

2024 Amateur Athletic Union

AAU Soccer Handbook



Sports For All, Forever!

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AAU Soccer Rule Book & Regulations

PREAMBLE

The AAU Soccer National Committee has been established in order to promote the benefits of participation in athletics and hereby adopts these rules & regulations for the advancement of that purpose. The AAU Soccer Committee operates under the governance of the AAU Code in addition to rules herein.

AAU Soccer seeks to develop progressive continuity for soccer in the United States and to bring together the various youth soccer programs.

I. NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. National Committee Structure and Procedures

1. **National Chair** – The National Sport Chair shall be elected by the National Sport Committee at the committee meeting during National Conventions in which National Officers are elected.
 - a. Terms are four years.
 - b. National election polices shall apply.
 - c. National Sport Chair may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the National Officers, subject to the Right of Appeal to the National Board of Review.
 - d. The President, with the approval of a majority of the Officers may appoint a person to fill a vacant National Sport Chair position. The appointees will serve until the next regular or special meeting of the Sport Committee, at which time an election shall be held to complete the term.
2. **Executive Committee Composition** – The Soccer Executive Committee shall consist of a National Chair, Vice Chair and a Rules Coordinator. The Vice Chair and Rules Coordinator shall be appointed by the National Chair. Additional positions may be appointed by the National Chair.
3. **National Sport Committee Composition** - The Committee will consist of the National Sports Chair, members of the Executive Committee who are elected as provided by the sport's operating rules, the elected or appointed Sport Director of each District or a representative designated by the District Governor and one appointed representative from each Allied member that registers members in the sport.
4. **Voting** - Only members of the Committee are permitted to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy. Each member of the Committee will have one vote. Only representatives from Districts which registered a minimum of .5% (a half percent) of the total number of athletes in that sport in the previous year, shall be allowed to vote in the National Sport Committee meeting.

B. Sport Committee Meetings

1. **National Sport Committee Regular Meetings.** Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.
2. **Non – Regular Sport Committee Meetings -** National Sport Committee may hold a Non-Regular National Sport Committee meeting in odd years subject to the following provisions:
 - a. The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the National Office.
 - b. The National Office has the right to coordinate the meeting and pick the site for the meeting.
3. **National Sport Committee Special Meetings.** Special meetings of a Committee are scheduled at the request of the Chair or upon written request of at least one half (1/2) of the Committee members. Ten (10) days' notice is required and notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.
4. **National Sport Executive Committee Meetings** – The National Chair shall determine the date and location of Executive Committee Meetings.
5. **Sport Committee Meeting Order (Agendas)-** The Regular National Sport Committee meetings, the Non-Regular National Sport Committee meetings, and National Sport Committee Special meetings shall follow meeting order (agenda format) as established by Code (Bylaw 9.5)

II. SPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Unless otherwise stated in this handbook the rules of competition shall be those of US Soccer Federation, only those rules contained in this handbook shall supersede the general rules of the national governing body.

1. Age Divisions

1. Youth Program – 20 years of age and under
 - a. Age Groups
 - i. 8U through 19U
2. Adult Program – 21 years of age and up
3. Age divisions will be determined by the age of each player before the first day of August of the immediately preceding seasonal year.

2. Team Composition

1. Teams competing in the Under-9 through Under-11 age divisions shall be composed of a minimum of nine (9) players and maximum of fourteen (14) players. Under-12 through Under-18 teams shall be composed of a minimum of eleven (11) players with a maximum of eighteen (18) players.
2. Competition will be provided in two divisions: Boys and Girls. Mixed teams will compete in the boys' division. Depending on the tournament, mixed teams may not be allowed. Check with the Tournament Director for further information.

3. Clubs may form their teams as best suits their area. Teams may compete in the AAU Youth program as long as eligibility requirements are met.

III. SPORT OPERATIONS

A. Current Year Rule Changes

1. None

B. Event Operating Rules- These rules shall apply to all AAU Licensed events unless modified.

1. Rules for AAU Soccer Tournaments

1. USSF rules will govern all play, unless otherwise stated in this handbook. Exceptions are included in this manual or provided in entry materials for specific tournaments.
2. It is recommended that field size reflect the age division. Recommended field sizes are as follows:
 - a. Under 8 = 60 x 90 yards
 - b. Under 10 = 60 x 90 yards
 - c. Under 12 = 60x 110 yards
 - d. Under 14 = 65 x 110 yards
 - e. Under 16 = 75 x 120 yards
3. The ball shall be made of leather or other approved material. The ball size shall be as follows:
 - a. Under 10 and 12 use a #4 ball.
 - b. Under 14 use a #5 ball.
 - c. Under 16 use a #5 ball.
4. Duration of the Game (*If required; see "Determination of Standings")
 - a. Under 8 = 25 minute halves
 - b. Under 10 = 25 minute halves
 - c. Under 12 = 30 minute halves
 - d. Under 14 = 35 minute halves
 - e. Under 16 = 40 minutes halves
5. All games in the National Championship must be completed. A forfeit can only be called by the Tournament Director, in accordance with the rules as established in this manual and/or tournament entry material.
6. There shall be no limit to the number of substitutions a team may make. Substitutions may be made in the following situations:
 - a. When a goal is scored
 - b. At halftime
 - c. During play stoppage due to injury
 - d. When a goal kick occurs by either team
 - e. Prior to a throw-in in your favor
7. Substitutes may not enter the field of play until motioned onto field by the referee. He/she must always enter at the midfield line.
8. Overtime periods will be played in the semi-finals and finals of National Tournaments only. The following rules will govern overtime play:

