

2016 NIAGARA DISTRICT WOMENS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

Coaches Dress Code – All bench personnel, both male and female, must adhere to the Coaches Dress Code by wearing a shirt with a collar, long dress pants or dress skirt and closed toe shoes. No head attire may be worn while on the bench.

Player/Team Participation – An athlete may participate in a maximum of three (3) grade divisions of the AAU Girls' Basketball program for which she can qualify, but only with teams under the same club. An athlete may play in any grade division above her current grade as long as she meets the age requirement. This shall apply to any qualifying event as well as the DQT or SRT. A team that qualifies for Division I may also play up a grade division and participate in a Division II.

Bench Personnel – A team can have a minimum of two and a maximum of four Coaches on their bench. All bench personnel must hold a current AAU membership.

Playing Times – Districts may determine the length of games in their Qualifying Tournaments. However, it is strongly recommended that Districts follow the times used in the National Championships below.

GRADE DIVISIONS	GAME LENGTH
6 th grade	14-minute halves
7 th , 8 th , 9 th grade, 10 th grade, 11 th grade	16-minute halves

1. Overtime periods are **4 minutes, except for the 6th grade which have 3 minute** overtimes.
2. **Half time is 5 minutes for all grade divisions. Warm-up time is 5 minutes.** Game time is game time. If a team arrives prior, then they shall have a minimum of 5 minutes to warm-up. Game slots for all Divisions are one hour and Halve minutes.
3. If a team is up by 15 points or more, in the 2nd and 3rd grade, the leading team cannot press until the offensive team reaches the three point line. In addition, in the 2nd to 7th grade National Championship Tournaments, a running clock will be used in the second half when a team is behind by 30 or more points. Regular rules will return if at any time the spread falls below 30 points. The losing coach may opt to ignore this rule at any time.
4. Penalty for breaking the 15-point rule mentioned above is a warning for the first offense and an administrative technical foul for the second offense. If the rule is broken a third time, a technical foul goes to the coach.
5. Timeouts
 - a. **Three full timeouts and one 30 second timeout in all divisions in this event.**

a. Player Foul Rule

Player Foul Rule for District Qualifying Tournaments, Super Regional Tournaments and National Championships

A player will be disqualified on her 5th personal foul in the 6th grade, 7th grade.

A player will be disqualified on her 6th personal foul in the 8th grade, 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade.

b. On the Release of the Ball on Foul Shots

All players may enter the lane on the release of the ball by the shooter

b. **Proof of Grade** - must be in available for review at all AAU sanction competitions.

Acceptable documents include the following:

- i. A photocopy of that portion of the athletes' report card for the current school year which shows name, grade and school.
- ii. Confirmation of grade level from a school administrator (guidance counselor, principal, dean) on school letterhead

c. **Proof of Age** - must be in available for review at all AAU sanction competitions. Acceptable documents include the following:

- i. A copy of her certificate of live birth from the State, County or Municipal Bureau of Vital Statistics on the place of birth (**HOSPITAL RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED**)
- ii. A copy of the delayed registration of birth if the athlete's birth was not recorded on his day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies.
- iii. An unexpired Passport
- iv. Valid Drivers License or State issued I.D.