

# 2026-27 AAU Standard Tournament Rules

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## Player Eligibility & Age Verification

**Age group eligibility is determined by the player's age as of September 1, 2026. If a player is aged, for example, 16 on September 1, 2026, he or she is eligible to play the 16 & Under age group until August 31, 2027.**

**This includes all official AAU events during period from September 1, 2026, till August 31, 2027.**

Coaches/Team Managers must have copies of player AAU photo ID on hand to provide tournament officials for inspection. Any players found to be playing in an age group lower than their age will be ineligible to play and any games they have played in will have the results voided. This means the game will be considered a forfeit and the win be given to the opposing team(s).

**Complaints about suspected age group violations must be brought directly to Tournament Directors who will investigate.**

**Their decision on this matter is final.**

### **Accepted forms of Age Verification are:**

- Digital AAU Australia ID Card
- Passport or Driver's License
- School ID assuming photo is included

➤ **Players are only eligible to play in one team per age group.**

**Players must play at least 2 games in order to qualify for finals bracket play.** The finals/playoffs game cannot be the second qualifying game.

- Players can play in multiple age groups as long as they play only in age groups above their youngest age group. They can also play for other teams in other age groups without clearance, if they name is on the team sheets completed before tournament. There is no clearance required to play for different teams from one event to the next.
- **Each club may field a maximum of two teams per age group in any AAU Australia event.**
- **Each Team with maximum 12 Players only will play minimum 4 games during the Tournament including any "Play Off" games if qualified.**
- **All teams must be ready to play at the designated times.** A 5-minute grace period is allowed for late-arriving teams; failure to have 4 ready players on the court prepared to play by 5 minutes after the official game start time will result in a forfeit. Note: The forfeited game will count towards the minimum four game guarantee. If you are going to be late for your start time due to an emergency it is your coach responsibility to inform the tournament director in advance. The tournament director may at their discretion thereafter rule a forfeit or not.
- **Refunds: Refunds will not be issued to any team that forfeits or withdraws from AAU events following registration or during the tournaments.**



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## AAU Australia Tournament Game Rules

The following rules apply to all age groups:

- **FIBA rules apply to all competitions with some amendments as stated below in Red.**
- All teams to provide one scorer per game who is 15 years or older
- Game balls supplied by referees. **All male age groups will play with the size 7 ball and all Girls age group will play with size 6 ball**
- **NO BALLS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE STADIUM without permission of event organiser. TWO BALLS PER TEAM WILL BE SUPPLIED FOR WARM UP.**
- **Inbounds pass allowed into back court on the full.** An inbounds pass can be legally thrown into the backcourt, even if the ball is not deflected by the defense. Regardless of where the throw-in spot is located, the throw-in team may cause the ball to go into the back court to establish ball control by the throw-in team on the playing court.
- **Call full or 30-second timeouts when in possession of the ball. During 30-second time outs, players must not sit and stay on court.**

## Uniform and Singlet Numbers Rules

- All players must wear a team uniform consist of matching singlets and shorts, both of the same dominant colour. Sleeves on the singlets must end above the elbow, and shorts must end above the knee. **Team should have two colours (or reversable) singlets: light and dark.**
- Where two similar coloured teams play, the team stated 2nd in the fixtures must change to alternate singlets (light or dark) to ensure an appropriate Contrast clearly exists. Failing to ensure that a clear contrast exists will result in a penalty of 10 game points.
- The AAU will allow players to wear compression gear and religious head gear may be worn during the games.
  - T-shirts are not permitted to be worn under the singlets.
  - Association/sponsor logo or branding is allowed and common sense must be used in these situations regarding to logo size.
- **Players will be allowed to wear the numbers 1-199 during all AAU games including the numbers 0 and 00.** Each player's singlets must have a visible number on both the front and back, with contrasting colours to the singlet. The numbers on the back must be at least 16 cm high and those on the front at least 8 cm high. Duplicate numbers are not permitted.
- Penalties:** Teams will face penalties for uniform violations, such as a five-point penalty for each non-compliant item, capped at Fifteen points per team.



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## Game Timing Rules

### All Age Groups Boys and Girls

- 4 x 10 minute quarters
- **Running clock**
- **Clock stops in all timeouts, and last 3 minutes of 4th quarter**
- 1 minute break at end of 1st and 3rd quarters
- 2 minute break at end of 2nd quarter
- 2 x 30-second and 2 x full time out per half. Players must be on court and not sit for 30-second timeouts.

### AAU Tournaments with the Shot Clock Rules

**(This is solely at the discretion of the Tournament Directorate, according to the Competition structure and Shot Clock availability)**

Where specified the shot clock will be in operation as per the FIBA rules except that the shot clock won't reset to 14 seconds.

