

AAU



Sports For All, Forever

AAU CLUB

WHAT IS THE AAU?

The Amateur Athletic Union is boys and girls, young adults and personal growth. It is laughter, challenges, and opportunities. It is one place where those who have achieved athletic excellence introduce America's youth to discipline, teamwork and persistence. It's an organization where problem solving and cooperation is taught through the medium of sports and cooperation. The AAU is you, it is me, and it is the oldest and largest not-for-profit, volunteer based, sports organization in the world! In the last four years alone over 2 million athletes have taken part in our programs. Geographically, since 1888, the AAU has been divided into 58 distinct administrative districts instead of state by state as other organizations typically do. These districts annually administer up to 34 different sport programs while sanctioning somewhere in the neighborhood of 15,000 local, district, and regional competitions, all of which lead to 250 national championships. Although the Amateur Athletic Union has had some impressive alumni from Mark Spitz, Shaquille O'Neal, Keri Strug, Chamique Holdsclaw, Greg Louganis, Ryan Klesko, Dan Gable, Jackie Joyner Kersee, and Carl Lewis, the AAU is far more than just household names. We are developmental programs where striving to be your best is far more important to us than being the best. We are educational programs for parents and coaches that are taught in both the written form and through example. We are the AAU Junior Olympic Games with over 14,000 athletes competing at one location in any one of 25 sports for two weeks each summer. We are the AAU James E. Sullivan Award, which honors America's top amateur athlete each year. We are the AAU Complete Athlete Program: a sports curriculum designed to help prepare our membership for the opportunities that lie ahead in life. The AAU is a lot of things, but more than anything else it's people helping people through the medium of sports.

Starting an AAU Club

Club? What is an AAU club?

An AAU club can consist of one team, or 100 teams, it's up to you. If you only have one team, then that team is your club. Or, maybe your organization has one team in every age group. In that case, your club may comprise nine teams, for example. Or, maybe you decide to get together with several organizations in your county and form a club. Any of the above situations are fine.

WHAT IS A CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CLUB LEVEL 1, 2, & 3?

AAU Club Membership is for organizations incorporated or unincorporated such as Y.M.C.A's, Boys & Girls Clubs, Businesses, Mom & Pop Teams, etc.

A Club Level 1 is our basic Club Membership that allows you to participate in all of our team sports. With this membership you are eligible to participate in events, vote at appropriate district meetings, and receive sanction for practice insurance.

A Club Level 2 gives you all of the benefits of a Club Level 1 Membership and also allows you to be eligible to sanction to host an event and use the AAU Name & Logo in AAU Sanctioned events.

A Club Level 3 allows you to receive the benefits of a Club Level 2 Membership and also allows you to be eligible for tax-exempt status, except tax-exempt donations, and become sales tax-exempt in your state.

Benefits of AAU Club Membership

Take it from NBA superstar **LeBron James**, track and field legend **Michael Johnson** or decorated Olympian **Mark Spitz** –all athletes who participated in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) during their childhood: Competing in AAU programs provides youth athletes with an incomparable opportunity to participate in outstanding sporting events affiliated with one of the most respected and oldest youth amateur organizations in the United States. Some of the many benefits of a membership with the AAU include:

- **World-class insurance coverage.** Since 1888, the AAU has been the leader in the amateur market in setting standards of protection. Understanding the inherent risk involved in any athletic endeavor, the AAU provides a comprehensive insurance program that is second to none in the youth sports industry. For complete information on insurance, visit www.aausports.org click in the gray quick links box on “Find Insurance Info” or refer to the Insurance Brochure.

- o One of the benefits of club membership is **practice insurance**. You may print out your verification of insurance as the club’s proof of insurance or you may request Third Party Certificates for your facilities for practice or when you apply for an event license. Remember EVERYONE who is participating in your club or event must also be have an individual AAU Athlete or Non Athlete membership.

- **Partnership with the Positive Coaching Alliance.** The AAU National Office provides FREE coaches’ education for all AAU non-athletes through a program administered by the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) via their Double-Goal Coach online courses. PCA’s online course is filled with powerful coaching tools that are based on the latest research in sport psychology and reflect the best practices of elite coaches, including **Phil Jackson** (basketball), **Herm Edwards** (football), **Bart Conner** (gymnastics) and **Summer Sanders** (swimming).

