

# **GEORGIA DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION**

## **GEORGIA BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDING RULES AND BYLAWS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This handbook was produced for the purpose of providing guidance to clubs, coaches, athletes, parents, officials, and volunteer participants in the Georgia AAU Boys' Basketball Program. The Georgia AAU Boys' Basketball Program is a District Sport Program as defined in Article 405.6.2 of the AAU Code. In Georgia, the program is organized and administered by the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee.

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**GEORGIA DISTRICT OF AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION (AAU)  
BY LAWS & STANDING RULES OF GEORGIA BOYS BASKETBALL**

ARTICLE I. Name, Affiliation, Objective, Territory, Jurisdiction, Indemnification

- A. **Name** - The name of the organization shall be the **Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee, Inc.**
- B. **Affiliation** - The organization shall be a direct part of the National AAU Sports Program and Georgia District AAU, and shall be in compliance with the AAU Code (rules and regulations of those organizations).
- C. **Objective** - The Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee shall be a volunteer organization which will promote the sport of basketball for boys.
- D. **Territory** - The territory of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee shall be the State of Georgia.
- E. **Jurisdiction** - The Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee has jurisdiction over all AAU Boys' basketball activity in its assigned territory or representing its assigned territory. This shall include all clubs, teams, athletes, coaches, and volunteers who participate in AAU Georgia Boys' Basketball.

ARTICLE II. Membership

- A. **Members** - The membership of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee shall consist of approved clubs:
  - 1. **Group** - Approved clubs are organizations promoting amateur boys' basketball, who are in good standing with the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee, the Georgia District AAU, and the National AAU Boys' Basketball Committee.
  - 2. **Individual** - Individual members consists of individuals who are registered as a club who is in good standing with the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee, the Georgia District AAU, and the National AAU Boys' Basketball Committee.
- B. **Qualification and application** - Membership is opened to any club upon the completion of membership application and payment of the annual membership fee. Acceptance binds the club to the AAU Code, rules and regulations of the Georgia District AAU, and the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee.

- C. **Voting** - Each registered basketball club (club must have five (5) members) has one (1) vote at the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee meetings. **No voting by proxy.**
- D. **Violations** - Subject to provisions of the AAU Code—any violations of the AAU Code, Georgia District AAU, the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee Standing Rules and Bylaws by a coach, athlete, volunteer, or official renders such member liable to suspension or expulsion.

### ARTICLE III Executive Board

The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee. in accordance with rules and regulations of the AAU Sports Program, the National AAU Boys' Basketball Committee, and the Georgia District AAU.

**A. Sports Director** - The Executive authority on behalf of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee, rests in the Sports Director, who is elected every four (4) years by club members. In addition, the Sports Director appoints an Executive Committee for the purpose of assisting him in administration, promotion and welfare of the sport. The Sports Director is authorized to conduct and run the affairs of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee consistent with rules and regulations of the National AAU Boys' Basketball Committee and the Georgia District AAU. The Sports Director may issue operating procedures and general information related to the Georgia Boys' Basketball Program. The Sports Director must exercise his best reasonable judgment and discretion to insure fairness to all clubs.

**B. District Sport Chair Election Policy** - The Sport Director elections will be held at the Annual meeting. The date for this meeting will be determined by the District Executive Committee.

**1. Election Policy**

a. Qualifications-

- i. Candidates for District Sport Director must be a current member of the District Sport Committee.
- ii. Must be the primary contact for a club that is eligible to be on the Board of Managers (must have 5 or more members registered to the club)
- iii. Must have a current AAU individual membership

b. Nominations

- i. Club Representatives and the current District Sport Director can nominate.
- ii. Notice of District Sports Director Elections is sent 60 days before the election held at the District Sports Committee's annual meeting. The

