



Open Letter: regarding AAU “Real Hockey”

Dear parents, coaches & youth hockey organizers,

Seven years ago, I wrote an Open Letter regarding **AAU “Real Hockey”**. Essentially to explain our reasons for creating the very first 7U and 8U AAU Ice Hockey program. That was the Hockey Michigan (AAU) organization, which began operation during the 2011-2012 season. As AAU Ice Hockey enters onto our eighth season of **AAU “Real Hockey”**, it seems time for an updated Open Letter and a review of our past seven years.

History: the birth of AAU “Real Hockey”

During the 2010-2011 season, I had been serving on the ADM Committee for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (the USA Hockey state affiliate). I was asked onto the committee because I had previously created a 6U (Mini-Mite) league called the Michigan Half-Ice League (MHL). At that time this voluntary league was one of the fastest growing youth hockey programs within Michigan. The MHL provided 3v3 Half-Ice hockey opportunities, as an entry level initiation into our sport.

While serving on the ADM Committee, many of our members were cautioning against the issuing of any Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice mandates at the 8U age classification. Because even at 6U, some of our players simply weren't being challenged enough by Half-Ice (and even less so by Cross-Ice). We had already been encouraging many of our more proficient 6U players to move up to 8U conventional Full-Ice programs. Partially for their own improvement. Yet, also to provide better opportunities for the less proficient 6U players who remained behind at Half-Ice.

Unfortunately, our cautions went unheeded. Michigan instituted an 8U Cross-Ice mandate, barring Full-Ice “Real Hockey” (this actually occurred a full year before USA Hockey enacted the same bar on a nation-wide basis).

I promptly resigned from the Michigan - ADM Committee and left the USA Hockey affiliate to form the very first **AAU “Real Hockey”** league for 7U & 8U. Since then AAU “Real Hockey” has spread into many states and today AAU even hosts several leagues within Canada as well. Providing “Real Hockey” to over 30,000 members.

So, why do we hate the ADM and Small Area Games?

Well the short answer is, “we don't”. Although admittedly, I dislike Cross-Ice is (which has far too little skating and after all skating is the most foundational skill within Ice Hockey). Yet please keep in mind that I was the creator of a 6U Half-Ice 3v3 league. And I've often used Small Area Games, even for Bantams and Midgets.

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I still think that the Half-Ice 3v3 concept has great value for younger beginning players, especially those just beginning ice hockey. Yet even still, relying solely upon Half-Ice games does have some drawbacks regarding skill development. Especially with regards to the development of ice skating speed, which is a critical real world ice hockey skill.

In fact, after the 2008-2009 season, our voluntary MHL 6U Half-Ice League had voted to incorporate a mixture of both Half-Ice and Full-Ice games into our schedule, specifically to improve ice skating, speed development and to provide additional excitement and Fun for our players. Yet unfortunately, the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association voted to mandate a prohibition on Full-Ice at 6U, ending our evolution. Obviously that was only their first step.

Of course, a far more appropriate question might be why is traditional full-ice “Real Hockey” so bad?

This is the big question that is often asked by coaches and parents alike. And it is a question that is routinely met with contempt and always goes unanswered by USA Hockey and the ADM advocates.

Most parents or coaches who ask these questions are simply met with hostility, condescension and lengthy explanations about the virtues of Cross-Ice, Half-Ice and the ADM. Yet, in the end no real answers addressing why “Real Hockey” is so bad, so terrible and/or so harmful that it must be banned. It’s basically because we said so!

Heck some USA Hockey - ADM Regional Managers have gone so far as to tell parents and coaches that allowing 8U athletes to play full-ice “Real Hockey” is essentially a form of child abuse. Yet never explaining such an outrageous statement.

What is so evil and/or harmful about allowing our children to play a few Full-ice “Real Hockey” games or even a partial season? Or as the MHL league was hoping to do, a 50/50 mix of Half-Ice and Full-Ice throughout their season.