- a. Under 8 and under 10 will play two (2) five -minute overtime periods with a goal change between periods.
 - b. Under 12 and above will play two (2) ten-minute overtime periods with a goal change between periods.
 - c. If the teams are still tied at the end of the overtime periods, then penalty kicks shall be taken only by those players who are on the field at the conclusion of the overtime period. Each team will select five (5) players. Each of the five will take one penalty kick alternating after each with the other team.
 - d. If there is still a tie after these penalty kicks, then the teams will take alternate penalty kicks until one-team scores and the other does not.
9. Uniforms - All players must wear the same design and color uniform. The goalkeeper uniform must be distinctive and not match uniforms from either team.
- a. The required player's uniform includes a jersey/shirt, shorts, socks and suitable shoes.
 - b. All players are required to wear shin guards.

2. Protest Procedures

1. The Protest Committee shall consist of the National Chairman, a National Staff member, or a member of the Soccer Executive Committee and one person designated by the National Chairman.
 - a. Protest must be made in writing within one (1) hour of completion of the game being protested. A protest must include the handbook page number and rule number of the governing rules of AAU Soccer and the governing rule of the Federation International de Football District (FIFA). A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if the protest is upheld) must accompany the protest. The written protest must be submitted to the National Chairman. The protest committee shall be required to give a written answer to the protest. All committee decisions shall be final.
 - b. Protests will not be accepted or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy or judgment on the part of the referee. Protests that shall be accepted and considered include the following:
 - i. Failure of a referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation.
 - ii. Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given violation.
 - iii. Each participant shall have a player's pass issued by the Tournament Director to the coaches during the coaches' meeting. These passes will be checked by the referee prior to game time. They will be retained by the referee until the completion of the game. If a player is ejected, the player's pass will be held by the Tournament Director until the penalty for the ejection has been met.

3. **Format/Scheduling**
 1. The National Championship game schedules will be approved by the National Chairman.
 - a. A blind draw shall be made for all entries by the National Chairman. Seeding will be done when possible.
 - b. Coaches are required to attend the coaches' meeting at the National Championship or send a representative on their behalf. Meeting time and place will be provided in entry materials.
 - c. Each age division shall be divided into pools. The teams in each group pool will play one another in a round robin schedule. Points are awarded based upon the results of each game.
 - d. At the end of pool play, the top team or teams from each pool will advance to the semi-final and final round.
 - e. Example: An age division that has ten teams would be divided into two groups (pools); the winner of Pool #1 would play the second place team from Pool #2. The winner of Pool #2 would play the second place team from Pool #1. The winners from these two games would then play for the championship. The losers from the two semi-final games might play for third and fourth places or be awarded third or fourth place based upon the points accumulated during the tournament. The team listed first in each pairing is the home team. The home team shall change jerseys, if in the opinion of the referee there is a conflict. This will also include the goalkeepers.
4. **The POINT SYSTEM used during pool play is as follows:**
 - a. Three (3) points for a win; one (1) point for a tie; and zero points for a loss.
 - b. In any situation where two (2) teams tie, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
 - c. If there is a tie after the points are totaled, then the goals scored will serve as a tiebreaker. A maximum of three (3) goals per game will be allowed.
 - d. If there is still a tie after the goals scored is tallied, then the total goals allowed will be used.
 - e. If a tie still remains, then the teams tied shall take alternate penalty kicks until one-team scores and the other does not.
 - f. Score for a forfeit game will be 3-0.
5. **Entry Procedures**
 1. **National Championships**
 - a. Team entry forms for the National Championship must be sent to the National Tournament Director before the entry deadline date. National Tournament entries postmarked after the entry deadline date will NOT be accepted. NO team will be entered in the National Championship that does not meet tournament entry requirements.
 - b. Entry for National Championships
 - i. Team Roster
 - ii. Individual Entry Forms

- iii. Entry Form and Fee - *Entry fees for the National Championships in Soccer will be set by the hosting agency with the approval of the National Chairman and the AAU National Headquarters.
- iv. Any additional information as requested by the Local Organizing Committee.

6. **Qualification Procedure**

- 1. National Championships
 - a. The qualifying procedures will be established by the National Youth Executive Committee for soccer as best fits the growth of the program. The National Championship will be an open event.

7. **Eligibility**

- 1. All players must be AAU members. Contact the local AAU District for membership information. Note: Check the Tournament Rules for specific eligibility requirements.
- 2. The eligibility of a participant for a particular age division will be determined by the year of his/her birth. The age control date is prior to August 1.
- 3. Any player competing in a specific age division must remain in the same division throughout the District, Regional and/or National Tournaments. A player may participate in only one age division of the AAU Soccer program.
- 4. All-state select teams (Olympic Development Teams) are not eligible for the AAU Soccer Program.
- 5. The AAU Youth National Committee shall set residency requirements as required by the AAU Code. This shall include guidelines concerning both membership and qualifying competition by District/State boundaries.
- 6. During National Championships, any questions pertaining to eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the National Chairman or the National Office. No member of the tournament committee shall have authority to rule on eligibility.