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- iii. District Secretary sends the 'Notice of Elections' and the 'Application for Office Form'. The notice and application are sent to the Club Representatives and the Current District Sport Director.
- iv. Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the Sport Committee Annual Meeting.
- v. Items that must be included with nominations: Application for office, written acceptance by the candidate, brief biography stating candidates qualifications, and current club and individual membership information must be listed on the application
- vi. Incomplete nominations will be rejected and the candidate is not eligible to run for office.
- vii. Nominations shall be sent to the Nominations and Elections Chair. A copy must also be sent to the District Secretary and the District Sport Director.
- viii. Nominations and Election Chair, District Secretary and the District Sport Director shall verify who is eligible to run for office.
- ix. Majority wins
- c. Announcement of Candidates
  - i. The District Sport Director shall announce the candidates for office and shall have copies of candidates biographies and nominations form available for all members of the District Sport Committee at the meeting.
- d. Quorum
  - i. If there is no quorum ( 5 clubs with five registered members), then no election is held. In this case the Governor shall appoint the Sport Director. If there is a Quorum then the election shall proceed.
- e. Voting Supervisor
  - i. Members present shall elect a Voting Supervisor by Majority Vote. Two other individuals will be elected to count the ballots under the supervision of the Voting Supervisor.
- f. Speeches
  - i. Each candidate will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to speak.
  - ii. Order of Speeches will be determined by draw
  - iii. Draw shall be conducted by the Voting Supervisor.
- g. Ballot
  - i. Elections will be conducted by written ballot.
  - ii. District Sports Director shall prepare written ballots.
  - iii. If there is only one candidate, the vote may be taken by voice vote.
  - iv. Sports committee operating rules shall determine the procedure for distribution of ballot
  - v. District Sports Director shall prepare run-off ballots
  - vi. Run-off ballots must be a different color

- vii. All ballots will be sealed, forwarded and stored with the District Secretary, or at a place that the District Secretary designates, for a period of one year.
- h. Run-off
  - i. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, a run-off ballot will be held until a candidate receives a majority of votes.
  - ii. The candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the ballot.
  - iii. Announcement of run-off candidates and ballots will be given out simultaneously.

**B. New Sports Director** - If a new Sports Director is elected, he shall immediately become active with the outgoing Sports Director to facilitate a smooth transition. The outgoing Sports Director may attend any National Convention and/or National Championship(s) Tournament (s) prior to the expiration of his term of office. The outgoing Sports Director will be reimbursed from the Georgia AAU Boys Basketball Sports Fund in an amount equal to that paid by the District for other delegates to convention.

#### ARTICLE IV. Meetings

- A. **Annual and Winter** - The meeting date and time shall be determined by the Governor of the Georgia District AAU. The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of electing the Sports Director, receiving annual reports, and conducting other business that may arise. The winter meeting shall be for the purpose of setting tournament dates, receiving reports and other business that may arise.
- B. **Quorum** - At all meeting of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee a quorum shall consist of a least five (5) clubs in good standing
- C. **Rules** - The rules as contained in Robert Rules of Order shall govern Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee meeting, except in all cases where they are inconsistent with the AAU Code/the Georgia District AAU/Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee. Inc.
- D. **Proposed Amendments** - A proposed amendment to the Bylaws and Standing rules of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Program may be adopted only upon the affirmative vote of not fewer than two thirds of the clubs in good standing voting at the annual meeting. The proposed amendment must be properly submitted and reported to the Sports Director sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. In order to be considered for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V. Eligibility

Eligibility to participate in the Georgia Boys' Basketball AAU Program shall be in compliance with all rules on AAU Boys' Basketball eligibility. All athletes must be current members of the AAU and must have appropriate proof of age as defined by the National AAU Boys' Basketball Committee.

A. **Eligibility** - To administered at all AAU sanctioned competition.

ARTICLE VI. Competition Rules

All tournaments(state qualifier/invitational) shall be conducted in accordance with all rules/regulations as established by the National AAU Boys Basketball Committee. Rules of play shall be the National Federation of State High Schools, and the NCAA (for senior boys). In all cases where there is disagreement, the rules of the National AAU Boys' Basketball Committee shall prevail.

ARTICLE VII. District Championship/National Championship Qualifying Procedures

District Championships shall be conducted in every age division.

A. **Age Division** - Competition in Boys' Basketball shall be in the following age divisions:

8U/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	9U/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	10U/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11U/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12U/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13U/7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	14U/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15U/9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
16U/10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Junior Boys	Senior Boys	

**B. Age Determining Date/Grade Exception Rule**

**September (1)** shall be the determining date for the age of the competitor for all District and National Championship Events. Eligibility to participate is based first on the age determining date. The grade of the athlete is not a consideration if the athlete meets the age determining date. An athlete who does not meet the age determining date may qualify under the grade exception rule. In the 8U/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade through the 14U/8<sup>th</sup> Grade division, each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) grade exception athletes. There is no limit on the number of grade exception athletes in the 15U/9<sup>th</sup> Grade division through the Senior Boys' division.

**Senior Boys** - No later than the summer following high school graduation of prep school graduation.

**Cross Boundary Athletes** - There shall be a maximum of three (3) cross boundary athletes on a roster at any time. This rule applies to all age divisions, Cross boundary athletes must be declared on an original district roster.

