

**DACULA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BASKETBALL**



OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES & RULE BOOK

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this operational guide is to provide direction and continuity for the operations of the Dacula Athletic Association (DAA) basketball program. Should there be any discrepancy between the by-laws of DAA organization and the operational guidelines of DAA Basketball, the laws of DAA organization by-laws shall prevail.

Per the by-laws of DAA, annual elections for the Basketball Board shall occur as required. Upon completion of election, elected board member may revise operational guideline as necessary. Changes made to the operational guidelines and rules must be voted on and approved by a majority of Basketball Board members and approved by a majority vote of DAA Executive Board.

2. Organization

The Dacula Athletic Association (DAA) is a nonprofit, voluntary organization dedicated to providing a positive and safe instructional sports environment for the youth of the community of Dacula, GA. DAA Basketball is one of the sports programs under DAA. This program is governed by the DAA By-laws and operates under the general guidance of the Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation Division, therefore, must abide by the rules and policies set forth by Parks and Recreations.

All monies received from registration fees, fundraisers, sponsorships, etc. shall be placed into DAA Basketball account. Any expenses required to run the day to day operations will be funded through this account. At the end of the season, any remaining funds shall remain in the account to be used for ongoing basketball related expenses and improvements.

3. Mission

Our mission is to provide a safe and fun, learning-oriented environment for children in our community to play basketball. We encourage healthy competition and develop the basketball skills of our youth while teaching them the spirit of good sportsmanship.

4. Communication

Information regarding DAA Basketball will primarily come from three sources; website, email and your coach/league director. DAA Basketball information will be posted in the basketball section of the DAA website at www.dacula.com. Mass emails may also be sent to parents and coaches to inform them of important events and activities such as games and practices, player evaluations and clinics, picture day and other events. Parents and coaches will receive emails at the email address provided by during the registration process. If your email address should change, please access your registration account and update your information.



5. Basketball Board of Directors

Per the by-laws of DAA, annual elections for the DAA Basketball Board shall occur as required. There are six (6) elected positions and up to ten (10) appointed positions. With the exception of the DAA Basketball Director, all elected positions have a two (2) year term limit. DAA Basketball Director position is limited to a one (1) year term. The full board is expected to meet weekly during the active basketball season and monthly then after, at the discretion of the Basketball Director. **Board members are required to maintain 50% or above active participation per season. Violation of these requirements can lead to a vote for expulsion.**

All board members shall be responsible for ensuring the DAA Basketball program runs as safely, smoothly and effectively as possible. Specific roles and responsibilities are determined by the Basketball Director at the start of the season, and can be changed at any time. There will be times when board members will be requested to manage events, such as, but not limited to, uniform distribution, evaluations, drafts, Picture Day, post-season tournaments and other special events. Members may be required to monitor games and practices to ensure that coaches are fulfilling responsibilities, and promote safe and fun environment for our players.

5.1. Basketball Director (Elected Position)

This position shall govern all activities related to DAA Basketball. This includes establishing and maintaining the rules and regulations, handling issues of gym utilization, fundraising events, uniform purchase, tournaments, and All-Star participation, unless delegated to another Basketball Board Member. This position is also responsible for overall management of the DAA Basketball finances, oversight of the Basketball portion of the DAA web site. Basketball Director shall publish a meeting calendar at the start of the season. A prerequisite for the Basketball Director position is a person must have been a DAA Basketball Board Member (elected or appointed) for at least two years. This ensures the candidate has at least some experience with basketball operation and coordination of gym.

5.2. Assistant Basketball Director (Elected Position)

This position shall be the backup to the Basketball Director, and shall assume responsibilities for all or portions of the Basketball program that the Basketball Director may need assistance with. The primary responsibility will be to support the execution of each basketball season, ensuring that all elements of the program are supported appropriately and effectively.

5.3. Secretary (Elected Position)

This position shall assist and facilitate to all events for DAA Basketball and working with Basketball Director and Assistant Basketball Director.



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5.4. Treasure (Elected Position)

Oversees all financial related matters associated with DAA Basketball. Maintain the DAA Basketball checking account, ensure timely payment for all vendors servicing DAA Basketball, develop budget for each season and ensure we are generating enough revenue to support our operating expenditure, proactively raise any issues associated with the financial management of DAA **Basketball**, and ensure all player registration fees are collected by communicating coaches and parents.

5.5. League Directors (Appointed)

League Director will manage the execution for each season for their respective leagues. Their responsibilities include, running evaluations, drafts, communications with league's coaches, periodic presence at games and practices, posting scores, and being first point of contact for all questions related to their league.

5.6. Appointed Positions

Positions such as but not limited to, Fundraising Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Scheduling Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator, All-Star Coordinator, Tournament Director, Project Volunteers, and etc. can be filled with volunteers as deemed necessary by the Basketball Director

5.7. Elected Positions

have an equal vote on all matters include disciplinary actions. Should any elected board member decide to resign during the course of the season, the Basketball Director, with consent from the DAA Executive President, will have unilateral authority to appoint a replacement to that position. Should any appointed board member decide to resign during the course of the season, the Basketball Director will have unilateral authority to appoint a replacement to that position.