Clearly, there is nothing wrong or harmful about traditional “Real Hockey”.

So, why is AAU traditional full-ice 5v5 “Real Hockey” so good?

Since none can explain why “Real Hockey” is so bad, let’s take a shot at explaining why it’s so good.

Today we very often here the term Skills Development. Especially from those supporting the ADM and its Cross-Ice and Half-Ice methods. And they often talk about age appropriateness. So lets talk along those lines for a bit.

We’ve already mentioned the value of “Real Hockey” in developing ice skating skills and most importantly skating speed. Skating is of course, the single most important foundation skill within hockey. To quote a friend, “Can’t Skate, Can’t Play”!

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Virtually all coaches wish to develop player skills, especially those physical skills like Skating, Passing Shooting. Many would say, these are the essence of the game.

Yet we adult coaches tend to over-emphasize the concepts of practice and skills development. Even to the point of turning some practice sessions into boot-camp-like affairs. Not only within hockey, but within youth sports generally. We have been driven to become far more specialized and at younger and younger ages. Essentially, we have professionalized youth sports here within the United States.

Many adults simply miss the point that young children may merely wish to “play” and have “fun” with their friends. And in the younger age classifications, what can possibly be wrong with first capturing the hearts and minds of our children.

This may very well be the better path for coaching. The psychological and emotional concerns, such as developing a “*love for the game*”. When we speak of age appropriateness with regards to important skills for children to acquire, especially those who are only 6, 7 or 8 years old, then learning to “love the game” and learning to “love coming to the rink to play and compete with their friends”, these emotional skills are far more important to their long-term development as ice hockey players and athletes. This is the long-term foundational skill of the sport provided by AAU Hockey.

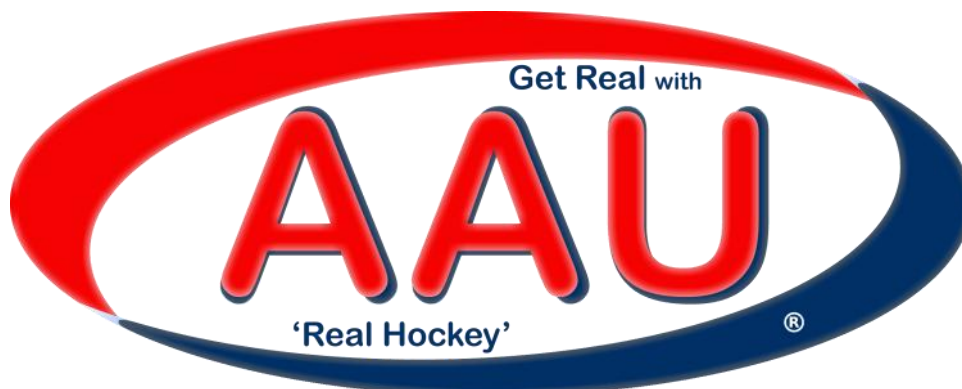
Any regrets?

YES, just one! We should have created AAU “Real Hockey” long ago!

I hope that many of you will consider joining us at AAU “Real Hockey”, in helping to create a program that your children, families and teams will truly enjoy.

Best regards, *Keith Kloock*

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Common Misinformation regarding - AAU Ice Hockey

As soon as any discussions begin regarding the possible creation of any new AAU Ice Hockey operation, people begin hearing and unfortunately repeating a multitude of rumors and/or falsities. Some of this may be simple uncertainty and/or speculation about something new and unknown. Yet some may be coming from those who have something to gain from maintaining the status quo. Three very typical concerns are addressed as follows:

Fallacy #1: Some may wrongfully state that it isn't even possible to create an alternative ice hockey program, because USA Hockey (USAH) is the National Governing Body (NGB).

