

# Minnesota AAU Girls Basketball

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## \*\* State Tournament Results Determines 2017 Seeding \*\*

*The seeding process for the 2017 AAU State Prelims is outlined below. As announced at the 2016 Prelim and State tournaments, results from the 2016 state tournament will be used in this revised seeding process.*

### NEW PROCESS:

- 1. The seeding meeting will be announced and held in an open format so AAU members may attend. One coach or club director/representative will be allowed to give input on the seeding of their team and teams in that teams age bracket.*
- 2. Each age group will use the 8-team Super Pool Format. Seeds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be placed respectively in Pools A & B from the 2016 MN AAU State Championship results. Pool A will have the ODD seeds, while pool B will have the EVEN seeds. There will be two remaining at-large seeds available in the Super Pools. The committee will put these at-large teams into those pools based on the usual seeding procedure, with heavy focus on coaches input and results from 2017 Spring AAU Tournaments. Also, the at-large teams will be placed in the pools by the committee in order to achieve the best possible competitive balance between the two pools. As in the past, teams playing another team within their same club will not be a consideration in this placement.*
- 3. The seeding committee will seed teams into Pools C and beyond according to established seeding criteria. The 5th grade age bracket will be seeded by the committee based entirely off of 2017 Spring AAU Tournament results, due to no past history.*
- 4. The seeding meeting will be held on Wednesday the week before the Prelim Tournament. Each age bracket will be seeded in order of 5th through 11th grade, allowing 15-30 minutes for each age bracket.*

### RATIONALE & HISTORY OF SEEDING:

*When AAU began in Minnesota, seeding was done by the Girls Basketball Chair. This was too big a job for one person, and coaches wanted more input, so we moved to a large coaches meeting.*

*At the large coaches meeting, there was too much politicking, gamesmanship, "sandbagging", and alliances, so we elected to move to have an independent, neutral seeding committee seed the teams.*

*With the independent committee, we have heard complaints of lack of coaches input and lack of transparency, which has us considering the new option above. The new option also fits in with the methodology used at AAU Nationals, where regions earn top seeds based of last years' results.*