6. Sponsorship, Scholarship & Fundraiser

6.1. Sponsorship

Any sponsorship fund solicited and received by DAA Basketball will be considered a park sponsorship and may be used for Basketball related expenses and improvements at the discretion of the DAA Basketball Board. All sponsorship addressed to Dacula Athletic Association is tax deductible. DAA Basketball will present plaque for our Plan appreciation on Plan B and above.

Type	Amount	Details	Award
Plan A	\$100.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor Recognition handout at DAA Basketball evaluation (1 season) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Deductible
Plan B	\$250.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor Recognition handout at DAA Basketball evaluation (1 season) Print logo on League T-shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Deductible Plaque
Plan C	\$500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor Recognition handout at DAA Basketball evaluation (1 season) Print logo on League T-shirts Web Site Logo posted to Sponsor Page at DAA Web Site (1 year) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Deductible Plaque Web Site Banner

6.2. Player Scholarship

DAA Basketball Scholarship Sponsorship is dedicated to provide families with financial difficulties to play basketball for one season. Full or partial sponsorships for scholarships will provide direct aid to those families.

6.3. Team Sponsorship

Any sponsorship fund solicited and received by individual team will be considered a team sponsorship and may be used for team related expenses at the discretion of the Head Coach

6.4. Fundraiser

Each season, a profit generating fundraiser may be held to benefit DAA Basketball. All funds will be used for Basketball related expenses at the discretion of the Basketball Board.



7. Code of Conduct

It is the policy of Dacula Athletic Association to promote the development of strong character, a right attitude and a sense of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters. It is the purpose of Dacula Athletic Association to achieve this goal through fair play and good sportsmanship with adult leaders providing the example. It is strictly against the policy of Dacula Athletic Association for any person, either as a participant, coach or a spectator to engage in arguments, to use abusive language, to harass or make any threatening gestures towards referees, coaches, players or league officials or to exhibit any behavior not in concert with the general intention of this policy statement. Failure to abide by this policy will result in removal from the park. Any further incidents may result in permanent suspension from DAA. Any players caught fighting or found consuming any controlled substance will be suspended from league play for an amount of time to be determined by the respective Sports Committee.

In any program, the success of such a program is the responsibility of all the participants including referees, players, coaches, league officials, program supporters and parents. Please keep in mind the sole purpose for this league is for the teaching, participation and enjoyment of the game of basketball. To accomplish this goal, it is imperative for all involved to encourage and compliment the players (on both teams) at every opportunity. Our children will mimic our actions as adults and setting a good example is of the utmost importance. Any disagreements to decisions, policies and interpretations, set forth in this handbook will be handled through the DAA Basketball Board with the support of the DAA Executive Committee.

7.1. Fighting

Any players or coaches that is involved in a fight before, during or after a game/practice may be suspended from DAA basketball immediately and jeopardize any future DAA participation.

7.2. Alcohol & Drugs

Alcohol and or controlled substances are NOT permitted at any DAA sponsored event. Anyone under the influence or found consuming such may be expelled from the premises and suspended from league participation.



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8. Gym Usage Rules & Agreement

DAA Basketball rents the participating gyms from the Dacula cluster schools of the Gwinnett County Public School System (GCPS). Each individual school reserves the right to revoke our rental contract at any time, if certain rules are not followed. All players, spectator, coaches, officials and DAA Basketball Board Member must abide by the school rules. Properties belonging to the schools, such as, mats, decorations, balls, ropes, monkey bar, portable basketball goals, shall not be used or touched during our practices or games. Violations of such and any damages / fines, may be the individual's or parent's (in case of minor) sole responsibilities. Any vehicle proceeding to parking space within school properties must park in designated area only. Parking on undesignated / unauthorized area is subject to tow at owner's expense, and any damages to school premises may be the individual's sole responsibilities.

Following rules are applicable to all gymnasiums when DAA Basketball conducts practices and games, and mandatory all time.

- No smoking in or around the gym area, which includes parking lot.
- No chewing gums inside the gym
- No food or drink except water in the gyms.
- No foul language
- No climbing on or destruction of gym property. School property is off limit.
- Team snacks can be only distributed outside of gym.
- All trash must be picked up and disposed properly.
- No street shoes allowed on gym floors.
- No Roller Shoes are permitted in the gyms

All DAA Board Member, Coaches and Officials have the authority to enforce these gym rules. DAA Board Member, Coaches and Officials are required to escort out whoever not adhere to this policy.



9. Coaches Selection and Responsibility

9.1. Application Process

Prospective Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Team Moms when utilized must register online using volunteer registration form. Online registration is open at the same time as player online registration.