8. **Conducting a Soccer Event Guidelines**

- 1. Below is a checklist of details, which must be considered when, conducting a tournament:
 - a. **Form a committee and tournament with the idea of improving upon your organizational ideas of the program.** Discuss such things as dates, officials, AAU District policies and procedures, rules and regulations and supervision. This committee should consist of people in the community, which should include various organizations, clubs and your Chamber of Commerce.
 - b. **Select a Tournament Director who will be responsible for conducting the competition.** This person must have knowledge of the sport, and be able to effectively administer the overall competition. He/she must be a person who is able to direct the efforts of others and have a general understanding of all aspects of the undertaking. He/she must be able to foresee everything, which must go into a tournament in the way of planning. He/she should be

flexible and creative. He/she is coordinator of the total event.

- c. **Determine the location, date and time of competition.** Be aware of holidays, they may or may not help. Allow enough time to handle problems and delays. Time your tournament to correspond to the normal season of the sport. (Will this tournament conflict with other sport events?)
- d. **Select the sites for the tournament.** Reserve and notify the areas you expect to use. Send a confirmation letter or memo to each facility.
- e. **Estimate income and expenses that will be incurred at your tournament:**

A. Income	B. Expenses
1. Team Entry Fee	1. Sanction Fee
2. Admissions	2. Awards
3. Local Patrons	3. Officials
4. District's Contribution	4. Equipment
5. Concessions	5. Printing
	6. Concession Purchases
	7. Miscellaneous
	8. tournament Director/Assignor

- f. **Determine the method of publicizing the tournament.**
 - i. Tournament information flyer containing all pertinent information distributed to all possible entries.
 - ii. Publicity releases to all newspapers in the area.
 - iii. Personal contacts.
 - iv. Contact radio stations and TV media for publicity. Arrange a press conference.
 - v. Submit story or news release to AAU District tournament.
- g. **Select facilities to be used in the conducting of your tournament.**
 - i. Are the facilities in good shape and can you improve the conditions?
 - ii. Do you have sufficient seating arrangements for spectators, especially for the final game?
 - iii. Is a room available where officials can dress or rest between games? It is important to keep officials separate from competing teams, coaches, and spectators.
 - iv. Are the restroom facilities convenient, and are they working properly? Can you be assured these facilities will be clean and remain maintained?
 - v. If the tournament is played at night, lighting systems should be thoroughly checked for bad bulbs and unclean reflectors.
 - vi. If electric scoreboard is available, make sure of its operation.
 - vii. Are the facilities in close proximity to one another?
 - viii. Are concessions available?

- h. Determine the type and amount of equipment for the entire tournament.** Notify the competing teams in advance as to what the official tournament ball will be. Teams may want to practice with the same equipment that will be used at your tournament.
- i. Develop entry forms.** The information desired on the entry form will vary according to the tournament. The following information should be included on any entry form you develop.

Name of team	Dates and type of tournament
Name of Manager	Location of tournament
Address of Manager	Your District Heading
Age division entered	Where or to whom entry should be mailed
Participant's Name	AAU Youth Participant number
Participant's Birth date and/or school	Entry Deadlines
Participant's address	AAU Youth club membership number
Signature of team manager	
Verification of entering agency	
Entry fee information	

- j. After entry deadline, all eligible entries will be included in the draw.** You should place teams in the draw from the same general location so they will not tournament in the first round of competition.
- k. The type of tournament to be used should be prearranged and the time schedule carefully planned.**
 - i. Travel distance of competing teams should be considered in regard to time of game.
 - ii. Age of participants should determine early and late games especially if night games are to be held.
 - iii. Time allotted for completion of each game is important. Allow enough time to complete a normal contest, but do not leave gaps in schedule. Inactivity can create a problem for officials, staff and spectators.
- l. Copies of the draw and subsequent schedule should be mailed to all managers of competing teams and all facilities being used.** Additional copies of schedule should be available at the tournament playing sites for coaches and interested spectators.
- m. You are now ready to begin the event. Here's a partial checklist of things to consider.**
 - i. A meeting should be held with all game officials to discuss special rules or philosophy of your tournament which the officials may not be familiar with. Game assignments and dates should be covered at these meetings.
 - ii. A maintenance crew should be on hand for quick repairs or other situations that may occur.

- iii. All games in a tournament situation must be completed. A responsible person must be assigned to supervise each contest. The head official is typically responsible for running the game and submitting the results to the tournament director. However, field marshals should be on hand to assist the officials and serve as a runner if necessary.
 - iv. The tournament schedule should be posted for the benefit of all participants and spectators. This draw sheet should be placed at a central location at each playing site and should be kept up to date with game scores and any field changes.
 - v. A public address system is desirable for better communication. Insure that it is operating prior to the start of the tournament. The announcer is an important person in a smoothly functioning tournament. His/her voice should be defined and authoritative and his/her duties should be explained to him/her in detail before he/she begins.
 - vi. Plan to decorate the facilities used. A welcome sign over the entrance and posters and banners will help promote the event and create a special event atmosphere.
 - vii. Coverage of the tournament is important and should be on going. Game results and other anecdotes should be reported to the newspaper and other interested parties immediately for effectiveness.
 - viii. Prepare for emergencies. A medical professional should be available at all times during the tournament. First aid supplies should be on hand for athletes and spectators. Notify the police department that you are hosting a tournament and provide them with a schedule. Make sure a phone is available and operating. Make sure access roads or buildings are accessible.
 - ix. The official scorer is an important person in all types of tournaments. He/she is an aid in records and publicity and serves to keep the action of scoring accurate. A dependable person in this position can solve many headaches.
 - x. Prepare for the awards ceremony. Depending on format and size of the tournament ceremonies may take place during the tournament or at its completion. Local dignitaries should be contacted well in advance to make the presentation. Make sure they know when and where they need to be. If an awards banquet is to be held, plan early, and prepare a separate checklist of all arrangements.
- n. Your soccer tournament is now over and you should continue working by doing the following:**