All Age Groups Boys and Girls 12U+ (\*as applicable in particular tournament Fixtures)

**Note:** There is no shot clock for any 10U competitions.

**AAU games with the Shot Clock Rules use a 24 second reset at all times (NO 14 second resets)**

- The shot clock will be reset:
  - when there is a change in team control (a turnover of any sort)
  - all fouls
  - when the ball hits the ring after a shot
  - in other situations when directed by the referee (deliberate kick of the ball, play is interrupted by something outside the control of the offensive team). The Referee will request the reset by moving their index finger in a circle above their head.
- The shot clock is paused on every whistle and:
  - is reset if there is a change in team control
  - is not reset if the same team retains possession of the ball

### **ELAM Ending**

**ELAM Ending is used to break a tied score at the end of regulation time. This means that at the end of regulation, a target score of + 8 points is set.**

Game clock is turned off and the game ends when the target score is reached. **The team to reach that score first is declared the winner.**

Team and personal fouls carry over into the ELAM period, and possession is determined by a jump ball at the beginning of the ELAM period and is controlled by the possession arrow thereafter.

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## AAU Athlete and Officials Membership

**Digital AAU ID Card** – (Membership registration at <https://aau-aus.com.au/aau-membership/>) must be presented for all AAU Australia Events entry. All players and coaching staff must have a current AAU Membership to participate in AAU Australia events. Membership status of players and coaches will be checked before AAU event commences. Failure to have current membership will mean denial of access to the event until membership status is updated to PAID.

- For participants less than or equal to 17 years of age, the AAU Junior Athlete Membership applies.
- For participants (including coaches and team managers) 18 years + the AAU Adult Membership applies.

## Team Spreadsheets or Electronic team registration

Team Spreadsheets must be received by the Tournament Directorate by no later than CUT OFF DAY (2 weeks or as advertised) before commencement of event or Team members must be correctly sign up to the correct team on GAMEDAY platform according to the link provided by AAU Event management.

- Complete details must be included and the format must be in the same format as supplied. No team sheets or no signed up correctly- no play.
- Once a competition has begun, there will be no substitutions or additions to the team roster.

## Team Registration

Team Registration invoices must be received into AAU bank account by no later than CUT OFF DAY (2 weeks or as advertised) before the event commencement. Team participation may be stopped until full payment is received.

Players registration into the tournament via GAMEDAY platform must be finalised by no later than CUT OFF DAY (2 weeks or as advertised) before the event commencement.

## BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY

### Participant and Spectator Behaviour

Only players, coaches, team managers and score officials shall sit on the bench. All spectators must sit opposite the bench (where possible).

There is zero tolerance for 'storming the court' during the game.

**STORMING OF THE COURT BY ANY PLAYERS AND/OR SPECTATORS DURING A GAME WILL RESULT IN THE OFFENDING TEAM BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM THAT GAME.**

**There is zero tolerance for:**

- Dissent, abusive and threatening language, or abusive and threatening behaviour to officials, coaches or players;
- Violence either inside or outside of the venue;
- Any form of bullying including, and especially, online;
- Theft or interference with property; and dangerous or unnecessarily rough play.

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**Participants or spectators involved in such behaviour will be asked to leave the venue and will not be able to continue in the event.**

Participants including coaches, players or spectators involved in such behaviour will have a 12 month ban for competing in any AAU Australia competitions. Coaches which involved in such behaviour are banned from coaching any teams in AAU competitions for life.

If any team has both coaches ejected due to behavioural disqualification and a team has no adult present then the game is terminated immediately and that team forfeits.

**This is solely at the discretion of the Tournament Directorate. No refunds will be available.**

**Where a second technical foul is adjudged in a single game, the recipient will be ejected from the venue for the remainder of that day's competition.**

If the ejected player/coach is under 18, they will need to stay at the Tournament Directorate table until released into the care of a parent or guardian.

**ALL SANCTIONS FOR BEHAVIOURAL OR OTHER MATTERS IS AT THE COMPLETE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORATE AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO.**

## **Zero Tolerance for Fighting**

The AAU has ZERO TOLERANCE for fighting.

Coaches should meet with your parents, athletes and fellow coaches and advise them that any act of aggression will be met with severe consequences for individuals, team and club.

Please know and understand that formal criminal charges may be pursued. In addition, the team could be suspended from any AAU competition at AAU's discretion.

If a fight breaks out, the venue supervisor or referees may clear the venue of all spectators if deemed necessary and no refunds will be given.

Parents and spectators are prohibited from offensive or hostile language towards the coaches, athletes, referees or other parents before, during or after the games. Disorderly behaviour will not be tolerated.

It is the coaches' responsibility to maintain your teams' sportsmanship. We suggest you print this memo and distribute it to your fellow coaches, parents and athletes. This includes local and national competition. Fighting will not be tolerated.