9.2. Selection Process

Selection of head coach position consists of; coaching experience, playing experiences, feedbacks, technical fouls, demonstration of commitment to the players and parks / community, physical interview, and previous coaching experiences in DAA Basketball and prospective age league at the other parks. The selection of head coach, assistant coach and team mom is sole discretion of the DAA Basketball Board and reserves the right to reject any application / selection.

9.3. Background Checks

It is the policy of DAA Basketball that at least one adult who has successfully passed a DAA background check be in attendance at all DAA Basketball games, practices or events. All head coaches MUST pass a background check to be eligible to coach. For more details see the "DAA Background Screening Policy" at www.dacula.com or contact a Board Member. In addition to the criminal background check, DAA will continue to evaluate all applicants on the basis of coaching experience, on-court and off-court behavior and examples each person sets in the presence of the children.

9.4. Responsibilities

All head coach volunteers are responsible for attending league meeting (if league director sets coaches meeting), player evaluation, DAA Coaches Meeting/Clinic, draft, practices & games, picture day and any other requirement set forth by DAA Basketball. All head coaches are also responsible for assigning assistant coaches and team moms for the team, organize practices, communicate with team player & parents, reporting scores, and any other activities that require team to effectively and efficiently go through the seasons. Head coaches are also responsible for assigning scorebook and/or clock keepers for each game.

9.5. Assistant Coaches and Team Mom

Although assigning an assistant coach and team mom/parent for each team are at the discretion of and responsibility of the head coach, it is encouraged. A team parent can serve as a valuable resource for organizing snack schedules, picture orders, trophies and end-of-season parties. The team mom can also assist in fundraising and team communications. An assistant coach can serve to assist with practices and games. If a head coach is coaching two or more teams, a registered assistant coach is mandatory for each team. This lessens the chance of scheduling conflict for games and practices.



10. Player Registration

Registration can be done on-line at www.dacula.com or in person at scheduled DAA Walk-up Registrations. On-Line registration accepts Visa or Master Card. Cash or checks can be only accepted at walk-up registration. At least 2 walk-up registrations will be held at locations TBD.

10.1. Registration Fees

Registration fees are set in accordance with DAA guidelines as a non-profit organization. Fees shall be used to offset all costs associated with running the league. Excess funds remaining at the end of the season shall be used for ongoing basketball expenses.

All non-county residents will pay an out of county fee to be determined by Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation. These fees are collected by DAA Basketball and paid directly to the county.

10.2. Registration Dates

Registration dates will be determined by DAA Basketball Board and subject to change at the discretion of the DAA Basketball Director.

10.3. Registration Process

Registration notification methods may include school mailings, school electronic posting, newspaper, web page messages, and/or email blasts. Registrants will be placed on wait-list once league is considered full. Anyone registering after the cutoff date will be subject to a late fee and considered for acceptance pending available space. The late registration charges cover delayed uniforms ordering and manual registration processing expenses. In all cases, acceptance of children registering after the cutoff date is at the sole discretion of DAA Basketball Board

10.4. Refunds

DAA Basketball has a “**no refund**” policy with the exception of the following circumstances: **1)** Players relocating more than 30 miles from Dacula Park **prior** to the regular season start date, **2)** Players making the Dacula High School or Middle School basketball team, **3)** Players experiencing an injury or illness which will prevent them from participating in the entire season, **prior** to the start of the regular season **4)** Cancellation of the regular season, for any reason, for any reason. In all cases adequate verification will be required.

- If a refund is granted, funds can **only** be released after season registration has close.
- Refunds approved before registration closes will be assessed a \$25 Administrative Fee
- Refunds approved after registration closes, and before the first season game will be assessed: \$25 Administrative fee, \$35 Uniform costs fee, Prorated gym fee
- If there is a season cancellation **after the first game**, for any reason, a \$50 discount will be applied to the player’s registration for the following season.



11. Leagues & Age Groups

The division, in which the child participates, will be determined by the child’s age and birth date. **The playing age is the age of the player on September 1st of that year.** Age will be verified by coaches and the DAA basketball Board.

11.1. Leagues

5- & 6-years old Coed	13- & 14-years old Boys
7- & 8-years old Boys/Girls	13-18-years old Girls
9- & 10-years old Boys/Girls	15-18-years old Boys
11- & 12-years old Boys/Girls	

*League classifications may change depending on the number of registers players.

12. Player Evaluations & Selection Process

12.1. Evaluations

DAA will hold evaluations for all age groups. The evaluations will be on a weekend and be held at participating gym. DAA will organize the registered players alphabetically and assign a time/location for try-outs depending on the number of registered players in that league. Times will be staggered to help with organization and speed up try-out times. Players are asked to dress appropriately with sneakers, t-shirts and shorts/sweat pants and arrive 5 minutes BEFORE assigned time. DAA committee members will organize the players OUTSIDE the gym (weather permitting) and then send them in, one/two at a time, to run through drills (shooting and dribbling) for evaluation. Please do not bring any basketballs to the try-outs. All necessary equipment will be provided.