- **Association with AAU’s illustrious alumni.** Many of the most successful athletes in the world competed in AAU events as a youth athlete. Along with James, Johnson and Spitz, other notable athletes who participated in AAU include seven-time MLB All-Star **David Wright**; 2015 World Series MVP **Madison Bumgarner**; three-time NBA Finals MVP **Shaquille O’Neal**; 2012 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year **Robert Griffin III**; and the celebrated professional boxer **Muhammad Ali**.

What kind of club should you register – Club Level 1, 2, or 3?

You determine what your club’s needs are. Do you plan to participate in AAU events, but not host events? Then the Club Level 1 (\$30 per club) is for you. Do you want to both participate in, and host, AAU events, and have access to use the AAU marks and logos? Then you’ll choose Club Level 2 (\$60). Are you planning to raise funds for your club through corporate donations but you’ve been told by potential donors that they can only contribute to 501(c)3 organizations? The AAU can help you with that, too. You’ll choose a Club Level 3 membership (\$300). The forms are very easy and you’ll receive your 501(c)3 letter in two to three weeks. once you have your AAU club membership, you want to make sure each of your athletes (players) and non-athletes (coaches) become individual members of the AAU. Will you be playing only in AAU events? Then the basic membership (\$14 athletes; \$16 coaches) is all you’ll need.

Will you be playing in other organizations' events as well as AAU events?

No problem. Many teams do. In that case, your best option is the AAU Extended Benefit (AB) membership for \$2 more than the basic membership. Included in each AAU membership at no additional charge are sports accident and general liability insurance coverage, a training course designed by the Positive Coaching Alliance, and access to some of the most renowned National Championships in the country as well as many other benefits. Also, your AAU membership allows you to participate in over 34 sports with just one membership. The insurance that comes with the Extended Benefit membership will cover you not only in AAU events, but in other organizations' tournaments as well. The basic membership will come with insurance that will cover you in AAU-sanctioned events. Note that the liability insurance is not a \$1M or \$2M policy; it is a \$10M policy! Once you have your club membership and individual memberships for players and coaches, you are ready to participate in AAU-sanctioned events such as leagues and tournaments.

CAN I UPGRADE TO THE LEVEL 3, NON PROFIT STATUS CLUB?

No, there are no upgrades to a Club Level 3 membership (or refunds for a club level 1 or Club Level 2). You must purchase a new club Level 3 membership.

HOW MANY MEMBERS MUST BE IN MY CLUB?

There are no minimum or maximum membership requirements for a club, except when referring to voting rights in the governance of the AAU. In order to have voting rights at your District or Sport Committee meetings you must have 5 registered members in your club.

MUST I SIGN UP ALL MY ATHLETES AT ONCE?

No you may sign up your athletes at any time during the membership year; however, be sure any athletes or non-athletes have a membership BEFORE they participate in any practices or events.

I NEED TO SIGN UP AS A COACH OR AN OFFICIAL. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO ?

You need to go to www.ausports.org click on 'JOIN AAU' and purchase an 'Non-Athlete Membership'

HOW LONG IS AAU MEMBERSHIP VALID?

AAU Membership is valid from September 1st until August 31st. No matter the time of the year the membership is purchased (unless it is a multi-year membership) it will only be valid until the following August 31st

DO I NEED TO SIGN UP AND PAY FOR THE ATHLETES IN MY CLUB OR SHOULD THEIR PARENTS TAKE CARE OF THAT ?

This is up to you. You may obtain their information and sign up purchase for them you may provide your club code to their parents with instructions on what to do in order to purchase their own memberships

CAN MY CLUB HAVE MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN IT?

Yes, you may have as many teams in your club as you wish.

THE NATIONAL OFFICE NUMBER – 1-407-934-7200

Toll-free number for the District Offices - 1-800-AAU-4USA

**CUSTOMER SERVICE - WELCOME TO PLAY AAU
IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT, LOGON TO YOUR ACCOUNT
NEW TO THE AAU, GET STARTED BELOW**

LOGIN ONTO WWW.AAUSPORTS.ORG AND GET STARTED

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If you already have an account, login to your account to the right.