This simply is NOT true. At best, it is a weak attempt as a scare tactic. Obviously, AAU Ice Hockey programs can and do exist, since AAU Ice Hockey has grown to over 30,000 members. Such statements show a complete misunderstanding of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act [Title 36 USC 220522(a)7, which is the primary law within the US concerning amateur sports.

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) has in fact accepted USA Hockey as the National Governing Body (NGB) for amateur ice hockey, which essentially gives USA Hockey control of the US Olympic team and similar teams competing within the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). This NGB status does provide USA Hockey with certain benefits, as well as certain obligations. Simply put, AAU Hockey isn't competing within ice hockey at the Olympic, Pan-American and/or Paralympics Games, these are areas controlled by the NGB.

Similar to the USA Hockey status as a NGB, the US Olympic Committee (USOC) has also accepted AAU as a Multisport Organization (MSO). Under this MSO status, AAU provides opportunities for members across a broad spectrum of youth and amateur sports (including the sport of Ice Hockey).

Fallacy #2: Some may wrongfully state that participants won't be insured within AAU Ice Hockey programs.

This is yet another untrue scare tactic. AAU membership benefits provide world-class insurance coverage. These insurance benefits include coverage for participating members (athlete and non-athlete, players, coaches, trainers and referees), as well as spectators and even the participating ice rinks hosting AAU licensed events.

Fallacy #3: Some may wrongfully state that coaches within AAU Ice Hockey programs do not undergo Background Screening.

This is absolutely untrue. All member adults undergo Background Screening (this includes, coaches, managers, referees, even league and tournament operators).

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FAQ: regarding AAU Ice Hockey

The dramatic expansion of AAU ice hockey continues to solicit a great many questions from coaches, managers and parents who are interested learning about these programs and opportunities. After all, USA Hockey and its affiliates have enjoyed a virtual monopoly for many decades and until recently most people weren't even aware that the AAU licensed ice hockey programs even existed.

In addition, the many rumors and false statements have caused ice hockey participants to mistakenly believe that USA Hockey has some sort of an exclusive right to administer all youth ice hockey. While in fact, this has simply never been true.

In order to help clarify these mistaken beliefs and rumors, please consider the following real-world FAQ:

1. May a PLAYER who participates within AAU Ice Hockey programs, later participate within USA Hockey?

YES. It would be a violation of both United States Olympic Committee (USOC) policies as well as USA Hockey policies for any directors, officers or employees of USA Hockey or its local affiliates to penalize anyone for their participation within AAU Hockey. To help clarify this point, please consider that the USA Hockey legal counsel has issued the USA Hockey Guidelines Regarding Non-Sanctioned Play. It is important to publicize this policy, which states in part that:

“Any Individual Participant may become a member of USA Hockey. Membership in or registration with another sanctioning body may not be used as a basis to deny membership in USA Hockey, its Affiliates or local programs. Correspondingly, no Individual Participant may be penalized for participating in a program that is not sanctioned by USA Hockey. ...”

2. May a COACH who participates within AAU Ice Hockey programs, later participate within USA Hockey?

YES. Essentially for the same reasons as stated above. The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act [Title 36 USC 220522(a)7] doesn't merely protect the membership rights of youth players. The Act also protects all Individual Participants and requires that a amateur sport organization is eligible to continue to be recognized as a national governing body only if it:

“ ... demonstrates that its membership is open to any individual who is an amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official active in the sport for which recognition is sought, or any amateur sports organization that conducts programs in the sport for which recognition is sought, or both; ... ”

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3. May an INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT (such as a player or coach participate within both AAU Ice Hockey programs and USA Hockey programs at the same time?

YES. The easiest way to explain this is to simply note that the AAU and USA Hockey are separate organizations. AAU can NOT control what its members do within outside organizations (such as while participating within USA Hockey) and similarly USA Hockey can NOT control what its members do outside of USA Hockey. For obvious examples, USA Hockey members may choose to participate within other organizations such as the Boy Scouts, YMCA and even within other sports organizations such as: AAU Inline Hockey, Little League Baseball, or with school Football and/or Soccer programs. AAU Hockey is no different.