## **Event Safety**

As a participant protection measure we have introduced the following to maintain a safe event at all times both inside and immediately outside the venue. The Event Safety team is committed to ensuring that all AAU participants can enjoy their experience and come away having had a wonderful time.

- Event Safety staff will be in attendance and will be wearing high viz vests. Anyone experiencing any difficulty or is aware of any misbehaviour should approach these staff to discuss.
- No one is allowed entry into areas not being used at the venue. Those found in such areas will be asked to leave the venue.

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- Anyone caught entering the venue other than through the main entrance, or anyone caught opening side entrances for others to access the venue will be asked to leave the venue and not be permitted to play with their team.
- Anyone in distress or who is aware of anti-social behaviour should call The Event Safety team.

## **AAU Australia Basketball Terms and Conditions for services or activities provided throughout Australia**

AAU Australia as a supplier of basketball services or recreational activities is entitled to ask AAU Athlete/Officials to agree that statutory guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law (Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Commonwealth)) do not apply to AAU Members (or a person for whom or on whose behalf AAU Members are acquiring the services or activities).

Exclusion of rights under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Commonwealth):

### **By signing AAU membership, AAU Athlete/Officials agree that the liability of AAU Australia in relation to recreational services**

(as that term is defined in s139A of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Commonwealth)) for any:

(i) death;

(ii) physical or mental injury (including the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of such an injury);

(iii) the contraction, aggravation or acceleration of a disease;

(iv) the coming into existence, the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of any other condition, circumstance, occurrence, activity, form of behaviour, course of conduct or state of affairs that is or may be harmful or disadvantageous to AAU Athlete/Officials or the community; and that may result in harm or disadvantage to AAU Athlete/Officials or the community; and that may be suffered by AAU Athlete/Officials (or a person for whom or on whose behalf AAU Athlete/Officials are acquiring the services) **resulting from the supply of recreational services is excluded and the application of any express or implied term that any services will be provided with due care and skill is hereby excluded.**

The change to AAU Athlete/Officials' rights does not apply to a significant personal injury suffered by AAU Athlete/Officials that is caused by the reckless conduct of the supplier of the recreational services. The supplier's conduct is reckless conduct if the supplier is aware, or should reasonably have been aware, of a significant risk that the conduct could result in personal injury to another person; and engages in the conduct despite the risk and without adequate justification.

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## Rules of AAU membership and event participation.

- a) Upon registering with AAU through the AAU website and payment of membership fees, Athlete/Officials will become a Member of AAU Australia and can play in any AAU Australia basketball association or basketball club or team.
- b) Athlete/Officials will acknowledge, agree and consent to becoming a member of, or participant with, these AAU Basketball Entities and accepting Each Basketball Entity's Rules/Constitutions.
- c) Athlete/Officials participation in Basketball Activities supplied by the AAU Basketball Entities is inherently dangerous and may involve risk. There are risks specifically associated with participation in the Basketball Activities and accidents can and do happen which may result in personal injury, death or property damage. Prior to undertaking any AAU Basketball Activity, Athlete/Officials should ensure that are aware of all of the risks involved, including those risks associated with any health condition may have.
- d) Athlete/Officials agree and undertake any such risk voluntarily and at they own risk. Athlete/Officials acknowledge that the assumption of risk and warning above constitutes a 'risk warning' in accordance with relevant legislation, including Australian Consumer Law in particular State or Territory.
- e) By signing AAU membership application form and declaration, Athlete/Officials acknowledge that where Athlete/Officials are a consumer of recreational services, as defined by any relevant law, certain terms and rights usually implied into a contract for the supply of goods or services may be excluded.
- f) Athlete/Officials acknowledge that these implied terms and rights and any liability of the Basketball Entities flowing from them, are expressly excluded to the extent possible by law, by AAU membership application form and declaration. To the extent of any liability arising, the liability of the Basketball Entities will, at the discretion of the Basketball Entities, be limited in the case of goods, to the replacement, repair or payment of the cost of replacing the goods and in the case of services, the resupply of the services or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again. For the avoidance of doubt, this exclusion does not exclude liability for recklessness as defined by any relevant law.
- g) All persons attending should be aware that live streaming of AAU games and photographs taken at games may be published by AAU Australia for promotional purposes on social media and the WEB. It is perfectly normal and acceptable for parents, guardians or family members to want to film or photograph AAU Sports Events and share that content via social media or other channels of distribution.
- h) AAU Australia as a supplier of basketball services or recreational activities has a zero-tolerance policy to Child Abuse and Neglect in any form and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people by providing a safe, inclusive and culturally safe environment. Working with Children Checks (WWCC) is mandatory for all coaches, referees, administrators, and volunteers over the age of 18 for any AAU events. AAU Australia Officials reserve the right to require National Police History Checks and conduct comprehensive reference checks as part of the recruitment process prior to the appointment of staff.