New to the AAU? Get started below.

[Benefits of membership](#)

Get a Membership

Click here to get started by filling out your membership application.

[Benefits for clubs](#)

Start a Club

If you have a non-athlete membership and are ready to start a club, click here

Registration Steps for Club Contacts

Step 1: Register the club contacts, club directors and administrators as AAU non-athlete members (\$16 regular

membership, \$18 extended coverage membership). After the application has been approved, the member will receive an email with the AAU membership ID. Approval could take a few hours up to 10 days depending on the background screening process.

Step 2: Register your club. You must have non-athlete AAU membership IDs for the club contacts before registering

for club membership. Once you register your club, you will instantly receive your 2015 AAU club code. Please note club

codes change from year to year unless you register for a multi-year membership.

Step 3: Attach your non-athlete membership to the club. In your account, click on Reprint/Correct Membership and

select Edit. You can add your new club code to the non-athlete memberships.

Step 4: Register your athletes. This can be done by the following ways.

Instruct parents to purchase individual athlete memberships for their athletes. Give your parents your 2015

AAU club code (do not use your 2014 code unless you had a multi-year membership).

The parents can add this

code to their athlete's application.

Club contacts can purchase new athlete memberships individually or renew athlete memberships they

purchased the previous **year**. Be sure to add the new club code to each membership.

Club contacts can import an athlete listing to register multiple athletes at one time.

Follow the instructions

online for setting up the information and the import.

Step 5: Register all coaches and additional non-athletes. Non-athlete membership is no longer instant due to

background checks. Be sure that all coaches are registered well in advance of starting practice, try-outs or participating

in any events! Non-athlete memberships cannot be renewed or imported. Give each coach your club code and instruct

them to register online.

Step 6: Insurance. With your club membership, you may print a free Verification of Insurance Certificate for your

practice facilities. If your facilities need to be listed on the certificate as additional insured, you may apply for a Practice

Insurance Certificates. This can be requested online in your account.

Step 7: Club Listing and Proof of Membership. Before your try-out or practice, each participant (athlete and coach)

must have a current membership. For those members that used your club code on their individual membership, you will

see them listed on your Club Membership Listing (click the link in your account). If participants have a membership, but are not on your club listing, they are still eligible to participate. They may show a copy of their membership card as proof of membership.

ARTICLE II GOVERNANCE OF THE DISTRICTS

A. Adoption. Each District member shall adopt the provisions of this Article which are mandatory in their entirety and must be incorporated as each District's governance.

1. Amendments. This Article cannot be amended by a District. Amendments adopted by the Congress shall be automatically binding upon each District.

B. Charter. The District shall comply with the terms of its charter, the AAU Constitution, Bylaws, and National Policies.

C. Name, Territory and Jurisdiction. The District shall operate with the name and territory designated by Congress. Districts shall exercise jurisdiction over its territory for the purpose of conducting the business of the AAU.

D. Objectives. The objectives of the District is to foster the mission of the AAU, protect and promote the mutual interests of AAU members, provide administrative services to sportsoriented groups, and conduct sport programs in approved sports.

E. Management.

1. Board of Managers. The Board of Managers governs the District.

a. Composition. The members of the Board of Managers shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall consist of:

1. Clubs representatives.

2. Officers of the District.

3. District Sport Directors.

4. At-Large. Up to two (2) at-large members appointed by the Governor.

b. Duties. The management of the business affairs of the District is the sole responsibility

of the Board of Managers. At the Biennial Legislative meeting, the Board of Managers shall have the power and the duty to:

1. Elect the following:

a. Officers of the District;

b. The Review Committee;

c. The Nominations and Elections Committee and approve procedures for District elections;

d. Delegates to the Congress of the AAU;

2. Review and approve the budget of the District;

3. Establish the dates of the Biennial Legislative and special meetings of the District.

4. Establish policies and rules consistent with the Code and necessary for the management of the District;

5. Approve action of the Executive Committee;

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6. Nominate, by a majority vote, candidates for National Office; and
7. By a majority vote, propose to Congress amendments to the AAU Code.

c. Voting.

