

Dear Coach,

We are excited to have your team participate in the 2017 9th Annual Hardwood Classic. We have included a copy of the rules below, please be sure to review them prior to participating. It is important to pay close attention to the:

- A. Dress Code will be enforced sweat pants, athletic wear no shorts or slides**
- B. Team Check-In (AAU Roster will be used)**
- C. Bring Warm-Up Balls, Game Ball is Provided**
- D. Pay close attention to the tie breaking formula in case your team is involved in it**
- E. No outside food or beverages including team coolers allowed**

The Website for live scoring is: <http://www.tournament-central.com/>

Please call us with any questions.

Thank you. Walter Canady 352-636-1449

2017 9th Annual Hardwood Classic Rules

1. Please plan to arrive 1 hour before your scheduled game time to check in prior to playing your first game.

You must check in BEFORE you play. If your team is not checked in, you will not be permitted to play. This is a Florida AAU Licensed Event therefore; each player and coach must be AAU Members.

If the court is available, the game will start as early as 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Game time is forfeit time. No grace will be allowed.

2. Age/Grade Divisions A. AGE BASED DIVISIONS – 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U & 14U For teams that have chosen to organize on the basis of the athlete's age, the AAU provides age based competition as follows:

7 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 7 on August 31, 2017

8 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2017

9 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2017

10 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2017

11 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2017

12 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2017

13 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2017

14 & Under Division An athlete can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2017

B. GRADE BASED DIVISION – 5 th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade For teams that have chosen to organize on the basis of the athletes grade, and who have players who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for age based teams, the AAU provides grade based competition as follows:

5 th Grade An athlete must be in the 5th grade or below as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2017

6 th Grade An athlete must be in the 6th grade or below as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2017

7 th Grade An athlete must be in the 7th grade or below as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2017

8 th Grade An athlete must be in the 8th grade or below as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2017

3. Proof of eligibility must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU licensed competitions. If the documents are not available the team is subject to removal from the competition. Acceptable documents include any of the following: a. An unexpired Passport b. Valid Driver's License c. Department of Motor Vehicles I.D. card issued within three (3) years d. Military Dependent I.D. e. Electronic Age Verification through SportsAge ID. A one-time registration fee of only \$10.00 covers 100% of all updating and processing fees for as long as an athlete participates in the AAU Boys Basketball Program f. For teams participating in grade based divisions only (5th grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8 th Grade, 15U/9th Grade, 16U/10th Grade, 17U/11th Grade and 19U/12th Grade, proof of grade must be available for review, by an AAU designee at all AAU licensed competitions.

If the documents are not available, the team is subject to removal from the competition. Acceptable documents include any of the following: 1. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school. 2. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead

If a protest is received for your team or players on your team, you will have 1 hour to produce your records to show proof that your team is in compliance. If a player is found to be ineligible after the competition has begun, the entire team will be ejected from the tournament. If a player is ineligible before the team plays their 1st game, only the ineligible players will be removed. It is the Head Coaches responsibility to know the age/grade of all players on the roster.

4. Dress Code is in effect for all bench personnel. All non-uniformed persons on the bench shall wear slacks, shirts with collars and sleeves and dress shoes or tennis shoes during play. Shorts, jeans, sweat pants, athletic wear, tee shirts, hats, and open-toed shoes are not permitted. The dress code applies to female bench personnel as well. Women may wear dresses or skirts appropriate to the occasion.

Violation of this rule shall result in the assessment of a 2-shot technical foul for each violation. Thereafter, the offending team shall have one minute to correct the violation. Any bench personnel not able to comply with this rule will not be allowed to sit on the bench and must move to spectator seating.

5. Playing times will be as follows for Boys Basketball:

Division	Quarters	Halftime/Warm up Times	Overtime
9 & Under	6 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
10 & Under	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
11 & Under	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
5 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
12 & Under	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
6 th Grade	7 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	3 Minute Overtime
13 & Under	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
7 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
14 & Under	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
8 th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
15U/9th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
16U/10th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime
17U/11th Grade	8 Minute Quarters	5 Minutes	4 Minute Overtime

Timeouts will be 3 full and 2-20 second per game.

ONE (1) 20-second Timeout will be allotted for each team in overtime.

6. Bring your own warm up balls, a game ball will be provided.

7. The first team listed is the home team and shall wear light uniforms and the second team listed is the away team and shall wear dark. When bracket play begins, the team on top will be the home team. Team Bench Assignment: as viewed during siting

8. If a team is winning by more than 20 points, there will be a running clock. If the team pulls within 10 points, the clock will return to normal operation.

9. Press Rule

A. For 7U, 8U, 9U, and 10U Age Divisions: Teams ahead by 20 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot administrative technical.

B. For 11U and older: Teams ahead by 30 points or more at any point in the second half must play defense behind their three-point arc. First offense: Warning, Second and all additional offenses: 2 shot administrative technical.

10. Tie Breaker:

If 2 teams are tied, the first tie breaker is head to head.

If 2 teams are tied and they did not play each other, the first tie breaker will be point differential to a maximum of 15 points per game. If they are still tied, the next tie breaker will be the number of defensive points allowed. If they are still tied, the higher seed coming into the tournament.

If 3 or more teams are tied, the first tie breaker will be point differential, to a maximum of 15 points per game. If 3 or more teams are still tied, the tie breaker will be the total number of defensive points allowed in pool games. If the 3 or more teams are still tied, the higher seed coming into the tournament will be the pool winner. After a pool winner is determined, return to the 2 team tie breaker for the remaining two teams.

8 If a team forfeits a pool game, they may not advance. They will be permitted to play their 3rd game (which may be the 1st game in bracket play) however, they may not continue in the tournament.

9 Protest must be made in writing within (1) one hour of the completion of the game being protested by the head coach. A fee of \$100. Cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany the protest. The written protest must be submitted to the Tournament Director at the site. All decisions by the protest committee are final.

10 The fighting policy is in effect and if a player or coach is ejected for fighting, it will be noted on the score sheet and they will be ejected from the tournament. Please be sure to discuss this with your team.

11 If a coach is ejected, they must sit out the game they were ejected from and the next game.

12 If a parent is ejected from a site, they must take their child with them. Please inform your parents of this rule. We would like to see all players given an opportunity to compete in a safe environment.