**Grade Confirmation** - Player participating under the grade eligibility exception must present a birth certificate and confirmation of grade level from the school administrator. Note: Grade level is determined by players grade on March 1.

**C. Playing Rules**

1. **8U/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade through the Junior Boys' Division** - the playing rules shall be the National Federation of State High School Association rules for the current year except when modified by the National AAU Boys' Basketball.

1. **Senior Boys' Division** - At the Senior Boys' State Basketball Championship the NCAA Men's Basketball rules will be used, except where modified by the Georgia Boys' Basketball committee. In some AAU sanctioned events for the Senior Boys' Division, the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee may elect to use National Federation of High School Association rules or NCAA rules with or without the shot clock.

2. **Basketball Size** - The "Undersized" basketball shall be used for all 8U/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade through 12U/6<sup>th</sup> Grade age division competitions. Circumference shall be 28.5.

3. **Playing Time**

DIVISION	QUARTERS/HALVES	OVERTIME PERIOD
8u/2 <sup>ND</sup> Grade	6 Minute Quarters	3 Minutes
9U/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	6 Minute Quarters	3 Minutes
10U/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 Minute Quarters	3 Minutes
11U/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 Minute Quarters	3 Minutes
12U/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 Minute Quarters	3 Minutes
13U/7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	4 Minutes
14U/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	4 Minutes
15U/9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	4 Minutes
16U/10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minute Quarters	4 Minutes
Junior Boys	8 Minute Quarters	4 Minutes
Senior Boys	20 minute Halves or 8 Minute Quarters	5/4 Minutes

**Minimum pre-game warm-up:** (8) Minutes/Halftime shall be (5) minutes. **Game Time:** The game time will also be the forfeit time. **10 Minute grace period.** **Running Clock:** If in any age division at a District Championship or sanctioned Tournament. The lead at the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is thirty (30) points, then a running clock will be implemented. If the lead drops below thirty (30) points, a regular clock will be implemented until the required margin is reached again

- D. **District Roster Size** - A maximum of fifteen (15) players are allowed on a team roster. All players listed on the official District roster must be registered AAU athletes.
- E. **Bench Decorum** - Players' jerseys must have numbers on both the front and back. Numbers can be 00-99. Minimum size of the numbers shall be 2" on the front and 4" on the back. uniforms: home wears White and visitor wears Dark..
- F. **Bench Personnel** - (a) A team may have on its bench only the eligible persons listed on its Official roster, including four (4) non-players (coaches, ball boys, scorekeepers, and etc). Only eligible players may wear uniforms on the bench. (b) At least one (1) person age 18 or older must be on the bench at all times. If as the result of a removal, illness, etc., no roster member of the minimum age 18 is available, tournament administrators shall select a person of suitable age to supervise the bench

#### ARTICLE VIII. District Championship/State Tournament Site Selection

- A. **Tournament Bids** - Bids for tournaments shall be submitted to the Sports Director at least sixty (60) days prior to the winter meeting. Based on these bids, the sites shall be selected by the Executive Board prior to the winter meeting. If no bids are received, then the site's selection will be determined by the Executive Board.
- B. **Eligibility to Bid** -
1. A tournament bid fee for state tournament is \$300.00 per age group. If the bid is rejected, the fee is refunded.
  2. No club shall be allowed to host a state tournament unless said club has entered a team in competition in boys' basketball district tournaments for the past two (2) years.
  3. No club shall be allowed to host a state tournament if said club host tournaments of any rival or competing organization.
  4. Only active Georgia District AAU clubs may submit bids to host state tournaments.
  5. The club must agree to abide by and enforce all rules and regulations of the Georgia District AAU/Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee/and the National Boys' Basketball Committee.
- If no basketball Club meets the criteria for administering a state tournament. The Georgia Boys' BASKETBALL Committee through the Executive Board will administer The State Tournament. The decision of the Executive Board is final.**
- C. **Requirement of the Executive Board** - The Executive Board shall do the following:
1. Receive all entries and entry fees.
  2. Provide brackets and seeding in accordance with District rules.
  3. Assign and pay floor officials/provided trophies/t-shirts/medals.
  4. Forward necessary tournament results to the National Boys' Basketball Committee.