1. Each club which has registered at least five (5) individual members during the current year shall appoint one representative to serve on the Board of Managers. The representative shall be designated on the club membership application.

- a. The club may by written notice to the District Secretary withdraw its representative and substitute a new representative.
- b. Written notice to the District Secretary for the withdrawal of its representative and substitution of a new club representative must be received seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.
- c. Replacement representative shall be at least 18 years old on the date of the meeting.

2. There shall be no voting by proxy.

3. Each member of the Board of Managers shall have one vote unless the District selects weighted voting as set out below.

- a. The following system of weighted voting may be adopted by a District by a 2/3 vote at a District Biennial Legislative Meeting.
- b. Districts may assign weighted voting privileges to club representatives based on registered membership. One representative may cast all the votes to which the club is entitled.

1. Each club shall receive one vote for the first five (5) members attached to the club. The club shall receive one additional vote for each additional fifteen (15) members attached.

4. A member of the Board of Managers is limited to voting for a maximum of two entities (i.e. Club Representative and in an individual capacity, such as a Committee Chair).

Officers.

a. Titles. The District Officers are Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Registrar, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Managers may approve the establishment of additional District Officers. No individual may hold more than one office at the same time.

c. Eligibility. Only members of the Board of Managers are eligible to hold office.

d. Term of Office. Each Officer shall serve a term of four years or until his successor is chosen.

e. Duties. The duties of the Officers are:

1. Governor. The Governor presides at all meetings, appoints Committees, calls special meetings, and performs any other duties that pertain to the office of Governor.

2. Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor has duties as assigned by the Governor.

3. Secretary. The Secretary shall:

a. Keep the records of the District, including but not limited to the minutes of all District Board of Managers and Executive Committee meetings and copies of all District Sport Committee meetings and District Sport Committee Operating Rules.

b. Issue or approve issue of all District and District Sport Committee meeting

notices. Forward a copy of District Board of Managers notices to the National Office.

c. Prepare meeting minutes for approval at all Board of Managers and District Executive Committee meetings. Forward a copy of all minutes to the National Office.

d. Prepare a report of activities for the District Board of Managers Biennial Legislative meeting.

e. Prepare and submit the District reports required by the Constitution and Bylaws.

f. Turn over all minutes and records to the succeeding Secretary upon end of term of office.

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4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for and oversee the following:

a. Payment or authorization of payment of the District membership (charter) fee to the National Office.

b. Receipt and deposit of all monies of the District into District accounts.

c. Payment of all bills approved by an authorized officer or by the Board of Managers provided they are within the authorized current budget of the District.

d. Execution of all checks, notes, and drafts as prescribed by District policy.

e. Preparation of the District's financial report (including budget) to the Board of Managers.

f. Comply with the requirements of the AAU Business Practices by in filing the required District and Sport Committee IRS 990 forms. A copy of the form(s) shall be available at the District's Biennial Legislative Meeting.

g. Consult with the Finance Chair to prepare the District's budget.

h. Furnish to the Board of Managers or Finance Committee when requested all monies, accounts, books, papers, vouchers and records pertaining to the office for audit or other purposes, and turn over all records to the successor when elected.

5. Registrar. The Registrar shall:

a. Review and then approve or deny applications for membership.

b. Credential eligible voters at all District Board of Managers meetings (as outlined in National Policies.)

c. Monitor any event to assure compliance with AAU requirements.

d. Insure a quorum of voting members exists at all management meetings and submit a credentials report to the District Secretary.

e. Consider the transfer of athletes pursuant to the Bylaws.

