

## **AAU MLK KING OF THE COURT – JANUARY 15-16, 2022**

### **Rules for Event**

- This event will follow the AAU Boys Basketball Handbook with the below modifications. If a rule is not addressed in the handbook or below, we default to Florida High School Athletic Association rules.
- [https://s3.amazonaws.com/image.aausports.org/dnn/boysbasketball/2022\\_BoysBskHandbook.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/image.aausports.org/dnn/boysbasketball/2022_BoysBskHandbook.pdf)

### **Tournament Format**

- Pool to Bracket Style Tournament
  - Teams are guaranteed at least three games either all in pool play or a combination of pool and bracket play. Games and bracket styles depend on how many teams are in each division.

### **Tie Breaker Order of Consideration**

- 2 Way Ties: Head-To-Head Competition if teams played each other. If the two teams tied did not play each other in pool play, point differential (max. of 15 points/game) in all pool games will be first tie breaker, then points allowed in all pool games if point differential doesn't break the tie will be the next rule applied.
- 3+ Way Ties: Point differential (max. of 15 points/game) between the teams tied will determine the seeding of the teams in the 3-way tie. If there still is any tie after this calculation, the same point differential strategy will be applied to all teams in the pool (if there are more than 3 teams in the pool), then if teams are still tied or there are only 3 teams in the pool, points allowed will determine the seeding of the teams in the 3-way tie.

### **Behavior Policies**

- ZERO TOLERANCE!
- The court referees have final say in all player fouls and/or misconduct, including fighting with regards to in game penalties.
- The referee will then inform the tournament director of any misconduct or fighting that occurred. Further action outside of penalties assessed by the referees may be taken by the tournament director.
- Fighting will be defined as any deliberate action taken by an individual to cause physical harm to another player, spectator, coach or official. If a referee, official, tournament employee, or tournament director witnesses' individuals engaging in a fight, an immediate ejection from the event will follow.
- If an excessive fight breaks out between two teams, athletes, coaches, and/or spectators, both teams are automatically disqualified from the remainder of the event. The disqualified or removed parties then cannot participate in any more games for the remainder of the weekend as a player, coach or spectator.

## Additional Information

- Roster: a team may consist of up to 15 athletes and 4 non-athletes (coaches/bench personal/etc). No one else is permitted to sit on the bench or will be given a coach band. All athletes and coaches are required to have current 2022 AAU memberships in order to participate as well as submit a roster of these participants to the host of the event, Alex Wilzbacher. Below are the links to purchase AAU memberships.
- Purchase Memberships: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Games will consist of two 16-minute halves for the 13U/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division and above. Any division below 13U/7<sup>th</sup> Grade will consist of two 14-minute halves. Normal stopped clock procedures will be followed.
- RUNNING CLOCK BEGINS AT A 30 POINT DIFFERENTIAL. STOPPED CLOCK RESUMES AT 20 POINT DIFFERENTIAL OR LESS. NO PRESS RULE ALSO GOES INTO EFFECT DURING RUNNING CLOCK SCENARIOS. TEAMS LEADING MUST PLAY DEFENSE WITHIN THE THREE POINT ARC DURING A RUNNING CLOCK IF THEY ARE THE TEAM LEADING.
- Each team will receive 3-5 minutes to warm-up and a 3-minute half-time.
- Each team will receive 3 full time-outs and 2 30-second timeouts.
- Overtimes are 3 minutes long. Timeouts carry over to overtime, but no additional timeouts awarded.
- A clock operator and bookkeeper will be provided.
- Spectator Admission: \$15 per day per person, plus processing fees, if applicable. Kids under the age of 5 years old are free.
- Coaches Check-In: the head coach or team admin must check in prior to their first game to verify their team's roster. All coaches must attend and present ID to get their wristband if they are on the verified AAU roster. Coaches be sure to have your eligibility book with you at all times in case a tournament director requests it.
- Top/left team on schedule is home. Bottom/right team on schedule is away.
- There is no enforced dress code for coaches at this event, but we kindly ask you to use your best judgment regarding coaches' attire so you best represent your team.
- An athlete may play on multiple teams only if they are a member of the same team/club. Example: Team AAU has a 9U/3<sup>rd</sup> and 10U/4<sup>th</sup> grade team. If an athlete meets the eligibility requirements for both teams, he may play on both teams. Otherwise, you cannot play on multiple teams.
- Teams must have light (home) and dark (away) jerseys. Jersey numbers are only required on the back of the jersey, but front and back numbered jerseys are encouraged.
- Boys Divisions for this event follow the AAU Boys Basketball Handbook linked below. If you see an age-based division listed with a grade-based division (example: 12U/6<sup>th</sup> grade) this means both eligibility rules are being applied to the division.
- A max of 2 females in 14U/8<sup>th</sup> grade and below may participate on a boys team in this event.
- For the high school division, athletes must be in the the 12<sup>th</sup> grade or below in order to compete in this division. Maximum age for a 12<sup>th</sup> grader is no older than 19 as of August 31, 2022.
- AAU Eligibility Link: <https://aaboysbasketball.org/Rules/Boys-Basketball-Eligibility>

## Acceptable Eligibility Documents

- Age Verification
  - Original, or copy of, birth certificate, an unexpired Passport, Valid Driver's License, Department of Motor Vehicles I.D. card issued within three (3) years, or Military Dependent I.D., Electronic Age Verification either through SportsAge ID or National Sports ID
- Grade Verification: A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school or confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean, etc.) on school letterhead.

## COVID-19 Considerations

- Mask being worn is highly recommended!
- Due to the ongoing presence of COVID-19 in our world, the below considerations are being taken. By participating in this event in any capacity as a spectator, athlete, coach, team admin, event staff, or any other capacity, you assume all risks associated with COVID-19 and Hoopfluence, Inc as well as the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc will not be held liable for any COVID-19 related issues.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available on every court, at the entrance of the facility, and spread out throughout spectator areas.
- No outside basketballs will be allowed in the building. We are providing warm up and game balls that will be treated with Bio-Protect, an application when applied to surfaces know to significantly reduce the transmission of germs.
- A "staggered schedule" has been utilized to keep the building more free-flowing and preventing congregations at the entrance and exit of the facility by not starting all courts at the same time throughout the entire tournament.
- Bench cleanings will be done periodically between games to reduce the transmission of germs from game to game.
- Team check-in will be a modified check-in in a separate area away from the main entrance of the building to help prevent congregations in the check-in area.
- The venue reserves the right to ask any entries to the building to sign a waiver.