compete in open events if the meet is sanctioned as a combined Youth and Adult competition.

- ii. **Masters.** Primary for divers that no longer what to compete in Open events. Elite divers are permitted to compete in master events but are restricted to competing in their natural age group.
- iii. **Masters B.** Primarily for divers who are not ready to perform a full list of dives competitively but still want to compete and socialize with other divers.

b. Rules and Regulations

- i. Men's and women's events will use the men's rules for number of dives to complete for each age group.
- ii. Masters program will have an additional 21-24 year old age group, which will execute the same number of dives as the 25-29 age group.
- iii. There are no restrictions for dives performed from the 10 meter platform. For divers 50 and over, head first and/or dives with a DD of 2.0 or more can be performed from the 10 meter platform.
- iv. Masters B (short list) events will have the following requirements
 - 1. 19-49 year old Masters B age groups perform any 5 dives for Springboard events and any 4 dives for platform events.
 - 2. 50-79 year old Masters B age groups perform any 4 dives for Springboard events and any 4 dives for platform events.
 - 3. For Masters B platform events, dives may be performed only from 5M, 7M and/or any platform 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. For qualifications for the AAU Junior Olympic Games, please refer to <u>Appendix B</u>. Qualifications for other National Championship events may be modified as approved by the National Aquatics Committee.

b. Age Divisions

- 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 AAU Junior Olympic Games, heats for the 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, approved by the National Aquatics Committee, shall be outlined in the Meet Information Packet.
- 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.

III. EXCERPTS FROM AAU CODE BOOK

A. AAU Membership. All participants must be a member of the AAU in order to participate in any AAU Sanctioned Event. Event Operators may not collect AAU membership money at any AAU sanctioned event.

Membership Requirements. Membership in the AAU is a privilege granted by the AAU. 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 Constitution, Bylaws policies, procedures and rules of the AAU.

2. Classes of Membership

- 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.