Enforcement

- A. The Maryland AAU Districts Girls Basketball Executive Committee have final approval over **any** consequence.
- B. The Maryland AAU Districts Girls Basketball Executive Committee reserve the right to use whatever means is necessary to enforce the before mentioned rules and consequences.