4. May an entire TEAM participate within AAU Hockey programs and USA Hockey programs at the same time?

YES and NO. Obviously, this answer needs some further explanation. Yet, it is important to note that from an AAU Hockey perspective this is fine anyway.

However, USA Hockey and/or its District affiliates currently prohibit a USAH registered TEAM from also participating within programs that are not sanctioned by USA Hockey (at least they prohibit them from participating as that same TEAM and under the same name. They want a distinction between the teams).

As previously addressed, INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS may compete within both organizations, even during the same season. The distinction being that INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS have individual rights, yet a TEAM rostered within USA Hockey is an affiliate. Of course, despite the distinction mentioned above, nothing prohibits the same group of INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS from banding together to also form as a group outside of USA Hockey (as a separate AAU Hockey team under another name). So clearly a group of PLAYERS and COACHES may become USA Hockey members and participate on their USA Hockey rostered team, in accordance with USAH procedures and rules. Likewise, the entire group of INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS (or any portion of them) may also become members within AAU, form their own CLUB (team) and then participate on their AAU rostered CLUB (team), in accordance with AAU Hockey procedures and rules.

- When such a group of INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS compete within a USA Hockey sanctioned practice, game, league or tournament then they are doing so as a USA Hockey rostered team (such as under the name **USA Wildcats**) and should comply with the rules and regulations of that organization.
- When such a group of INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS compete within an AAU Hockey licensed practice, game, league or tournament then they are doing so as a AAU Hockey rostered CLUB (such as under the name **AAU Hellcats**) and should comply with the rules and regulations of that organization.

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5. May an AAU CLUB (team) compete against a USA Hockey rostered TEAM?

YES and NO. Obviously, another explanation is needed. From the perspective of an AAU team, YES (provided that the AAU players and coaches have elected the extended benefits AB membership option). There is no rule within AAU prohibiting an AAU Hockey team from competing against a USA Hockey rostered team. In addition, the AAU extended benefits (AB) membership option provides insurance benefits to an AAU CLUB (team) and its properly registered AAU members during competitions, including non-sanctioned events. Such as while playing against a USA Hockey rostered team or against Canadian teams, tournaments, etc.

However, USA Hockey and/or its District affiliates currently prohibit any USA Hockey rostered team from competing within a non-sanctioned event. Therefore, it is important to be aware that USA Hockey may not (likely will not) insure a team rostered within their organization while playing against an AAU CLUB. And USA Hockey would very likely penalize their team and/or coach.

6. May an AAU CLUB (team) compete against a Canadian team and/or on Canadian soil (ice)?

YES and NO. Certainly YES, if the Canadian team is an AAU team. YES also if playing a non-AAU Canadian team (provided that the AAU players and coaches have elected the extended benefits "AB" membership option). Any Canadian team, league or tournament willing to compete with an AAU CLUB may do so.

However, most (but not all) Canadian teams and tournaments are members of Hockey Canada. That organization (like USA Hockey) prohibits its members from competing against AAU licensed teams. **AAU Hockey asks that our AAU members teams should not try to register within any Hockey Canada sanctioned tournaments (at least not as an AAU team).**

Yet be aware that there are other governing bodies operating within Canada, including AAU. It is important to note that Canadians may join AAU and there are already Canadians members participating within AAU Hockey.

- **The Canadian Independent Hockey Federation (CIHF)** is now operating within the AAU. For more information about the CIHF please see: www.cihfhockey.com
- The **Ontario Rep Hockey League (ORHL)** is now operating within the AAU. For more information about the ORHL please see: www.orhl.net/

Clearly, teams from these AAU organizations may now compete within AAU tournaments and/or scrimmages here in the US and our US based AAU teams may compete within their tournaments and scrimmages.