- i. Ask for and accept all recommendations for improvement of the tournament for future references.
- ii. Recognize the value of thank you letters and write them to all the people who assisted.
- iii. Complete and return your championship reports to the National AAU office and one copy to the National Chairman.
- iv. Send a copy of all results to the National AAU office immediately after the tournament. Include the name and address of the coach of the winning team in each age division. Indicate if the National Entry packet was presented to the coach and if they intend to participate in the National Championships. This should be done as soon as possible following the competition.

IV. EXCERPTS FROM AAU CODE BOOK

- A. **AAU Membership** – All participants must be a member of the AAU in order to participate in any AAU licensed event. Event Operators may not collect AAU membership money at any AAU licensed event.
- Membership Requirements** -Membership in the AAU is a privilege granted by the AAU. It is not a right. The AAU at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject applicants for membership.
1. **Conditions for Membership**. Membership in any class may be granted only after an application is submitted and approved. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to comply with all the provisions of the AAU Code including its Constitution, Bylaws, policies, procedures and rules of the AAU.
 2. **Classes of Membership**
Classes of membership in the AAU are as follows:
 - a. **District Member** - The organization chartered by the Congress to provide administrative services within a designated geographic area.
 - b. **Club Member** - An organization or group that has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code.
 - c. **Individual Member** - A person who has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code. Individual membership categories are:
 1. Youth Athlete
 2. Adult Athlete
 3. Non-Athlete
 - d. **Allied Member** - An organization or group approved by Congress which is engaged in athletics or sports-related activities.
- B. **Use of Logos and Trademarks**
1. The AAU name, mark, seal, logo, and other insignia (all "AAU marks") are protected through trademark registration and are defined as

the intellectual property of the AAU. No person or entity may use the AAU's intellectual property without the prior and continued approval of the National AAU. Only those subordinates and affiliated organizations which are expressly authorized by the National AAU may use the intellectual property of the AAU as approved by the policy set and approved by the BOD shall use the marks. The National AAU may withdraw its approval to use its marks, in its sole discretion. Members shall immediately comply with notice to cease and desist from the use of the AAU's intellectual property. The unauthorized use of any of the intellectual property of the AAU is a violation of this policy as well as the (Federal) Lanham Act and may subject the member/entity to penalties set out in the AAU Code. If granted approval/permission to use any of the AAU marks, the limited right to use the marks shall be non-exclusive and the user shall not acquire any ownership in or of such mark(s). These marks must not be used in promoting Non-AAU Events.

2. Only chartered Districts, District Sport Committees and National Sport Committees may use the AAU marks in their name.
3. There are three (3) levels of AAU club membership. Level 1 AAU Clubs acquire no rights to use the AAU's intellectual property. Level 2 and Level 3 Clubs may use AAU's registered marks only as follows:
 - a. For the purpose of promoting an AAU licensed event.
 - b. For the purpose of promoting the club's AAU related activities.
 - c. Neither members nor clubs may use the name AAU in their legal name, domain name, email or any other name without the express written consent of the National AAU.

C. Event Licenses

1. No event shall be conducted under the auspices of the AAU unless a license has been issued for the activity. A license is the written approval of the AAU for the conduct of the activity.
2. Only AAU members may participate in licensed events unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.
3. A license may be issued to any club in good standing that meets the membership criteria. A license should 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 shall be notified.
4. No license shall take effect until approved or until the 15-day review period has expired.
5. The National Registration Executive Committee has the authority to:
 - a. Issue a license in an unchartered District.
 - b. Issue a license for events in locations where there is no active District member.
 - c. Issue a license for events in Districts where there is no current active participation. (No District Championship in the prior membership year).
 - d. Issue a license for events directly sponsored by the National AAU or National Sports Committee. (The National Sport Committee shall consult with the District Sports Director and Governor prior to seeking an event license.)

- e. Review and approve any license rejected by the District.
 - f. Revoke an approved license for good cause.
6. Event licenses issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another organization.
 7. No 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.

D. District Sport Committee Biennial Meeting

1. **District Sport Committee Biennial Meeting** - It is the duty of the District Sport Committee to in even years hold a biennial meeting in which the date, time and locations shall be approved by the District Executive Committee. [Not the Sport Committee Executive Committee]
2. **Notice of District Sport Meetings**- Notice of the biennial meetings of the District Sport Committee will be given to all clubs with members registered in the sport. Notice shall be sent not less than 30 or more than 60 days prior to the scheduled meeting. In election years, the notice of election must be sent 60 days prior to the meeting.
3. **Quorum**. - Five (5) member clubs with voting eligibility must be present to constitute a quorum of the Biennial Sport Committee meeting.
4. **Voting** - Each club that 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. There shall be no voting by proxy.
 2. A club may designate another representative for the club by written notice to the District Sports Director. Replacement in writing must be received 7 days prior to the meeting.
 3. Each member of the Sport Committee shall have one vote.
5. Minutes of the meeting must be written and filed with the District Secretary and the National AAU Compliance Department.

