

35th Annual Best in the West AAU Girls Basketball Tournament

- Dates:** May 12-14, 2023 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) / All teams are guaranteed 4 games.
- Location:** Yakima, WA
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- Deadlines & Fees:** **REGISTER & PAY ONLINE BEFORE:** Thursday April 27, 2023 Early fee of \$350
LATE REGISTRATION FEE STARTS: Friday, April 28-Tuesday May 2, 2023 \$400
NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 27, NO EXCEPTIONS, SIGN UP EARLY!
AAU membership is not included in the price of the entry fee. Payments can be made online with VISA, Discover Card, MasterCard or American Express
- Game Times:** Friday: 5:30, 6:50, 8:10, 9:30pm (possibly 6:00, 7:20, 8:40pm)
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00, 10:20, 11:40, 1:00, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20
- Divisions:** Girls: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade, HS Same School
*Note: Graduating seniors (class of 2022) can only participate in the 12th Grade division.
- AAU Membership:** This event is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., Inc. All participants must have a current AAU membership before the event begins. Visit the AAU website (www.aausports.org) to obtain membership. BE PREPARED! Please allow 10 days for adult memberships to be processed.
- 2023 AAU Membership Fees: Player \$14 / Coach \$16**
All players and coaches must have an AAU Card. If it is found that a player is participating without a current AAU card, your team will be subject to forfeits of games with no refund of tournament fees paid. **REMEMBER: Membership cards don't get you into the game for free. Only players that are playing are allowed into the game free.**
- The Lystedt Law** Washington State has passed a law requiring youth coaches, athletes and parents/guardians complete certain criteria regarding the recognition and treatment of head injuries during sporting events. ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS must complete the attached form and return it to the Inland Empire AAU office with the tournament entry form. We only need 1 form per team per year!
- Tournament Rules:**
1. A player may play for only **ONE** team during tournament play.
 2. Girls cannot play on boys teams and boys cannot play on girls teams.
 3. Players cannot wear jewelry of any kind during games, even if it is taped and/or covered up.
 4. Players must be enrolled in Kindergarten or older. **NO PRE SCHOOLERS.**
 5. Players cannot switch teams once games have started.
 6. We reserve the right to refuse a team's entry into our events.
 7. Scorekeepers – each team is to have ONE person to keep the individual score sheet that is provided in your coaches' packet. One scorekeeper per team will be allowed into the game free of charge. Please leave scoresheets with the gym supervisor after your game.
 8. Coaches – Only ONE coach per team is allowed into the game free, but more than one may coach.
 9. Admission – The gyms are run by clubs and the proceeds from admissions goes back to their clubs for youth activities. Friday: Adults \$6, Students \$4. Saturday: Adults \$7, Students \$5. Sunday: Adults \$7, Students \$5 - PLEASE INFORM YOUR PARENTS!
- Rules of play:** 2022-2023 High School Rules will be played, with the following exceptions.
1. No shot clock.
 2. 1st - 3rd grade boys and girls divisions will use the junior size basketball (27.5"). Boys 4th thru 6th grade and girls 4th grade thru high school divisions will use the women's size basketball (28.5"). Boys 7th grade and up will use the men's size basketball (29.5").
 3. Quarters: 1st - 4th grade: 6 min / 5th – 8th grades: 7 minutes / All other divisions: 8 minutes
 4. Overtime 2 minutes.
 5. Press Rule: 1st – 8th Grade: 15 points / 9th Grade and above: 20 points. No full court press once your team is up by more than 15/20 points. Your team must retreat back inside the 3 point arc until opponent crosses the center line with the ball, then you are allowed to play defense. The offense has the option to cross the center line at any time, however the 10 second backcourt count starts when the defensive team is behind the 3 point arc.
 5. Technical or Intentional fouls – 2 points awarded and ball out of bounds. One technical foul on a coach or fan and he/she is ejected from the gym. One technical on a player, the player sits on the bench for the remainder of the game. Officials and Gym Administrators have the right to eject a fan, player or coach. Coaches and fans must leave the entire gym. Two technical fouls in the tournament on a player or a coach, they are removed completely from
 6. Forfeit time – Game time. Officials MAY run a shortened game (2 20 minute halves).

Rosters: FINAL Rosters are due by TUESDAY MAY 2, 2023, NO EXCEPTIONS

Rosters must be fully completed including current 2023 AAU membership # for your entry to be accepted into the tournament and placed on the schedule, so they can be properly verified

We know you have planned for this great event for a while Yakima Valley Sports Authority and AAU prides itself of sportsmanship and fair play.