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7. What dates are important for AAU Ice Hockey, such as for registration and for the Ice Hockey season?

- The AAU membership season extends from September 1st through August 31st of each given membership year.
- AAU online registrations begins on August 15th, just prior to the start of a regular season. Please be aware that registering before August 15th (such as August 14th) will likely result in expiration on the very next August 31st.
- Please also be aware that each AAU Ice Hockey league is free to set their own dates for registration within their league, payment of their entry fees and commencement of their games. However, scrimmage, tournament and leagues games may be played on September 1st or later (provided that the Club "Team" membership is registered and all participants have current AAU memberships).
- If you need assistance or information concerning your AAU membership then please call (407) 934-7200 and ask for member services or email: membership@ausports.org

8. What are the rules regarding try-outs for the fall season of AAU?

Teams may conduct try-outs at any time. Yet, it is important to remember the following:

- Participants (youth players) who are still attached to another AAU Club (Team) may not participate within a tryout for another AAU Club (Team) until:
 1. The player is released from their prior team, or
 2. the prior season has ended, or
 3. The previous AAU Club (Team) has ceased all operations for any reason.
- Participants (players and coaches) are only insured if they are current AAU members and the Club (Team) already has a current AAU registration as well.
- All adult coaches must have current valid AAU memberships. Adult non-members may NOT participate within any On-ice or Off-ice activities within any AAU youth sports (this is very serious for the protection of our youth members, because non-member adults have not undergone the AAU background screening).

As we move forward with AAU Ice Hockey in Florida, I will be creating a Teams page on the state website at: www.hockey-florida.org. For those who ask, I will gladly post tryout and/or team contact information on that Teams page.

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9. Are there any set Playing Rules that are used within AAU Ice Hockey?

YES. However, please be aware that AAU Ice Hockey does not mandate any specific Playing Rules for any AAU leagues. AAU leagues are free to select their own rules (although Checking is not permitted at the 12U and younger classifications).

Yet it should be noted that at National level tournaments at the youth levels and the vast majority of AAU Ice Hockey youth league, the most common Playing Rules adopted are the National Federation of State High School (NFHS). These provide for traditional 5v5 Full-Ice, using official weight Black Pucks, Delayed Off-sides and a 9-Dot Face-off system. These are very much like Junior, College and International playing rules (aka Real Hockey).

10. Are there standards for length of games and/or period?

There is no required State or National rule limiting game lengths for scrimmages, leagues or tournaments. Yet, AAU leagues and tournaments are free to create their own rules. AAU only asks that leagues and tournaments should publish as such rules, so that members will know in advance.

- 1 hour (50 minute) ice-time block: can usually accommodate 11x11x11 minute periods at 7U and 8U (sometimes 10x10x10 at older age classifications).
- 1.5 hour (80 minute) ice-time block: can usually accommodate 13x13x13 minute periods at 7U and 8U (sometimes 12X12X12 at older classifications).



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USA Hockey Policy:

Retaliation & Threats Regarding Non-USAH Programs

Since AAU Hockey began, there have been rumors and some reports of pressure and threats of retaliation against those participating within AAU Hockey by officials of USA Hockey and its affiliates.

However, USA Hockey may not permit anyone under their control (including their District and/or Local Affiliates, Leagues or Associations) to punish, threaten, blackball or to otherwise make ineligible for USA Hockey participation or benefits any Players, Coaches and/or Referees based upon their participation within another entity, such as the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

To clarify this point, the USA Hockey legal counsel has issued the USA Hockey Guidelines Regarding Non-Sanctioned Play. It is important to publicize this policy, which states in part that:

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These same Guidelines go into great detail explaining that referees are also protected from retaliation and/or reprisals. Referees are not USAH referees or AAU referees, they are simply referees. USA Hockey considers referees to be independent contractors. Referees can and do work across programs without fear of reprisal. Actually they always have, working Pro, Semi Pro, NCAA, High School and USAH games, as well as AAU games.