Players will demonstrate their basketball ability based on pre-defined categories defined by league directors (i.e. Dribbling and/or ball handling skills, shooting and/or Free Throws, Passing, and Running). Coaches grade players on a 10-point rating scale with 1= Very Poor and 10 = Excellent. Scores are combined and averaged to result in an overall grade for each player to determine their position in the draft.

In the event that more than one child has the same overall score, DAA Basketball will base the final ranking on years of experience first, then height (if available).

This process should allow for more balanced and competitive leagues.



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12.2. Unrated Players / Hat Pick

Any player not attending evaluations will be considered a “hat pick”. Hat Picks are unrated players randomly selected by coaches at the end of the draft. Hat picks are not available for trade and are automatically assigned to team, based on draft orders.

12.3. Player Ranking

Each player’s scores will be averaged and draft package will be generated. The draft package will include all the players ranked from highest to lowest, hat picks (no shows / no evaluation data), and draft tiers. Draft package also may or may not include, date of birth, age, years of experience, height and weight.

Draft package will be distributed before the draft, giving coaches an accurate ranking of each player and allow 5 minutes to review the package. Draft ranking and tiers are final, and DAA will not accept any negotiations of rankings and / or tiers.

The draft package will also assist in the evaluation of the coach’s children, and placement on appropriate tier based on skill level.

Draft package will be collected upon completion of draft. Package will not be available for coach to take home.

12.4. Coach’s Children

Coaches are automatically assigned to their child. The overall rankings will determine what tier their child is placed in. The coach’s child is assigned to the coach in draft package, according to appropriate tier based on skill evaluations. Coach will not draft another player in the tier his/her child is selected / locked.

12.5. Draft Day

12.5.1 Each coach will randomly draw a number. That number will represent the Coach’s draft order.

12.5.2 The draft order will begin with the #1 and continue down to the last coach. The second round will begin with the last coach and continue in numerical order back up to #1. Therefore, the last coach will have two consecutive picks, on the transition from odd round to an even round. Coaches will have one (1) minute to make a selection. If the time limit is exceeded, the Board members in charge of the draft can automatically assign the highest rated player available to that coach’s team.

12.5.3 Siblings are automatically assigned to the same team. Once the first of the siblings is drafted, the next child ranked based on the master-ratings or the



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closest round is drafted. In the event that the siblings are both rated in the first round, that team will not pick again until round 4, at which time they will have two picks.

- 12.5.4 A player must be ranked within one (1) round of the current round to be eligible for selection (i.e. players ranked between rounds 1 & 2 can be selected in the 1st round)
- 12.5.5 Once all players have been selected, the hat picks are assigned a team. The next coach to draft will randomly draw a hat pick player.
- 12.5.6 There will be a 60-minute trading period following the draft. Trades must be between players selected within one round of one another. All trades are subject to the approval of the league director. Once the trading period is over and roster submitted, the rosters are locked with no more trades allowed.

12.6. Player Notification

All coaches shall notify their players within 3 days of being drafted. Should they be unable to reach those players within 1 week, they may be awarded a replacement player. Replacement players will be selected from a waiting list.

12.7. Teams with Additional Player

- 12.7.1 Leagues that have an odd number of players will require some teams to carry one or more player than the majority of teams (i.e...71 players in a 10-team league require one team to carry 8 players.)
- 12.7.2 Coaches will be asked to voluntarily carry an additional player. If there are not enough volunteers; coaches will be randomly selected from the hat.
- 12.7.3 The coaches with an additional player will receive two draft selections in the 4th round. The second 4th round pick will be selected at the end of round 4. Order of picks will be by random draw.



13. Player Participation Rules

Every player will receive a minimum two (2) quarters of participation per game.

- One (1) full, uninterrupted quarter
- The equivalent of an additional quarter distributed throughout the remainder of the game.

DAA Basketball's policy is to have all players receive adequate playing time. All players in every age division **must play** a minimum of one full, uninterrupted quarter in which they must participate in that quarter from start to finish.

In addition, each player's participation in the remaining three (3) quarters must be comparable to one additional quarter of play time (i.e. You may play a player the entire first quarter and at minimum two (2) minutes in each of the other three (3) quarters to meet the required participation rule. You may also play a child two full quarters, or one full quarter and two half quarters, or any combination that equals two full quarters).

If a player is removed at any time for a substitute player, that quarter is not counted towards the removed or substituted player's participation totals to meet the required participation rule for the full quarter played portion of participation.

13.1. Exceptions

The exceptions to this rule of participation are as follows;

- Player is injured or become ill
 - Player has 2 fouls in 1st quarter, 3 fouls in 2nd quarter, 4 fouls in 3rd quarter
 - Player has been disciplined by the official or parent
 - Player arriving at a game after the start of the second quarter (then, player is not required to play one full quarter, but must meet equivalent of one quarter playing time)
 - DAA Basketball Board approved reduction in playing time. Participation in practices are required and consented by parents during the registration process. Excessive absences from practices affect building cohesive teams. Coaches are permitted to follow procedure for reporting excessive absences and allowed to grant reduction in player playing time.
- 1) If a coach determines a player is having excessive absences from practices, and affecting team practices / building cohesive team, coach must notify parents first.