6. Additional Officers. The duties of additional officers as established by the Board of Managers shall be specified by the Board of Managers.

f. Removal. An elected Officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of

Managers at the Biennial Legislative meeting, provided that the Notice of the meeting specifies that a motion to remove is on the agenda or on the order of the National Board of Review following the filing of a complaint and the Board's proceedings. [Rev. 10/07]

g. Vacancies. In the event of the death, resignation, removal or incapacity of an officer, the

District Executive Committee shall appoint an individual to serve in the position until

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the next Board of Managers meeting where an election will be held to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

4. Meetings. The meetings of the District are:

a. Biennial Legislative Meeting. The Biennial Legislative meeting of the Board of

Managers shall be held during the month of May or June in even years on a date selected by the Board of Managers two years in advance. If the Biennial Legislative meeting minutes do not reflect the date of the next Biennial Legislative meeting, the date shall be the first Saturday or Sunday in June. The Executive Committee shall select the time and location of the meeting.

b. Special. The Board of Managers shall have special meetings upon the call of the Governor or upon the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Board of Managers.

c. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year and at other times as it may designate.

1. The Executive Committee shall have designated meetings upon the call of the majority of the Officers or by written request of 1/3 of the Executive Committee.

d. Notices.

1. **Time.** Notice of the Biennial Legislative or special meetings of the Board of Managers shall be given by the District Secretary, to all members at least thirty (30) days before the meeting (but no more than sixty (60) days.) . Notice for meetings or the District Executive Committee shall be not less than fifteen days or more than thirty (30) days.

2. **Information.** The notice of a meeting shall contain the time, date, and site. For special meetings the purpose shall be given.

3. **Address.** The Notice shall be sent to the electronic address last given to the National Office by each member entitled to Notice who has furnished an electronic address.

e. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, a quorum shall consist of representatives from at least five (5) member clubs. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall consist of twenty percent (20%) of its members.

5. Committees.

a. Required Committees. Each District shall have the following Committees:

b. Duties. The duties of the District Sport Committee are to :

1. In even years, hold a Biennial meeting, the date, time and location of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee. [Added 10/08]

2. Adopt at the Biennial Meeting, rules of operation of the Committee to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and which shall not conflict with the provisions of the AAU Constitution, Bylaws, National Policies or National Sport Committee rules.

3. Determine whether to establish a Committee operating account and if so to comply with all relevant AAU procedures and policies.

4. Conduct of the District championships.

5. If the District Sport Committee is organized as an administrative club under the AAU, it shall annually file the Location of Assets Report with the District Office, and forward a copy to the National Office.

c. District Sport Director. In each approved sport in which the District has athletes actively participating, there may be a Director.

1. **Election.** In each sport committee in which five or more club members have designated the sport as its primary sport, the Director shall be elected by the Committee at its Biennial Meeting. The District Sport Director takes office upon election.

2. **Appointment.** When there are fewer than five clubs registered to the Sport,

the Sport Director may be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the National Sport Committee Chair. The District Sport Director takes office upon appointment.

3. Term of Office.

a. The term of office for an elected District Sport Director shall be four (4) years to run concurrently with the District Officers.

b. The term of office for an appointed District Sport Director shall be one year; or until removed by the Governor; or until the Sport Committee has met the criteria to elect a Director.

c. Vacancies. A vacancy occurring in a District Sport Director position shall be filled by the Governor with the approval of the National Sport Committee Chair.

4. Duties. The Sport Committee Director shall :

a. Develop a budget for the Sport Committee to file with the District Executive Committee if required;

b. Perform the duties set forth in the Committee Rules of Operation.

c. Approve event licenses in the sport.

d. Maintain the records of the District Sport Committee, including but not limited to the minutes of all meetings, the budget, location of assets report (if required), and the District Sport Committee operating rules. [Added 10/08]

e. Preside at Sport Committee meetings ;

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f. Prepare, or have prepared, meeting minutes (which shall be approved at all District Sport Committee meetings). Forward a copy of all minutes to the National Office and District Secretary no later than 30 days following the District Sport Committee meeting. District Sport Directors who do not comply may be removed by the National Board of Review Chair. [Added 10/08]

g. File a copy of all records with the District Secretary and the AAU National Office Compliance Department no later than 30 days following District Sport Committee meetings. District Sport Directors who do not comply may be removed by the National Board of Review Chair. [Added 10/08]

h. At the conclusion of service as Sport Director turn over all records to the successor to the position.

5. Removal. District Sport Directors may be removed as follows:

a. By District Sport Committee. An elected Sport Committee Director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sport Committee at the Biennial meeting provided that the Notice of the meeting specifies that a motion to remove is on the agenda.

d. Meetings.

