COMPETITION RULES:
The National Championships will be conducted under NFHS rules as modified by the AAU Softball Committee. Check the tournament rules for additional information. For playing rules of NFHS, contact NFHS at 800-776-3462.

State and local tournaments and competition may utilize rules common to that geographic area. Regional and National Tournaments may use discretion as to affiliation rules used; i.e., ASA, USSSA, AFA, ISA, NSA, NFHS. Rules used must be determined by each state hosting local or regional tournaments by January 1 of each year.

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND FORMAT:
Depending on the degree of interest, tournaments may be structured to meet the participation needs within that geographic area. Contact the National Chair or the AAU National Headquarters for assistance.

The Tournament Director, National Softball Chair, or the AAU National Headquarters will set the exact format of the tournament.

The AAU Softball Program uses a "pool-play" format whenever possible. Teams will be placed in pools where they will play a round robin within their pool.

Following pool play, teams enter a single- or double-elimination tournament.

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BENEFITS OF THE AAU
- An opportunity to follow in the footsteps of former AAU athletes: Mark Spitz, Shaquille O'Neal, Keri Struggs, Chamique Holdsclaw, Greg Louganis, Ryan Klesko, Julianne Hough, Jackie Joyner Kersee, and many others.
- Membership that includes insurance coverage.
- Ability to participate at the world famous ESPN Wide World of Sports, and other great facilities throughout the country.
- Travel, make new friends, continue education, and create unforgettable memories.
- Membership in an organization long recognized for its position in amateur sports.

GETTING STARTED

1. AAU Individual Membership
   To participate in the AAU, all athletes and coaches must be individual members of the AAU. As a member, you can participate in any sport in the AAU. Yearly youth athlete membership is $14 per athlete. Yearly non-athlete (coach, volunteer, official) membership is $16. AAU members are covered with sports liability and accident insurance. For an additional $2, participants can become an Added Benefit member which extends coverage when participating in non-AAU sanctioned events. For complete information on insurance, visit www.aausports.org and refer to the Insurance Brochure.

   To become a member, you can register online at www.aausports.org. Individual membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

2. AAU Club Membership
   Each club/team must be a registered AAU Club. You can have more than one team within the same club. Club membership can be completed instantly online at www.aausports.org. Yearly club membership fees are either $30 (Level 1), $60 (Level 2), or $300 (Level 3). Please visit www.aausports.org for a list of benefits for each club level. Club membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

AAU SOFTBALL:
The AAU Softball Program is looking for interested individuals to volunteer or serve as District Sport Chairs in their local AAU District. The District Sport Chair encourages the growth of AAU softball teams and assists in coordinating softball leagues and tournaments in their District. Because this is a volunteer position, the District Sport Chair does not necessarily have to serve as the Tournament Director, but rather be the contact for that area.

Please contact your local District at 1-800-AAU-4USA or the AAU National Headquarters at 407-934-7200 if you would like to volunteer.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY:
The AAU Softball Program will provide for a maximum number of organized softball activities while allowing each young athlete the opportunity to participate. It will allow for each athlete to recognize and embrace the value of team play and sportsmanship, while further developing their softball skills.

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AGE DIVISIONS

10 & Under: Can not turn 11 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
12 & Under: Can not turn 13 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
14 & Under: Can not turn 15 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
16 & Under: Can not turn 17 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
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