E. Functions of District Sport Committees

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.

1. **Composition.** The District Sport Committee shall include the following :
 - a. Each club member which registers at least five individual members in the sport shall have one representative on the District Sport Committee;
 - b. District Sport Committee Officers defined by that sport’s operating rules.

- c. The Governor may appoint up to two (2) at-large members.

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

- a. In even years, hold a Biennial meeting, the date, time and location of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee.
- b. 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.
- c. Determine whether to establish a Committee operating account and if so to comply with all relevant AAU procedures and policies.
- d. Provide for the conduct of the District championship(s).
- e. If the District Sport Committee is organized as an administration 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.

F. Functions of the District Sport Director

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

- 1. Election.** In each sport 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 election or upon appointment.
- 3. Term of Office.** The term of office for an elected District Sport Director shall be four (4) years to run concurrently with the District Officers. Once elected, each District Sport Director is required to purchase a four (4)-year membership that will complete their term. 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.
- 4. Vacancies.** A vacancy occurring in an elected District Sport Director shall be filled by the Governor with approval of the National Sport Committee Chair.
- 5. Duties.** The Sport Committee Director shall:
 - a. Develop a budget for the Sport Committee to file with the District Treasurer;
 - b. Perform the duties set forth in the Committee Rules of Operation.
 - c. Review and approve, or for a reasonable cause deny event licenses in the sport.

- d. Maintain 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 Sports Committee operating rules.
- e. Preside at Sport Committee meetings;
- f. Prepare, or have prepared, meeting minutes (which shall be approved at all District Sports 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.
- g. File a copy of all records requested by the District Secretary and the AAU National Office Compliance Department no later than 30 days following District Sport Committee meetings.
- h. At the conclusion of service as Sport Director, turn over all records to the successor to the position.

6. 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.
- b. **By National Sport Chair.** Each National Sport Chair shall annually review the number of events held in their sport. If the minimum number of licensed days of activity, excluding practice licenses, is below the minimum established by the National Sports Council, the National Sport Chair may remove the District Director with consent of the Governor. If the District Governor does not agree with the removal, the President shall appoint an arbiter who will make the final decision, which shall be binding.
- c. **By National Board of Review.** A Sport Director may be removed by order of the National Board of Review following the filing of a complaint and the Board's proceedings.
- d. By the National Board of Review Chair after the failure of the District Sports Director to file minutes, reports and records as required by this article.

G. Membership and Residency

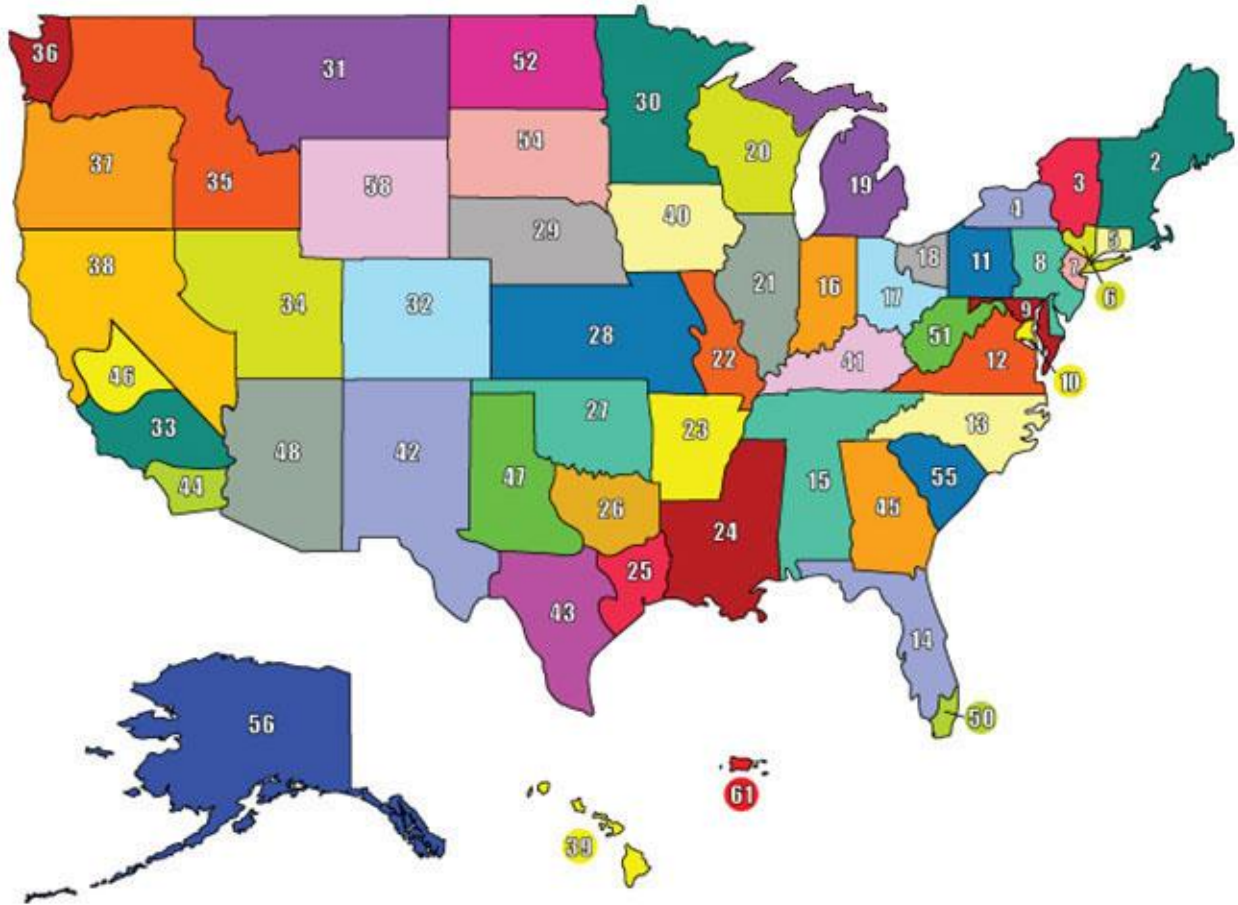
- 1. Adult members will not be bound by residence requirements.
- 2. Youth members may, with the approval of the National Sport Committee, to register in the District of their bona fide residency or the District that their Club/Team is registered except as follows:
 - a. A youth member who resides in 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.