1. Notice. Notice of Biennial Meeting of the District Sport Committee will be given by the District Secretary, to **all clubs** with members registered in the sport.

a. Timing of Notice. Notice shall be sent not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting (or more than sixty (60) days).

2. Quorum. Five (5) member clubs with voting eligibility must be present to constitute a quorum of the Biennial Sport Committee meeting.

Special Committees/Ad Hoc Committees. The Governor or Board of Managers may appoint Special Committees or Ad Hoc Committees and designate the responsibilities to further the interests of the District. The Governor shall appoint the Chair.

e. Voting. Each club which has registered at least five (5) individual members in the sport during the current year shall appoint one (1) representative to serve on the District Sport Committee. The representative shall be designated on the club membership application.

1. The club by written notice to the District Sports Director may withdraw its representative and submit a new club representative. Written notice to the District Sports Director of the withdrawal and replacement must be received seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Club Replacement shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the meeting.

2. There shall be no voting by proxy.

3. Each member of the Sports Committee shall have one vote unless weighted voting has been established.

a. Weighted Voting. The following system of weighted voting may be adopted by a Sports Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a District Sport Committee Biennial Meeting. Weighted voting privileges may be assigned to a club based on registered membership in the sport. One representative may cast all the votes to which the club is entitled.

1. Each club shall receive one (1) vote for the first five (5) members attached to the club. The club shall receive one (1) additional vote for each additional fifteen (15) members attached.

BYLAW 3. EVENT LICENSE.

3.1 No event shall be conducted under the auspices of the AAU unless a written license has been issued for the activity. An license is the written approval of the AAU for the conduct of the activity.

3.2 Only AAU members shall be allowed to participate in licensed events unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

3.3 A license may be issued to any club in good standing and which meets the membership criteria. A license may be reviewed by the District Sport Committee Director or the Governor if there is no District Sport Director. If the license is reviewed and rejected, the organization submitting the license application shall be notified.

3.4 No license shall take effect until approved or until the 15-day review period has expired.

3.5 The National Registration Executive Committee has the authority to:

3.5.1 Issue a license for events in locations where there is no active District member.

3.5.2 Issue a license for events in Districts where there is no current active participation.

(No District Championship in the prior membership year).

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- 3.5.3** Issue a license for events directly sponsored by the National AAU or National Sports Committee. (The National Sport Committee shall consult with the District Sport Director and Governor prior to seeking an event license.)
- 3.5.4** Review and approve any licenses rejected by the District.
- 3.5.5** Revoke an approved license for good cause.
- 3.6** Event licenses issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another organization.
- 3.7** No event license will be issued for any event where the word “Olympic” or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisements or notice in connection with the event except upon the specific written approval of the Board of Directors.

BYLAW 4. MEMBERSHIP.

4.1 Individual Membership. Membership is required of all persons who participate in the AAU

in the following capacities:

4.1.1. Athletes

4.1.2. Coaches

4.1.3. Club Contacts

4.1.4. District Officers

4.1.5. District Committee Chairs, Sport Directors and Committee Members, Members of the

District Board of Managers (Club Contact or Club Replacement Representative)

4.1.6. National Committee Chairs and Committee Members

4.1.7. Event Operators and event management listed on any event information

4.1.8. Members of the Board of Directors

4.1.9. Members of Congress

4.1.10 National Officers

4.2 Club and Individual Membership Applications. Applications for club and individual

membership must be completed and submitted with the yearly membership fee. All club and

individual memberships expire on August 31st of the membership year. All membership applications must be processed on-line or through the AAU National Office. [Rev. 10/07]

4.2.1 Review and Approval. Clubs and individual memberships are effective immediately

upon receipt of the application and fees by the AAU, subject to the right of the Registrar to review the application. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the application, the Registrar may reject an application for good cause. Applications are automatically approved if not rejected within thirty (30) days. The decision of the Registrar to reject an application is subject to the appeal process established by Article III of the Constitution.