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- 2) If absence continued after parent notification, coach is permitted to report such to respective league directors and request approval of reduction in playing time.
- 3) If such request is approved, said coach must notify the player's parents of the outcome / decision (copy the communication to respective league directors)
- 4) League directors must notify basketball director of outcome / decision. Reduction in playing time will not be permitted if proper procedure is not followed.

13.2. Violation of Participation Rule

DAA Basketball is recreational basketball, and we require all players' participation. Winning a game at all cost is not the vision of DAA Basketball. Fun, learning and healthy competitive basketball is the first priority.

The rule is set forth to provide team's greater flexibility during the season and to allow a coach the opportunity to spread playtime throughout the game to keep all players in the flow of the game. However, every coach is expected to provide amicable playtime to all players.

In the event of violating the participation rule an investigation will ensue and the following disciplinary action may be taken by DAA Basketball Board.

- 1st Violation: - Warning
- 2nd Violation: - Coach will be required to submit a player substitution plan to the parents and league director for the remaining season games
- 3rd Violation - Coach will be suspended for one game.

This rule is strictly intended to protect our player's best interest, and as recreational basketball coach, DAA Basketball requires all coach to adhere to the rule and play fair throughout the league.

13.3. Reporting Incidents

If a parent witness or feels that their child or any player is not receiving 2 quarters of playing time per game, they are encouraged to contact one of league directors or DAA Basketball Board members to discuss the matter. When reporting the incident, please include game date/time, team, and player(s) information.



14. Official Scorekeeper & Bookkeeper Duties

Each participating team must have a representative available to keep the scorebook and clock/scoreboard. The home team shall be responsible for the scorebook, and the visiting (away) team shall be responsible for keeping the clock/scoreboard. It is the head coach's responsibility to assign scorebook and/or score clock keepers for each game. These volunteer positions must remain mutual during the entire game. Cheering and encouragement to your child or your child's team may be allowed, however, all official scores, individual fouls, team fouls; scoreboard must be kept by the book. These positions are considered part of officiating crew, and must remain on mutual stance.

No person other than the official scorekeeper and bookkeeper, officials, and DAA Board Members are permitted to sit at the scorer's table during a game.

The scorebook will be used as the official record for every game and must be kept with accuracy. In the event of any discrepancy, the scorebook overrules the scoreboard. The officials for the game in question will review the official book and sign the official score.

It is recommended that the clock operator and the scorekeeper periodically check to make sure that the score reflected on the board is the same as the running score in the book.

14.1. Bookkeeper Responsibilities

- Individual and team scoring / running scores
- Individual and team fouls, both personal and technical, and alerting coaches when a player is in foul trouble.
- Providing the official information on bonus (on 7th team foul and thereafter), and double bonus (on 10th foul and thereafter) situations.
- Number of time outs per team.

14.2. Clock/Scoreboard Operator Responsibilities

- Keeping track of the possession arrow as designated by the official.
- Keeping track and displaying quarter being played.
- Keeping track and correctly displaying running score as designated by the official.
- Keeping track of the time as indicated by the official and in accordance with the age division rules.



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15. General Playing Rules

The Georgia High School Association Rules will be the guideline for DAA Basketball games in regards to how the games are officiated. However, there are age specific rules in play for the Dacula Basketball league published within this document. These applying rules can be changed or updated at any time by the basketball board, without approval from the Dacula Athletic Association Executive Board. Dacula Basketball rule exceptions take precedence over GHSA. When a rule is not specifically stated within the DAA Basketball Operational Guideline & Rules, GHSA Rules will apply.

15.1. Dress Code

DAA board chooses a uniform vendor every three years through our vendor selection process. our Uniform Selection Committee solicits multiple vendors for consideration. Things we considered in the selection process are; cost, quality, vendor's experience and reputation and extra offerings. Once the committee narrows its selection down to the final two vendors, the entire basketball board discusses and votes on the selected vendor for our organization.

DAA Basketball will provide reversible game jerseys (with matching shorts) for winter season. The cost of the uniforms is built into the registration fee. All players are required to wear the full uniform provided and authorized by DAA Basket Board during all games.

The designated HOME team will wear WHITE and designated VISITOR team will wear COLOR. All shirttails must be tucked inside the shorts while playing in all games. T-shirts are allowed to be worn under jerseys. It is recommended that similar color t-shirts are worn in comparison to the color of your jersey for the day.

No jewelry of any kind will be allowed during practices and games. Bracelets that are worn for medical reasons must be covered with protective material such as sweatbands to ensure the safety of other players. No metal, plastic or wood hair adornments will be allowed. Only soft elastic bands should be worn in a players' hair.