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**D. Requirement of the Host Club** - The Host Club shall do the following:

1. Collect tournament admission/provide concession stand---with Host Club receiving 100% of the revenue. Admission charges must be approved by the Sports Director.
2. Assign security, scorers and clock operators.
3. Keep gym clean, safe, and secure at all times.
4. Name a tournament director.
5. Provide dressing facilities/water and drinking cups on each bench.
6. Conduct an award ceremony at the conclusion of the state tournament.
7. Forward necessary copies of rosters, score books, posters, and tournament results to the Sports Director of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee at the conclusion of the state tournament.

ARTICLE IX. District Championship/State Tournament Format

State Tournament play shall be pool play. Pool play shall be followed by a single elimination bracket, concluding with championship and consolation games. Two (2) or more teams shall advance to the single elimination bracket (depending upon the number of teams in the pool). **Under extreme circumstances, the Sports Director may approve cross pool scheduling. With the winner or rank to be determined by overall winning percentage.**

A. **Seeding** - Seeding in all age groups in the state tournament shall be based on **random selection. The seeding and placement in pools in Georgia Boys' Basketball State Tournaments is necessarily a subjective process and is done for the benefit of the competition as a whole. No club member/individual athlete/or parent shall have a cause of action against the Sports Director/the Executive Board with respect to any issue related to a team's seeding or placement in a pool.**

B. **Single Elimination Bracket** - Pairing for all age divisions into single elimination is based on **random selection.**

**B. Team Entries/Entry fees**

1. The Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee shall determine the entry fee to state tournaments. Entry fee must be paid by money order or cashier's check only, made payable to the **Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee.** The entry form/club roster/fee must be received by the established deadline. Teams withdrawing from the State Tournament prior to entry deadline will be refunded their entry fee less \$100.00. For administration cost. Teams withdrawing after entry deadline through the conclusion of tournament, will forfeit all fees paid.

ARTICLE X. District Competition (Invitational Tournament)

- A. **Definition** - District competition is defined as events that include teams from the same District.
- B. **Approval** - The Executive Board must approve any request by a club to host an AAU-Sanctioned Tournament. Any club wishing to host an AAU-Sanctioned event must contact the State Registrar For an application.

ARTICLE XI. Inter-District Competition (Invitational Tournaments)

- A. **Definition** - Inter-District competition is defined as events that includes three (3) or more teams from two (2) or more District.
- B. **Approval** - Inter-District competition must be approved by the National Executive Board. Approval will not be considered until the Host Organization submits the following:
  - 1. Completed application form, which may be obtained from the AAU National Headquarters.
  - 2. Event flyer which sets forth the criteria for participation according to these rules.
  - 3. Satisfactory proof that the proposed competition has been or will be sanctioned by the district in which the competition is being held.
  - 4. All Inter-District applications are due sixty (60) days prior to the start of competition. applications received less than sixty (60) days will not be reviewed. Approval will not be granted for an Inter-District competition if applicant has distributed tournament information prior to receipt of approval by AAU Boys' Basketball.
- C. **Eligibility** –
  - 5. All players participants must be current AAU members.
  - 6. All teams must be AAU member teams/clubs in good standing.
  - 7. Players may compete only for the AAU club or organization with which they are attached, As provided by the AAU Code.
  - 8. Registration requirements: The Host Organization shall be responsible for reviewing the credentials of players and clubs to verify individual registration and club membership status of participants.
- D. **Event Title/Use of AAU Name and Logo** -
  - 2. "AAU" shall be incorporated into the title of the event
  - 3. "AAU" shall be used prominently in all correspondence, news releases, tournament information flyers, or other printed materials.

4. The term “National Tournament ,” “National Invitational,” or any use of the word “National” is prohibited in connection with any District or Inter-District competition. The term “Super Regional Championship” and “Spring Classic” are also prohibited in connect with an District or Inter-District competition.
5. The AAU Boys’ Basketball logo shall be used on all printed material.

**E. Rules**

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All of the provisions of the National AAU Boys’ Basketball Program shall be observed at District and Inter-District competition.

**F. Reporting Requirements -**

Within ten (10) days of the completion of any Inter-District competition, The Host Organization shall provide the following to AAU National Headquarters.

**Inter-District Competition -**

1. Copies of all rosters for teams participating in the event.
2. Results of all games and order of finish.
3. Inter-District competition report form, as provided by the National Basketball Administrator

**District Competition:**

Within ten (10) days of the completion of an District competition, the Host Organization shall Provide the Sports Director the following

1. Copies of all rosters for teams participating in the event.
2. Results of all games and order of finish

**G. Schedule Limitations -** The Georgia Boys’ Basketball Committee nor the National Boys’ Basketball will not approve any competition between the dates of August 15<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>, for athletes older than age 14U/8<sup>th</sup> Grade division.