Reporting Violations of these Guidelines or denial of the opportunity to compete

All amateur hockey participants within the US (regardless of whether they are USA Hockey or AAU members) have the right to address such complaints to USA Hockey. In fact, the USA Hockey legal counsel has asked to be informed about violations of the policies above. The USA Hockey legal counsel is: Casey Jorgensen cjorgensen@usahockey.org (719) 538-1143

AAU Hockey members and/or those being pressured to avoid AAU Hockey should also report any such violations to AAU Hockey national chairperson Keith Noll at: (715) 231-4000

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AAU Hockey - League & Tournament Proposal

Introduction:

I would very much like to discuss the possibility of hosting one or more AAU licensed youth ice hockey tournaments within your facility during the coming years.

My name is **Keith Kloock** and I have been a volunteer coach, administrator and tournament operator within youth ice hockey for over 40 years. Mostly within Michigan, I've served on the Board of local associations and on Committees for the State association. I've also formed and directed several youth leagues. In addition, I've been the Director of many tournaments, including Silver Stick Regional Championships, State Championships and within AAU I've served as the Director for their National Championships.

Amateur Athletic Union (AAU):

Of course, most sporting facilities within the United States are at least aware of the **Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)** even if they've not hosted any AAU events. Clearly, AAU offers sporting opportunities to well over 600,000 members within over 40 sports (including Baseball, Basketball, Football, Inline Hockey, Karate, Lacrosse, Track & Field and many others).

However, many of the facilities servicing the Ice Hockey community may be unaware that AAU also operates a nationwide Ice Hockey program providing League and Tournament licensing to well over 30,000 members. Current AAU Hockey programs operate leagues and tournaments for Adult, College, Junior, Scholastic (including High School, JV and Middle School leagues) and Youth levels.

AAU Insurance Coverage:

Understandably, Insurance coverage should always be a major concern for any facility, when considering whether to host an event or not. Yet ice skating facilities may not be familiar with the AAU high-quality insurance coverage. Therefore, I'm providing attached to this letter the current **AAU Insurance Summary** for your closer review.

However, some of the coverage highlights are:

- **Excess Medical coverage** is provided to all participating AAU members (including Players, Coaches, Referees and Event Volunteers). In addition, Spectators (whether members or not) are also covered while attending a covered event.
- **General Liability coverage** is provided (up to \$12,000,000 in some cases) to Teams, Spectators and the facility.

To obtain more about hosting AAU Hockey leagues & tournaments please feel free to contact me at: keith@hockey-florida.org or call (321) 794-0222

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AAU Insurance Program Summary

AAU Insurance is a benefit of membership.

Club Membership insures practices and an event license insures competitions/clinics etc.,
Everyone participating must also have an individual AAU Athlete or Non Athlete Membership

SPORTS ACCIDENT: Coverage is provided for properly registered members that are injured during an approved event. Coverage is excess medical and becomes primary if there is no other coverage.

Excess Medical	\$50,000
Youth/Non Athlete Deductible	\$300
Adult Athlete Deductible	\$300
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$20,000
Dental	\$50,000

Who is insured? (The following categories include but are not limited to)

Athletes and Non-Athletes

Covered events

Licensed Events: This is an event that has been applied for and received an event license from the AAU of the U.S. Inc.

Supervised Practices for member clubs.

GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE

LIMITS

Each Occurrence - per club/team	Up to \$10,000,000
Aggregate - per club/team per year	Up to \$12,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	Up to \$12,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	Up to \$10,000,000
Participant Legal Liability	Part of Per Occurrence Limit
Damage to Premises Rented to you	\$1,000,000
Medical Expenses (any one person)	\$5,000
Sexual Abuse & Molestation - Each Occur	\$1,000,000
Sexual Abuse & Molestation - Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Crisis Management Coverage	Sublimit
Participant vs. Participant	Up to \$1,000,000
Spectators	Included

Who is insured? (The following categories include but are not limited to)

Registered Athletes and Non-Athletes

Member clubs/teams when all participants are registered as athletes or non athletes

Event organizers, promoters, sponsors and managers of AAU licensed events

Volunteers while acting in their capacity at an AAU licensed event

AAU of the USA, Inc.