DAA Basketball will allow players to wear armbands, headbands and shooter sleeves, contrary to GHSA rule. Only rubber soled athletic shoes are allowed on the court. Basketball shoes are preferred and recommended.

Players in violation of the dress code will be asked by the official to discard any objects deemed unacceptable before play can begin. Referees reserve final say on what can and cannot be worn during the game.

Any deviation from the DAA Basketball uniform requirements will result in disciplinary actions at the discretion of the DAA Basketball Director.



15.2. Number of Players required to start a game

Normally a game shall begin and be played with 5 players from each team on the court. In the event that a team has less than 5 players to start a game, 4 players will be allowed to start for official play. It is not required for the other team to comply and only start 4 players. If there are less than 4 players from a team to start a game, that team will forfeit the game, but the gym time should be utilized by playing a practice game.

If the team with 4 players has a 5th player show up after the game is started, that coach can insert the 5th player at the next dead ball. Minimum play requirements will still apply.

There is no minimum number of players required to finish a game. Teams must put 5 players on the floor if 5 players are eligible to play. A team may not play with 4 players to prevent a player from fouling out.

15.3. Game Structure & Timeouts

Games must start within 10 minutes of the scheduled start of the game or 10 minutes after the ending of the previous game. This excludes delays caused by locked gyms, missing officials, clock malfunctions, etc. The team unable to play at this time will forfeit.

There is a timed **5-minute warmup period** for teams prior to the start of a game. The official will start the 5-minute clock once teams from previous game have cleared the court. There will be a 1-minute warning horn after 4 minutes of warmup. Once the horn sounds following the 1-minute warning, the officials will call the starting lineups to center court for the tip off.

Each team will have **four (4) timeouts per game**. (See chart below for details) Timeouts can be used at any time during the game. Coaches may call a timeout during a dead-ball situation or when their team possesses the ball. If a coach calls timeout and the team had no timeouts remaining, a technical foul will be assessed.

Timeouts	Game	Per half	Overtime
	4	2 x 45 Second	1 x 45 second
Halftime	5 min		
Between Quarters	60 Second		



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15.4. Technical Fouls

The following guidelines may be applicable to determine disciplinary action toward coaches and/or players that receive technical fouls during the season.

Coaches receiving a technical foul are no longer permitted to stand during the remainder of the game. Two (2) technical fouls on a coach or player will result in an automatic ejection. Any individual who has been ejected from the game will be required to leave the gym immediately. In the event a player, coach or spectator is ejected from the game, that individual will be required to miss the next scheduled game. That individual is required to appear before the Basketball Board to discuss the disciplinary action which may allow for a reduction in the required penalty. Multiple ejections will result in expulsion from the remainder of DAA Basketball season. Disciplinary actions are at the discretion of the Basketball Board. All technical fouls must be recorded in the official scorebook and reported to the Director of Basketball. Excessive technical fouls in a season may be subject to disciplinary action.

15.5. Overtime

Overtime periods will be 2 minutes for all age groups with the clock stopped on every whistle. Each team will have one time-out in overtime. Timeouts DO NOT carry over from regulation. If the game is still tied after the 3rd OT, the game will be declared a tie. The exception is tournament play when games are played until there is a winner.

15.6. Protest

Protests will only be heard regarding violations of the playing rules or player eligibility. No protest will be heard in regards to a call made by a referee. Coaches violating the playing rules are subject to penalties up to season suspension. Playing with an ineligible player could result in forfeit of games. An \$50 protest fee must be paid upon protest. If protest is upheld, \$50 will be returned. If denied, it will be donated to DAA Basketball.

DAA Basketball will abide by the GHSA in regard to rules protests. However, DAA Basketball has rules that take precedence as listed in this document. Violations of these rules may be reviewed and ruled upon by the DAA Basketball Board at any time.

15.7. Mercy Rule

The game clock will run continuously if a team is ahead by **20 or more points**. The game clock will resume to normal start and stop rules once the difference is made up. Timeouts will be recognized.

15.8. 10-15 Rule (Full Court Press)

If full court press is allowed, a team ahead by 15 or more points cannot continue to press. The team in the lead may resume a full court press if the lead is less than 15 points.



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15.9. Injuries & First Aid

A first aid kit will be available at all practice/game sites. If a player is injured during the course of a game, the official and coach along with the player's parent will determine the course of action to be taken. If it appears serious enough to require professional medical attention, 911 will be called immediately. Only qualified medical personnel or parents / guardians will be allowed on the court.

15.10. Bleeding During Game

A player who is bleeding must leave the game until the bleeding is stopped. A player may not play with blood on his/her uniform. Injured players must leave the game for at least one play. A charged timeout must be called to leave the player in the game. The referee has the authority to decide if a player is too injured to continue playing.