4.3 Membership and Residency.

4.3.1 Adult members will not be bound by residence requirements.

4.3.2 Youth members must register in the District of their bona fide residency, except as

follows:

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4.3.2.1 A youth member who resides in the county of one District that adjoins a county of

another District and who attends a school located in the adjoining county will have the option of registering in either District.

4.3.2.2 A youth member subject to a written joint legal custody arrangement whose custodians

reside in different Districts shall have the option of registering in either District.

4.3.2.3 A bona fide student at an educational institution may be considered a resident of the

District in which the institution is located.

4.3.3 Persons living outside the U.S. may register on-line or through the AAU National Office.

The respective National Sports Committee rules shall govern the participation of non-U.S.

residents in AAU competitions.

BYLAW 5. DUES, FEES, REPORTS AND REMITTANCES

5.1 Dues and Fees.

5.1.2 District Membership Fees. Congress establishes District membership fees which shall be paid according to National Policy III.

5.1.3 Clubs Membership Fees. Club membership fees shall be established by Congress.

Districts shall not establish additional club fees or club requirements.

5.1.4 Individual Membership Fees. Individual membership fees shall be established by

Congress. Fees shall not exceed those established by the Congress.

5.1.4.1 Youth Program Membership. A youth membership (athlete or non-athlete) allows participation in all AAU youth sports.

5.1.4.2 Adult Program Membership. An adult athlete member must register and pay the

appropriate fee in each sport in which the member participates.

5.1.5 Event License Fees.

5.1.5.1 The AAU will collect (in advance) the fee established by the Congress for the granting of an event license for the conduct of a competition, exhibition or demonstration. Districts shall not establish additional fees.

5.2 District Reports. The District shall make reports to the AAU as required by this Bylaw.

The Governor and Secretary of the District are responsible for filing the reports. A District

which fails to submit the required reports shall not be chartered. National staff shall report

failures to the National Board of Review.

5.2.1. Notice. The District Secretary must forward to the National Office, in care of the Membership Services Department, a copy of the District Board of Managers Meeting notice, at the time it is sent to the member clubs.

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5.2.2 Minutes. The District Secretary must, within thirty (30) days after each meeting of the

District, mail to the National Headquarters of the AAU a copy of the minutes of the meeting with an attached list of attendees.

5.2.3 Request and Consent Form. Annually submit to the National AAU Office any IRS compliance forms requested.

5.2.4 All elected Officers of the District shall annually sign and file the Location of District

Assets report with the District Office and forward a copy to the National Office.

5.2.5 The Districts shall report annually their listing of Officers, Sports Directors and appointments to the National Legislation and Registration Committee.

BYLAW 6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 A youth member may elect to participate in his or her District of bona fide residence or a

District that geographically adjoins that District. Exception: In team events the National Sports Committee shall determine the number of youth members permitted to participate on a team from in an adjoining District.

6.2 Club Attachment. A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she

competes with that club in any AAU authorized event (practice not included). A youth member may be attached to only one club with the following exceptions:

6.2.1 An athlete may attach to additional clubs (one in each sport) if he/she participates in additional sports.

6.2.2 Participation in an AAU authorized league does not create club attachment.

6.3 Transfers. Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees. After a youth member becomes attached to a club, he/she may only transfer to another club in the same sport as follows:

6.3.1 If the youth member has not competed in any AAU authorized events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days.

6.3.2 If the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. (Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees.) [Added 10/07]

6.3.3 When the transfer is for the purpose of competing with a team which has qualified for a National Championship as provided by National Sport Committee rules.

6.3.4 If the Registrar determines there is good cause to believe that the transfer is due to events outside the control of the athlete or that the transfer serves the best interest of the AAU.

AAU NATIONAL POLICIES

IF ANY PORTION OF ANY POLICY IS HELD TO BE INVALID, THE BALANCE NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

I. MEMBERSHIP POLICIES. By submitting or authorizing an application for membership in the

AAU, the applicant agrees and stipulates to the following terms and conditions:

A. The applicant agrees and consents to receive and accept all written or oral communications, including but not limited to e-mails, facsimiles, mail-outs, advertisements, and telephone calls from the AAU, its employees, Officers, agents, attorneys, volunteers, members, affiliates, subordinates, host organizations and clubs.