- b. 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.
 - c. A bona fide student at an educational institution may be considered a resident of the District in which the institution is located.
 - d. The National Board of Review will determine issues of residency.
3. Persons living outside the U.S. may register online or through the AAU National Office. The respective National Sport Committee rules shall govern the participation of non-US residents in AAU competitions.

H. Eligibility

1. A youth member may, with the approval of the National Sport Committee to elect to participate in his or her District of bona fide residence or a District that geographically adjoins that District or District that their club/team is registered. Exception: In team events the National Sport Committee shall determine the number of youth members permitted to participate on a team from an adjoining District.
2. **Club Attachment.** A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU licensed event (practice not included). A youth member may be attached to only one club with the following exceptions:
 - a. An athlete may attach to additional clubs (one in each sport) if he/she participates in additional sports.
 - b. Participation in an AAU authorized league does not create club attachment.
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:
 - a. If the youth member has not competed in any AAU authorized events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days no permission is necessary
 - b. 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.)
 - c. 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.
 - d. If the Registrar determines that the transfer is due to events outside the control of the athlete or that the transfer serves the best interest of the AAU.

APPENDIX A
District Descriptions



3 - ADIRONDACK DISTRICT (Organized January 31, 1920). That portion of New York State east and north of Broome, Cortland, Dutchess, Onondaga, Orange, Oswego and Sullivan Counties.
Neighboring Districts: Connecticut, Middle Atlantic, New England, New York Metropolitan and Niagara.

56 - ALASKA DISTRICT (Organized December 3, 1965). State of Alaska.
Neighboring Districts: None

48 - ARIZONA DISTRICT (Organized March 10, 1956). State of Arizona.
Neighboring Districts: Colorado, New Mexico, Pacific Southwest, Southern Nevada, Southern Pacific and Utah

23 - ARKANSAS DISTRICT (Organized February 16, 1936). State of Arkansas and (added December, 1948) Bowie County, Texas.
Neighboring Districts: Southeastern, Southern, Southwestern, Oklahoma, Missouri Valley and Ozark

12 - CENTRAL DISTRICT (Organized 1890). Illinois, except Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties (counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair given to Ozark District, with reservation that all judo therein to be controlled by Central District).
Neighboring Districts: Wisconsin, Iowa, Ozark, Kentucky and Indiana

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT (Organized 1952). Counties of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Tulare in the State of California. (Territory re-aligned, December, 1963).
Neighboring Districts: Pacific, Southern Nevada and Southern Pacific

32 - COLORADO DISTRICT (Organized November, 1906). State of Colorado. (Territory re-aligned December, 1963, 1965, 1968. Renamed October, 2004.)
Neighboring Districts: Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri Valley, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah

5 - CONNECTICUT DISTRICT (Organized September 17, 1929). State of Connecticut.
Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, New England and New York Metropolitan

14 - FLORIDA DISTRICT (Organized January, 1925). Florida, except Miami-Dade (official county name has been changed to Miami-Dade), Broward, that part of Hendry County West of Route 833 and Palm Beach Counties. (Territory re-aligned, December 1958, 1959, 1963, 1972, and 1999.)
Neighboring Districts: Florida Gold Coast, Georgia and Southeastern

50 - FLORIDA GOLD COAST DISTRICT (Organized December 30, 1959). Counties of Broward, Miami-Dade (official county name has been changed to Miami-Dade), that part of Hendry County East of Route 833, and Palm Beach Counties. (Territory re-aligned, December 1958, 1959, 1963, 1972 and 1999.)
Neighboring Districts: Florida

45 - GEORGIA DISTRICT (territory realigned September, 1989). State of Georgia
Neighboring Districts: Florida, North Carolina, Southeastern and South Carolina

25 - GULF DISTRICT (Organized March 6, 1931). That part of the State of Texas bounded on the North and including the counties of Angelina, Houston, Leon, Nacogdoches, Robertson and Shelby; on the East by the State of Louisiana; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and on the West by and including the counties of Austin, Brazos, Colorado, Fort Bend, Grimes, Matagorda, Robertson, Waller, Washington and Wharton. (Territory re-aligned September, 1992.)
Neighboring Districts: Southern, Southwestern and South Texas

39 - HAWAIIAN DISTRICT (Organized November, 1910). State of Hawaii.
Neighboring Districts: None