15.11. Concussion Observation Rules

Any player that experiences a head injury during a game or practice must be substituted and sat down for a minimum 2 minutes and observed for any sign of concussion. If any sign of concussion is observed, player must not return back to the practice or game. The player needs to be taken to hospital by parents, for professional / medial evaluation of concussion.

15.12. Game / Practice Cancellation

DAA Basketball follows the Gwinnett County Public School policy for school closings and early release of classes due to inclement weather Monday through Friday by automatically canceling all games and practices scheduled the day of and subsequent days, if necessary. Saturday and Sunday cancellations will be at the discretion of the Board and will be final. Any such cancellations will be posted on the Basketball website at www.dacula.com. Canceled games or practices may not be made up.



16. Age Specific League Rules

16.1. Coed 5-6 Years Old

Basketball Size:	27.5"
Goal Height	8 foot
Free Throw Line	10 foot
Foul Shots	First player lines up below the block
5 Second Lane Violation	10-foot free throw line
Game Quarters & Time	Four (4) – 8 Minutes quarters
Clock Type	Running clock (Stopped only for time outs and free throws and the last two minutes of the final period.)
Full Court Press	No
Defense	Behind the top of the key extending out to the sidelines. Once offense penetrates the area inside the top of the key, the defense is able to follow the ball. Using this rule to delay the game is forbidden. The offensive team should penetrate the area inside the top of the key within 10 seconds of crossing half court. At the official's discretion, a warning will be given to the offensive coach. A second offense will result in a turnover.
Foul Calls	Officials in this age group will only call major violations and will explain any violations called to the children on the court.
Coaches on the Floor	The first half of the season, head coaches from each team are allowed on the floor to instruct and position players. They are not allowed to impede the flow of play unless directed by officials. 5-6 Girls League Only, coaches are allowed on the floor the entire season.



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16.2. Girls & Boys 7-8 Years Old

Basketball Size:	28.5"
Goal Height:	9 feet
Free Throw Line:	12 foot
Foul Shots:	First player lines up below the block
5 Second Lane Violation:	12-foot free throw line
Game Quarters & Time:	Four (4) – 8 Minutes quarters
Clock Type:	Running clock (Stopped only for time outs, free throws and the last two minutes of the final period.)
3 Point Shots:	Recognized where a 3-point line is marked on the court
Full Court Press:	Last 2 minutes of 4th quarter and overtime. Two “press warnings” (illegal defense) are allowed per half. After two press warning (illegal defense) per half, each illegal defense violation will result in a team foul at referee’s discretion. If a referee deems the violation intentional at any time, it can result in a technical foul.
Defense:	Defenders are allowed to play half-court defense as the defenders are allowed to extend to the half-court line.



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16.3. Girls 9-10 Years Old

Basketball Size:	28.5"
Goal Height:	10 foot
Free Throw Line:	15 foot
Foul Shots:	First player lines up below the block
5 Second Lane Violation:	12-foot free throw line
3 Point Shots:	Recognized where a 3-point line is marked on the court
Game Quarters / Time:	Four (4) – 8 Minutes quarters
Clock Type:	Running clock (Stopped only for time outs and free throws and the last two minutes of the final period.)
Full Court Press:	Full Court Press 2 nd & 4 th Quarter & Overtime (with 15-10 Rules) 1 st or 3 rd quarters but 1 player is allowed back

16.4. Boys 9-10 Years Old

Basketball Size:	28.5"
Goal Height:	10 foot
Free Throw Line:	15 foot
Foul Shots:	First player lines up below the block
5 Second Lane Violation:	12-foot free throw line
3 Point Shots;	Recognized where a 3-point line is marked on the court
Game Quarters & Time:	Four (4) – 8 Minutes quarters
Clock Type:	Running clock (Stopped only for time outs and free throws and the last two minutes of the final period.)
Full Court Press:	Full Court Press 2 nd & 4 th Quarter & Overtime (with 15-10 Rules) 1 st or 3 rd quarters but 1 player is allowed back



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16.5. Girls 11-12 Years Old

Basketball Size:	28.5"
Goal Height:	10 foot
Free Throw Line:	15 foot
Foul Shots:	First player lines up below the block
5 Second Lane Violation:	Regulation Lane
3 Point Shots:	Recognized where a 3-point line is marked on the court
Game Quarters & Time:	Four (4) – 8 Minutes quarters
Clock Type:	Running clock (Stopped only for time outs and free throws and the last two minutes of the final period.)
Full Court Press:	Full Court Press in 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Quarter & Overtime (with 15-10 Rules) One player back in 1 st Quarter

16.6. Girls 13-18 Years Old

Basketball Size:	28.5"
Goal Height:	10 foot
Free Throw Line:	15 foot
Foul Shots:	First player lines up below the block
3 Second Lane Violation:	Regulation Lane
3 Point Shots:	Recognized in all games where a 3-point line is marked on the court
Game Quarters & Time:	Four (4) – 8 Minutes quarters
Clock Type:	Running clock (Stopped only for time outs and free throws and the last two minutes of the final period.)
Full Court Press:	Full Court Press in 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Quarter & Overtime (with 15-10 Rules) One player back in 1 st Quarter