**ARTICLES XII. Club Membership/Registration**

In order to participate in Georgia AAU Boys’ Basketball, every athlete and coach must be a registered member of the Georgia District AAU. The club registration fee must be paid by money order/cashier’s check made payable to the Georgia AAU. To obtain an AAU registration form, go on line at AAUSports.Org or contact Barbara Ross Dollar, State Registrar at (404) 559-0686.

ARTICLES XIII Individual Athlete/Coach/Volunteer Membership AAU Card)

- A. **AAU Card** - All athletes and Coaches of an AAU Club who are participating in competition or a supervised practice must have an AAU Card. The AAU Card provides accident and Liability insurance.

TEAMS MAY REQUEST A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE TO DEMONSTRATE PROOF OF THE INSURANCE COVERAGE.

ARTICLE XIV District Championship Tournament Rules

The District Championship Tournaments are run by the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee, to qualify teams to represent the Georgia District at the National Championship Tournament for each age division held in various cities throughout the country. **The Executive Board maintains controls over the tournaments**, even though the tournaments are awarded to host clubs.

- A. **Tournament Director** - No Tournament Director of a District Championship Tournament may be the coach/assistant coach of any team in the tournament.  
B. **Roster deadline** - All team rosters must be finalized before the scheduled start of the tournament.  
C. **Tournament Protest** - A protest may be filed regarding a decision of the Tournament Director

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regarding the eligibility of athletes, teams, coaches, clubs, rules of forfeits, scheduling issues, or other matters not directly related to a game officials' judgment. Such protest must be filed in writing (by the head coach) along with a \$200.00 bond(cashier check/cash/money order) with the Sports Director two (2) hours after the game being challenged. The protest will be heard by the Executive Board who can convene at the tournament site or be available via telephone. If the protest is successful the bond will be returned. If not, the bond will be forfeited to the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee.

- D. **Protest before the Tournament** - A protest may be filed regarding the eligibility of athletes, teams coaches, , scheduling issues or other matters. Such protest must be filed in writing (by the head coach) along with a \$200.00 bond (cash, cashier check, money order) with the Sports Director two (2) hours before the start of the game. If the protest is successful the bond will be returned. If not, the bond will be forfeited to the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee.  
E. **Check-In Time for Athletes** - At District Championships, athletes must check-in with the Tournament Director or designee. The credentials of players and coaches must be checked. no players will be allowed to play if they have not been checked in before the game start.  
F. **Bench Personnel** - Bench personnel shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) Non-players, All of whom must have AAU Cards. All players (including injured players) must be in uniforms.  
G. **Entry Fee** - The maximum entry fee is \$300.00 for an AAU-Sanctioned Tournament.  
H. **The Admission Charge** - For AAU-Sanctioned Tournament is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 students (under 6 years old). Entry shall be good for one (1) entire day at all sites.  
I. **Play in more than one (1) Age Division** - No team may play in more than one (1) age division in any sanctioned tournament.

- J. **Limitation on AAU Competition on School Night/Day** - No AAU Sanctioned Boys' Basketball competition shall be scheduled to start before 4:30 pm on a school day.

#### ARTICLE XV. Sportsmanship

For all age divisions and in all District Championships/all Sanctioned/Invitational tournaments, once the lead in the fourth quarter reaches thirty (30) points and as long as it remains. The following rules shall be imposed by the game officials and by the Tournament Director.

1. **No back court pressure** - There shall be no back court pressure by the winning team a violation shall result in verbal warning by the game officials. The second violation result in two (2) technical free throws and possession awarded to the team behind.
2. **Taunting, Laughing, Mocking, and Other Acts of Bad Sportsmanship** - By the leading team during the game will result in two-shot technical foul charge to the coach.
3. **Running clock** - If in any age division at a District Championship or Sanctioned Invitational Tournament. The lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter is thirty (30) points, then a running clock will be implemented. If the lead drops below a regular clock will be implemented until the required margin is reached again.
4. **Coaches Dress Code** - All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear slacks shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or gym shoes at District Championships/all AAU-Sanctioned Tournaments. Shorts, jeans, sweat pants, athletic wear, tee shirts, hats, and opened toe shoes are not permitted. The dress code applies to female bench personnel as well. Women may wear dresses, skirts, of slacks appropriate to the occasion.