AAU Districts, AAU Governors and Administrators, AAU Directors & Officers

Officials while acting in their capacity at an AAU licensed event

Covered events

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EXTENDED COVERAGE (AB) INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Extended Coverage (AB) program was developed to extend coverage for AAU members while participating in events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU. Coverage in this program is provided for properly registered athletes or non-athletes.

Sports Accident	\$50,000
Liability Coverage	Up to \$10,000,000
Aggregate - per club/team per year	Up to \$12,000,000

Extended Coverage (AB) Is not available in the sport of Adult Taekwondo

Any organization that is a member of the AAU and hosts an event that is not licensed by the AAU would not have any coverage for the event, even if its members are AAU AB Registered.

VERIFICATION OF INSURANCE AVAILABLE

ALL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.AAUSPORTS.ORG UNDER THE INSURANCE OVERVIEW TAB

Verification of Insurance: This document verifies the club has insurance coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to a third party (if accepted by the third party). Your specific club name will appear on the document. **Free-Documents Available immediately.**

THIRD PARTY/ADDITIONAL INSURED INSURANCE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

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This program is designed to provide member clubs the ability to obtain certificate(s). The fee structure is based on requesting the third party/additional insured certificate(s) at least 30 days before coverage start date or incurring an expedite fee

Fee Structure	Fee	Expedite Fee	Total
Start Date is 31 + days from today	\$35	NA	\$35
Start Date is 16-30 days from today	\$35	\$65	\$100
Start Date is 0-15 days from today	\$35	\$100	\$135

For the fees listed above, you may request up to 200 third party/additional insured certificate(s) in one transaction. If you do not list all requests on your initial submission, there will be a \$30.00 transaction fee each time you return to list additional requests. For each facility/entity over 200 there is a \$10.00 per facility/entity fee.

PRACTICE CERTIFICATES: Fees apply. This certificate extends coverage for members during practice and practice only. The practice must be scheduled & supervised by an AAU non-athlete member. It specifically names the third party/additional insured, confirms the club has coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to the third party/additional insured. (This certificate is applicable where needed for CG 2026 0413).

Available 2 hours after certificate request

EVENT CERTIFICATES: Fees apply. This certificate extends coverage for activities such as leagues, tournaments, clinics and other events approved by the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc. There must be a event license number relative to this event. Event licenses may take up to 16 days for approval. It specifically names the third party/additional insured, confirms the club has coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to the third party/additional insured. (This certificate is applicable where needed for CG 2026 0413).

Available 2 hours after Approval of Event Sanction Application

SPONSOR: Fees apply. This certificate extends coverage to a benefactor or donor who supports a member club. The sponsor name will appear on the certificate(s). It confirms the club has coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to the third party/additional insured.(This certificate is applicable where needed for CG 2026 0413). This type of certificate request must be submitted to the AAU National Office for processing.

Available 24-48 hours after request has been submitted and accepted.

EXTENDED COVERAGE CERTIFICATE: Fees apply. This certificate is for AAU member clubs while participating in events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU. This certificate must be obtained by an AAU member club. This certificate insures the named third party in regards to the AAU member club's sole negligence. The entire competing team and coach (non-athlete) must be AAU Extended Benefit members. If you are a member of the AAU in the Extended Benefit category and conduct an event that is not licensed by the AAU, you forfeit your rights of insurance coverage for said event. This type of certificate request must be submitted to the AAU National Office for processing.

Available 24-48 hours after request has been submitted and accepted.



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