District Sport Committee

District Sport Committees: In each approved AAU sport in which the District has athletes actively participating, there may be a Committee to manage competition within the District.

Composition: The District Sport Committee shall include the following:

- Each club member which registers at least five (5) individual members in the sport shall have one representative on the District Sport Committee
- District Sport Committee Officers and Chairmen of Committees as defined by that sport's operating rules
- The Governor may appoint five (5) at-large members

Duties: The duties of the District Sport Committee are to:

- In even years, hold a Bi-Annual meeting, the date, time, and location of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee
- Adopt at the Bi-Annual Meeting, rules of operation of the Committee to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and which shall not conflict with the provisions of the AAU Constitution, Bylaws, National Policies or National Sport Committee rules.
- Determine whether to establish a Committee operating account and if so to comply with all relevant AAU procedures and policies.
- Conduct the District Championships
 1. District Championships shall be conducted in accordance with National Sport Committee rules. District Championship participation shall be open to any member athlete or club who fulfills the entry requirements. The District Sport Committee may not establish special eligibility criteria beyond the rules and regulations established by the National Sports Committee
- If the District Sport Committee is organized as an administrative club under the AAU, it shall annually file the Location of Assets Report with the District Office, and forward a copy to the National Office

Dissolution: Upon the dissolution of any District Sport Committee, the net assets of the committee shall be transferred to the District

Meetings:

- **Notice:** Notice of Bi-Annual Meeting of the District Sport Committee will be given by the District Secretary, to all clubs eligible to vote as of thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled Bi-Annual Meeting.
- **Quorum:** Five (5) member clubs with voting eligibility must be present to constitute a quorum of the Bi-annual sport Committee meeting
- **Credentialing Eligible Voters:**
 1. Reports from the AAU database are not disputable
 2. The District Sport Director, or the individual designated by the sport committee operating rules shall approve, or disapprove all club designee forms.
- **Rules of Order:** Unless otherwise provided parliamentary procedures shall be governed by the current Robert's Rules of Order. The presiding officer may designate a qualified individual to serve as parliamentarian
- **Order of Meetings:** At all meeting of Congress, Districts, and National Sport Committees, the following order of the meeting shall be observed
 1. Roll call of members (Credentialing Process)
 2. Call meeting to order
 3. Establish rules of the meeting
 4. Adopt Agenda
 5. Approval of the minutes of proceeding meeting
 6. Reports of Officers and Committees
 7. Unfinished business
 8. New business
 9. Elections (if applicable)
 10. Announcements
 11. Ratify Actions of the Sport Committee (if applicable)
 12. Adjournment

Nominations and Election of District Sport Committee Chair

- **Qualifications:** Candidates must be a current member of the District Sport Committee
- **Nominations:**
 1. Only Club representatives and the current District Sport Director may nominate a candidate for District Sport Director
 2. Sixty (60) days before the date of the Annual Sport Committee meeting, if there are five (5) clubs registered in the sport, the District Secretary shall send notice of the up-coming election, and an "Application for Office" form

to the Club Representatives of the District Sport Committee and the current District Sport Director. If there are not five (5) clubs registered with the sport in the District, the Governor shall appoint the Chair.

3. The deadline for receiving nominations is as of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the District's Sport Committee's annual meeting. The nominating party must submit the application along with a written acceptance by the nominee and a brief biography stating the nominee's qualifications for the office. The nominating party shall list current club and individual membership information on the nominating form. Nominations shall be sent to the District Secretary with a copy to Nominations and Elections Chair and the District Sport Director.
 4. In the event that no eligible nomination has been submitted for the position of Sport Director, a vacancy is created. Unless the Sport Committee operating rules specifically provide for a method of filling the vacancy, the Director is appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the National Sport Chair. The position will be subject for election at the next Sport Committee Annual Meeting, and the person elected shall complete the term.
- **Candidate Verification and Announcement of Candidates:** The Nominations and Elections chair and the District Secretary shall jointly verify who is eligible to run for office. If the Chair and the Secretary do not agree, a ruling will be made by the AAU National Board of Review.