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16.7. Boys 11-12, 13-14 & 15-18 Years Old

Basketball Size:	29.5"
Goal Height:	10 foot
Free Throw Line:	15 foot
Foul Shots:	First player lines up below the block
5 Second Lane Violation:	Regulation Lane
3 Point Shots:	Recognized where a 3-point line is marked on the court
Game Quarters & Time:	Four (4) – 8 Minutes quarters
Clock Type:	Running clock (Stopped only for time outs and free throws and the last two minutes of the final period.)
Full Court Press:	Full Court Press in 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Quarter & Overtime (with 15-10 Rules) One player back in 1 st Quarter



17. Post Season Tournament

A post-season tournament will be held shortly after the last regular season games are played. Teams' win-lost record will determine the seeding for the tournament with the team with the best record awarded the #1 seed. Seeding may occur before the final game is played.

Tournament brackets will be posted on the website. Teams that finish with identical records will be seeded according to head-to-head competition with the team winning the head-to-head game receiving the higher seed. If the head-to-head record does not resolve the tie then seeding will be determined by a random drawing.

18. All-Star Policy

DAA Basketball will occasionally enter teams into local all-star tournaments within Gwinnett County. The DAA Basketball "All-Star Policy" only pertains to the all-star players' and all-star coaches' selection process. Individual tournament specific rules will be published separately and available on, www.dacula.com. Please read those documents for more information.

18.1. Participation Cost

Each year DAA Basketball will announce the set cost per player participating in each all-star basketball tournament. Below are the costs justifications

Tournament Entry Fee: DAA does not cover the cost for any team entries into a recreational all-star basketball tournament. The entry fee per team will be divided equally between all players on a team.

Uniform Costs: Each player will incur the cost an all-star basketball shooter's shirt prior to team certification for the tournament. Every effort will be made to keep costs minimal without sacrificing quality.

Practices: The expenses for practices at Dacula Cluster Gyms are included in the cost.

18.2. Teams and Rosters

No more than two teams per age division will be allowed to participate in any All-Star tournament. It is at the discretion of the DAA Basketball Director as to how many teams in each division will represent DAA in any tournament.

Each team may carry between 8 and 12 players actively on a roster. The recommended number of players per team is 10.

18.3. Player Eligibility

Any player in good financial standing with DAA sports and has participated in the current DAA basketball season is eligible to be nominated for all-stars.



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Players and coaches currently suspended under DAA Code of Conduct violations are not eligible to participate.

Players must submit a copy of their birth certificates and parental permission slip for the certification process.

Players must attend all practices and games. This is mandatory and not optional.

18.4. Player Selection

Coaches will be asked to submit players from their team for all-stars consideration to the age specific League Director(s). The coach must submit information about each player such as positions played during the regular season, strengths and weaknesses.

It is important that each coach submit position information. Many times, the 5 best players in a league may be point guards or centers. Basketball all-stars cannot realistically field a team of 5 guards or 5 centers. Positions are considered when selecting each team.

All-star tryouts are required by age group. Nominated players will be invited to an evaluation date for players that will be published one (1) week prior to the evaluations where they may be evaluated performing drills and/or scrimmaging against other candidates. Any coach that wants to attend and observe the evaluation process is encouraged to do so. The all-star coaches will then have final determination of the players that best fill the roles of guard, forward and center for a basketball team.

Players should wear their game jersey to the evaluations.

When rosters are complete, the coach must take his roster, parental permission slips and birth certificates with him when he/she attends the certification process.

18.5. Selection of Coaches

Coach selection for each age group is the responsibility of the League Director(s) assigned to each specific age group.

The League Director may consider the all-star coaching position(s) based on coaches' coaching ability and performance during the regular season as well as code of conduct during the regular season. Violation of DAA basketball rules or any unlike sportsmanship conduct will result in disqualification from this consideration.

The League Director will take into consideration "the best interest of DAA Basketball" when selecting coaches to represent our league during all-stars.

"The Best Interest of DAA Basketball" – As a member of the DAA Basketball League, coaches and players are expected and required to act in the best interest of the league, as well as the children and young adults playing at DAA. Coaches should provide



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positive support to the league and its players. League business will be conducted in a professional and ethical manner. We are here for a common goal: mentoring our youth and promoting and teaching basketball. This program is for boys & girls with their safety and welfare being the main concern of DAA. All coaches must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times when they are in the presence of the boys & girls in the program. To ensure the success of the program, if the League Director feels that any particular coach (regardless of record) best represents these qualities to lead our youth all- star team(s) and represent DAA; the League Director may make his selection based upon his observations throughout the regular season.

19. Insurance

DAA provides additional athletic accident insurance. Your registration fee covers these costs. If you have a possible claim, please contact your coach and league director promptly.