



**10th Annual 2017 AAU
Detroit Winter-I League
Coaches Packet
Jan. 7th to Feb. 11th
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Coaches,

Thank you for choosing the 10th Annual AAU Detroit Winter-I League for your winter games. The staff and I would like to welcome back all of the returning teams/clubs and welcome in the new teams.

Please review the important league information below and have it available for the duration of league play. Included below is registration information, league dates, roster requirements, player protest, age requirements, venues and league game rules.

Team Registration/Paperwork Needed:

1. All teams must submit a completed roster prior to their first game.
2. All players and bench coaches must have an AAU Membership card-(www.aausports.org)
3. League payment in the amount of \$795 for a single team entry or \$695 for multi-team 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.

Please report to the registration table prior to your first game-(submit league payment, turn in your roster form and pick-up a hard copy of the coach's packet).

League Game Dates:

**Sunday, January 7th | Sunday, January 14th | Sunday, January 21st
Sunday, January 28th | No Games Super-bowl Sunday | Finals-Sunday, February 11th**

Girls-3rd/4th, 5th/6th & 7th/8th Grade Divisions | Boys- 1st/2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Divisions

Rosters:

4. All teams must submit a completed roster prior to their first game. The roster must include player name, jersey number, grade, school, address and date of birth.
5. Rosters should be given to the site director prior to your first game.
6. Week-2 will be the final week to add/remove players from your roster.
7. 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)





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

Player Protest Procedure:

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 on site. Coaches will 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 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.

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 2017-18

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 p[layers due to their size and ability.

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





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2nd Grade Division

An athlete must be in the 2nd grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2018.

3rd Grade Division

An athlete must be in the 3rd grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2018.

4TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 4th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2018.

5TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 5th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2018.

6TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 6th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2018.

7TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 7th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2018.

8TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 8th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2018.

9TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 9th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2018.

10TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 10th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2018.

11TH GRADE DIVISION

An athlete must be in the 11th grade as of October 1, 2017 and can be no older than 18 on August 31, 2018.

Division Breakdown/Schedules:

- Midwest Athletics primary goal is have all teams compete in the best games possible in league play. Age and ability will be the determining factor for Division placement.
- Midwest Athletics reserves the right to move teams up or down a division, to insure that the most competitive games happen on a weekly basis.
- **League Schedules are released weekly on Wednesday's. Weekly schedules will insure that all requests can be met. Please make your parents aware of the weekly release...**





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League Play Format/Play-offs:

Regular Season:

The regular season will consist of 8-regular season games. Teams will play 2-games each time they are scheduled for league play. The regular season record will count towards the teams overall play-off seeding. League tiebreakers will be determined by the following.

1. Winner of the head to head game.
2. Point differential in all games-(15 point max)

Play-offs:

Play-off round schedules will be selected by each teams seed placing-(regular season standings). There will be a Gold, Silver and Bronze brackets for Championship Sunday.

The top 4-5 teams will be in the Gold bracket, the next 4-5 teams in the Silver division and the remaining teams in the Bronze bracket. **Note:** The league director will have the option to make adjustments to bracket play without notice-(tie breakers, more or less than 12 teams in a certain division, etc.).

League Venues:

- **Harper Woods High School**-20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225
- **East Detroit High School-15501** Couzens Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021
- **Madison Heights Madison High School**-915 East 11 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071
- **Warren Woods Tower High School**-27900 Bunert Rd., Warren, MI 48088
- **Lakeview High School**-21100 11 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

League Rules: (MHSAA Rules apply, except for the following):

- Games will consist of two, 20-minute running halves.-The clock will stop the last minute of each half.
- Overtime is 2 minutes-(1 minute of running and 1-minute of stopped). Each team will begin with a jump ball. Overtime will continue with 2-minute sessions until there is a winner. One full time out per overtime session.
- Two full (one-minute) time outs and two 30-second time outs are allowed per game. Time outs do carryover per half but not for overtime. Warm-up time before each game will be 3-5 minutes-Half time will be 3 minutes long.
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- Full court press is not allowed after a twenty point lead has been established. If the lead goes back to twenty points then pressing is allowed. If the point spread is twenty or more during the last 2 minutes of the second half, the clock will not stop.
- A player or coach receiving 2 technical fouls in a game will be ejected from the current game.
- Midwest Athletics will not tolerate any unsportsmanship-like conduct from anybody for any reason.

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