16 - INDIANA DISTRICT (Organized August 22, 1919). All of State of Indiana excepting Clark, Dearborn and Floyd Counties with the reservation that all wrestling therein be controlled by the Indiana District.
Neighboring Districts: Central, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio

35 - INLAND EMPIRE DISTRICT (Organized April 25, 1937). State of Washington, counties of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima County. State of Idaho, State of Nevada, counties of Elko, Eureka and White Pine. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)
Neighboring Districts: Pacific Northwest, Pacific, Oregon, Southern Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana

40 - IOWA DISTRICT (Organized January 15, 1939). State of Iowa.
Neighboring Districts: Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, Ozark and Central

41 - KENTUCKY DISTRICT (Organized February 27, 1939). The Commonwealth of Kentucky and Clark and Floyd County in the State of Indiana (except for the sports of wrestling, boys and girls basketball). (Territory re-aligned, September, 1987; October 2003).
Neighboring Districts: Central, Indiana, Ohio, Ozark, Southeastern, Virginia and West Virginia

18 - LAKE ERIE DISTRICT (Organized January 5, 1931 As Northeastern Ohio District. Name changed at 1956 Convention). The Counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawus and Wayne. (Territory re-aligned December, 1960 and September, 1991.)
Neighboring Districts: Ohio and Western Pennsylvania

9 - MARYLAND DISTRICT (Organized, 1981). State of Maryland (except the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)
Neighboring Districts: Potomac, Virginia, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Middle Atlantic

19 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT (Organized November, 1923). State of Michigan. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962 and October, 1971.)
Neighboring Districts: Indiana and Ohio

8 - MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT (Organized 1906). New Jersey, south of Mercer and Monmouth County; all of the State of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, east of and including Bedford, Centre, Clinton and Potter Counties (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)
Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, New Jersey, New York Metropolitan, Niagara, Western Pennsylvania and Maryland

30 - MINNESOTA DISTRICT (territory realigned September, 1989). State of Minnesota.
Neighboring Districts: Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin

28 - MISSOURI VALLEY DISTRICT (Organized February 14, 1931). All of Kansas and that portion of the western part of the state of Missouri including and bounded by Adair, Audrain, Benton, Callaway, Christian, Cole, Greene, Hickory, Macon, Montineau, Morgan, Polk, Randolph, Schuyler and Taney. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)
Neighboring Districts: Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Ozark

31 - MONTANA DISTRICT (Organized February 15, 1936). State of Montana.
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming

29 - NEBRASKA DISTRICT (Organized June 26, 1922). State of Nebraska. (Territory re-aligned September, 1986.) Neighboring Districts: South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri Valley and Iowa

2 - NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT (Organized, 1890). New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.) Neighboring Districts: Adirondack and Connecticut

7 - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT (Organized April 21, 1930). New Jersey north of and including Hudson, Mercer and Monmouth Counties. Neighboring Districts: Middle Atlantic and New York Metropolitan

42 - NEW MEXICO DISTRICT (Organized May 29, 1947). State of New Mexico and the counties of Brewster, Culbertson, Crockett, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Terrell in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned September, 1988.) Neighboring Districts: Colorado, Utah, Arizona, West Texas, South Texas and Oklahoma

6 - NEW YORK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (Organized, 1890). New York, south of and including Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties; also the Canal Zone. (Renamed October, 2004)
Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, Connecticut, Middle Atlantic and New Jersey

4 - NIAGARA DISTRICT (Organized September 27, 1919). State of New York west of and including Broome, Cortland, Onondaga and Oswego Counties. Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, Middle Atlantic and Western Pennsylvania

13 - NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT (Organized December 5, 1965). State of North Carolina.
Neighboring Districts: Georgia, South Carolina, Southeastern and Virginia

52 - NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT (Organized December 1, 1962). State of North Dakota
Neighboring Districts: Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota

17 - OHIO DISTRICT (Organized May 1, 1923). State of Ohio (except the counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawus and Wayne); and the Dearborn County in the State of Indiana. (Territory re-aligned, December, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, and October, 2003).
Neighboring Districts: Indiana, Lake Erie, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania

27 - OKLAHOMA DISTRICT (Organized February 23, 1936). State of Oklahoma.
Neighboring Districts: Missouri Valley, Colorado, New Mexico, West Texas, Southwestern and Arkansas

37 - OREGON DISTRICT (Organized September 23, 1935). State of Oregon and the following counties of Washington: Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire, Pacific and Pacific Northwest

22 - OZARK DISTRICT (Organized, 1935). Missouri east of and including the following counties, Camden, Dallas, Douglas, Knox, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Ozark, Pike, Scotland, Shelby, including the city of St. Louis, and Webster. Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair in Illinois with reservation that all judo therein be controlled by Central DISTRICT. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)
Neighboring Districts: Arkansas, Central, Kentucky, Iowa, Missouri Valley and Southeastern

38 - PACIFIC DISTRICT (Organized, 1890). The State of California, north of but not including the counties of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono and San Luis Obispo and the Counties of Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nyle, all within the State of Nevada Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Ormsby, Pershing, Storey and Washoe in the State of Nevada. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961 and December, 1962 and 1963.)
Neighboring Districts: Arizona, Central California, Inland Empire, Oregon, Utah, Southern Nevada and Southern Pacific

36 - PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT (Organized June, 1905). Washington, west of but not including Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan and Yakima Counties and north of but not including Cowlitz, Klickitat and Skamania Counties.
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire and Oregon