#### ARTICLE XVI. Disciplinary Procedures

- A. **Disciplinary Committee** - The Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed as needed by the Sports Director of the Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee. It will be a three (3) member committee. The committee will investigate complaints given to them that involves misconduct of athletes, coaches or other team representatives. These complaints would be violations of AAU Code/Georgia District AAU/and the Georgia Boys' Basketball rules and regulations

**C. Disciplinary Process -**

1. Any club or individual may bring a written complaint to the Disciplinary Committee.
2. A written complaint must be filed with the Sports Director. The Sports Director will call a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee.
3. The Chair of the Disciplinary Committee will hold the meeting within ten (10) days of the Sports Director receiving the complaint.
  - (a) All disciplinary procedures will be done according to the AAU Code.
  - (b) All deliberations must take place within seven (7) days of the first meeting on a complaint. Unless extended by the Sports Director due to special circumstances.

**Ruling:**

- (a) The recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee must be in writing and sent to the Sports Director.

**Appeals:**

- (a) Any appeal of a Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee Disciplinary Committee ruling can be appeal to Georgia District AAU or the National AAU Boys' Basketball Committee.

**D. Forfeit -** In District Championships/Invitational Tournaments, each team will be given a (10) minute grace period before a forfeit shall be called against the team for failure to appear for a scheduled game. Any Boys' Basketball team that fail to honor game commitment to an District Championship/Invitational Tournament will be assessed a \$100 fine/ and subject to a one (1) year suspension.

**ARTICLE XVII National Advancement**

Each club eligible to advance to a National Tournament is strongly encouraged to notify the Sports Director of their desire to compete at the National Tournament. This must be done within ten (10) days by fax/letter. No phone calls, If the club wishes not to advance the Sports Director will notify the next place team of their opportunity..

**ARTICLE XVIII. Coaches Ethics**

The coach must be aware that he can be either a positive or negative influence upon the development of the athlete. In all of his personal contact with athletes, parents, the media, officials, and the public. The coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. In keeping with that goal the following ethical guidelines should be observed by all AAU coaches.

1. The coach shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
2. The coach must always consider the person safety of the athlete
- 3.. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. The coach shall not try to seek advantage by circumventing the spirit of letter of the rule.
4. Game officials shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite the players or spectators against the officials.
5. The coach should respect his opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require his players to conduct themselves in similar fashion.
6. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectator.
7. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco.
8. The coach must recognize the importance of the athletes' academic development and promote the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.

#### ARTICLE XIX. High School Basketball

Participation in high school Basketball is important to the social and athletic development of the AAU athlete. The AAU recognizes the influential role played by the athlete's high school coach and team. accordingly, the AAU pledges its support of high school athletics. In keeping with that support, the following policies are appropriate.

- A. The AAU Boys' Basketball Committee will not approve Inter-District competition for athletes older than fourteen (14U/8<sup>th</sup> grade) between the dates of August 15 and March 15.
- B. The Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee will not approve District competition for athlete older than Fourteen (14U/8<sup>th</sup> grade) between the date of August 15 and March 15.
- C. **AAU Club shall not allow any athlete who is a member of a high school basketball team to participate in AAU sanctioned try-outs, practices, or games from the first day of school to**

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**the end of the regular season that have been played.**

- D. Coaches who are AAU members and school coaches should maintain open communications for the benefit of the athlete.
- E. It is inappropriate for a AAU member to solicit or recruit a player to enroll in any particular middle or secondary school.
- F. Recruiting

**Contact Rules -**

1. No contact during the "AAU Season" (March 1 to August 15) if the athlete is a registered member of another AAU Club.
3. No contact if a Club has been informed that the athlete has already made a final decision to register and play with another Club.
4. CONTACT EXCEPTIONS: (a) with current members, (b) athletes who have not yet committed or signed with another Club, and (c) athletes who are trying out for the Club.

**Official Try-Outs Rules -**

1. No Try-Out until the high school season ends.
2. No Try-Out Fees.
3. **All fees must be returned if an athlete do not make the team.**

PLEASE PROVIDE PARENTS/GUARDIANS/AND ATHLETE WITH A DETAIL WRITTEN REPORT OF ALL CLUB INCOME AND EXPENSES.

ARTICLE XX. Enforcement of Rules

The Georgia Boys' Basketball Committee shall enforce its Standing Rules and Bylaws/the rules and regulations of the National Boys' Basketball Committee/ and the AAU Code as they apply to players, coaches and clubs. Penalties may be imposed subject to the due process requirements of the AAU Code.

