- levels in between.
- 4. There will be no forced migration from competing in Masters B (short list) events to Masters (full list) events.
- v. Invitational meets can deviate from these rules as long as exceptions are defined as part of the meet information.
- 3. **Youth Swimming Competition Rules.** AAU Swimming is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Aquatics Handbook and the competitive rules of USA Swimming as modified by the AAU National Aquatics Committee.
  - a. **Qualification Procedure.** The AAU Swimming National Championships will be held at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. For qualifications, please refer to **Appendix B**.

## b. Age Divisions for Swimming National Championships

- i. 8 and Under Boys and Girls
  9-10 Boys and Girls
  11-12 Boys and Girls
  13-14 Boys and Girls
  15-18 Boys and Girls
- ii. Athlete's age on the first day of competition shall determine the division of the competitor.
- iii. At the National Championship, heats for 8 and Under division may be combined with 9-10 division but will be awarded separately. The 8 and Under division is offered for the 50 Meter events and 200 Meter freestyle relays.
- c. Rules and Restrictions. Additional rules and restrictions as outlined in the AAU Junior Olympic Games Meet Information Packet shall be followed.
- 4. **Other Aquatics Competition Rules**. For other Aquatics sports such as Water Polo and Synchronized Swimming, the competition rules of the National Governing Body will apply.

## 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.