44 - PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT (Organized December 10, 1949, as Southwest Pacific Border DISTRICT. Name changed at 1956 Convention). Imperial and San Diego Counties, California.
Neighboring Districts: Arizona and Southern Pacific

10 - POTOMAC VALLEY DISTRICT (Organized October 15, 1929). All territory within the District of Columbia, counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges in the State of Maryland, and counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December 1968. Formerly District of Columbia District. Renamed December, 1972.)
Neighboring Districts: Maryland and Virginia

61 - PUERTO RICO DISTRICT (Organized September 8, 1984). Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.
Neighboring Districts: None

55 - SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT (Organized December 5, 1965). State of South Carolina.
Neighboring Districts: Georgia and North Carolina

54 - SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT (Organized December 4, 1964). State of South Dakota.
Neighboring Districts: Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming

43 - SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT (Organized November 12, 1945). That part of the State of Texas bounded on the East by and including the counties of Bureson, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Milam and; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and the Republic of Mexico; on the West by and including the counties of Schleicher, Sutton and Val Verde, and on the North by and including the counties of Bell, Burnett, Coryell, Falls, Lampasas, Llano, Mason and Menard. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961, 1963 and September, 1992.)
Neighboring Districts: Gulf, Southwest, South Texas, New Mexico and West Texas

15 - SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT (Organized August 13, 1951). The State of Alabama and the State of Tennessee. (Territory re-aligned December 1958, December 1972, September 30, 1989 and September 1999)
Neighboring Districts: Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Southern, Arkansas and Ozark

24 - SOUTHERN DISTRICT (Organized, 1892). The State of Louisiana and the State of [Mississippi](#).
[www.saaau.org](#) Neighboring Districts: Southeastern, Arkansas, Gulf and Southwestern

33 - SOUTHERN PACIFIC DISTRICT (Organized November, 1909). Including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura all within the State of California. (Territory re-aligned October, 1973.)
Neighboring Districts: Arizona, Central California, Pacific, Pacific Southwest, Southern Nevada

26 - SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT (Organized May 8, 1936). That part of the State of Texas bounded on the South but not including the counties of Angelina, Brown, Callahan, Coryell, Falls, Houston, Lampasas, Leon, Milam, Mills, Nacogdoches, Robertson and Shelby; on the East by the State of Louisiana, State of Arkansas and the county of Bowie, Texas; on the North by the State of Oklahoma and the county of Bowie, Texas and on the West by the counties of, but not including Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones and Knox in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned September, 1992.) Neighboring Districts: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Southern, Gulf, South Texas and West Texas

34 - UTAH DISTRICT (Organized November, 1910). State of Utah. (Territory re-aligned December, 1978.)
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern Nevada

12 - VIRGINIA DISTRICT (Organized December 9, 1934). Commonwealth of Virginia (except the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)
Neighboring Districts: Potomac Valley, West Virginia, Kentucky, Southeastern and North Carolina

11 - WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT (Organized November 16, 1917). All counties in Pennsylvania west of Bedford, Centre, Clinton, Huntingdon and Potter Counties and the Counties of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall and Ohio in West Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December, 1959 and September, 1991.)
Neighboring Districts: Middle Atlantic, Niagara, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, and Lake Erie

47 - WEST TEXAS DISTRICT(Organized 1952). All that part of the State of Texas bounded on the South side and including the counties of Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Pecos, Reeves, Regan, San Saba, Tom Green and Upton; on the West by the State of New Mexico; on the North by the State of Oklahoma; on the East by the State of Oklahoma and by and including the counties of Brown, Callahan, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mills and San Saba in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961; October, 1976.)
Neighboring Districts: Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Texas and Southwestern

51 - WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT (Organized February 28, 1960). The State of West Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December 1963, October 1973 and October 2003)
Neighboring Districts: Maryland, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia

20 - WISCONSIN DISTRICT (Organized June 6, 1935). State of Wisconsin. (Territory re-aligned December, 1964 and September 30, 1989) Neighboring Districts: Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Central

58 - WYOMING DISTRICT (Organized December 9, 1968). State of Wyoming. Neighboring Districts: Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah and Inland Empire

Zone Alignment Bylaw 8.6 (pgs. 39-40)

There shall be four (4) Zones of the AAU. The Districts which comprise the Zones of the AAU are:

- a. Zone A Bylaw 8.6.1 (pg. 39) Yellow**
Adirondack, Connecticut, Lake Erie, Maryland, Middle Atlantic, New England, New Jersey, New York Metropolitan, Niagara, Ohio, Potomac Valley, Virginia, Western Pennsylvania
- b. Zone B Bylaw 8.6.2 (pg. 39) Red**
Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, Gulf, Kentucky, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Texas, Southeastern Southern, Southwestern, West Texas, West Virginia
- c. Zone C Bylaw 8.6.3 (pg. 40) Blue**
Arkansas, Central, Indiana, Iowa, Ozark, Oklahoma, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming
- d. Zone D Bylaw 8.6.4 (pg. 40) Green**
Alaska, Arizona, Central California, Colorado, Hawaiian, Inland Empire, New Mexico, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, Southern Pacific, Southern Nevada, Utah

APPENDIX B
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APPENDIX C
Athlete Honor Oath

I promise that I shall participate in this AAU Tournament

Respecting and abiding by the rules which govern it

In the true spirit of sportsmanship,

For the glory of sport,

And the honor of my team