# Player Age Requirements, Player Protest and Documentation, new for 2016-17

In the past, we have used the honor system from clubs and coaches. Some have taken advantage of situations and other times, assumptions are made about certain players, due to their size and ability.

Please remember this is AAU basketball and this is where the most talented, athletic players choose to compete.

#### **Rosters:**

- 1. All teams must submit a completed roster prior to their first game. The roster must include player name, AAU membership #, jersey number, grade, school, address and date of birth.
- 2. Rosters should be given to the site director prior to your first game.
- 3. Week-2 will be the final week to add/remove players from your roster.
- 4. Players on rosters must play in at least 50% of games during the season, in order to participate in the play-offs.-(bringing a player to the play in the play-offs that hasn't played all season, will not be tolerated)
- 5. League payment in the amount of \$795 for a single team entry or \$695 for multiteam discount. Payments can be made by check, pay pal, money order or cash. Payments should be made to Midwest Athletics and paid before your first game.
- 6. AAU Memberships can be obtained at www.aausports.org

Note: Players can play for more than one team in the league, but not in the same age group.

# <u>Player Protest Procedure:</u>

- 1. Any protest of eligibility must be made before the conclusion of the game.
  - 2. In the case of an eligibility protest, rosters will be provided by the MWA staff. Coaches will also be required to have a copy of their roster on site.
  - 3. Player(s) in question must have proof of age/grade at the time of the protest to verify their eligibility.
  - 4. If a protest of eligibility is upheld, the violating team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player(s) participated. The player(s) in question will not be able to play in the age group in question.
  - 5. All Midwest Athletics rulings are final. Protests of eligibility not covered in this rule shall be handled by the Site Director.
  - 6. Player protest cost is \$100 per player. If the protest is upheld, the \$100 fee will be returned. To initiate a player protest, contact the site director, present the \$100 payment, team name, jersey number and name of player in question.

# **League/Tournament Age Requirements:**

The AAU Detroit League is a grade based league. Each grade division consists of a age window which determines an athletes' participation in that division.

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If an athletes' age is outside the age window for their grade, the athlete must play up to the grade division that is normal and customary for their age. If an athlete is in any grade above what is normal and customary for their age, an athlete may play down provided they meet the established criteria listed in the chart below.

### Age Requirements for 2016-17

#### 2nd Grade Division

An athlete must be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2017.

### 3rd Grade Division

An athlete must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2017.

# 4TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2017.

### **5TH GRADE DIVISION**

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

### **6TH GRADE DIVISION**

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

### **7TH GRADE DIVISION**

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

### 8TH GRADE DIVISION

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

# **9TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2017.

# **10TH GRADE DIVISION**

An athlete must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2017.

# 11TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2016 and can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2017.