

AAU Dance Rule Book & Regulations

PREAMBLE

The AAU Dance 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 Dance Committee operates under the governance of the AAU Code in addition to rules herein.

I. NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. National Committee Structure and Procedures

1. **National Chair** – The President of the AAU appoints the Chair from the recommendations of the National Sport Committee after approval of a majority of the National Officers.
2. **Executive Committee Composition**
3. **National Sport Committee Composition** - The Committee will consist of the National Sports Chair, the elected or appointed officers or committee chairs as defined 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 Affiliated member that registers members in the sport. The President may appoint up to five (5) members-at-large
4. **Other Committee Positions** –
N/A
5. **Voting** –Persons eligible to vote shall be the National Sport Chair, elected or appointed officers, chairs of Committees as defined by the sport's operating rules, the elected or appointed District sports director or a representative from each Affiliated member that registers members in the sport, and any members-at-large. 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. The purpose of the Special meeting must be stated in the Notice for the meeting.
- 4. **National Sport Executive Committee Meetings** – The National Chair shall determine the date and location of Executive Committee Meetings.
- 5. **Agenda Additions -**
 - a. **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)

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II. SPORT POLICIES

a. SPORTSMANSHIP

Is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed for clarification:

- i. Be courteous to all (participants, advisors, judges, staff and fans).
- ii. Know the rules, abide by and respect the judges' decisions.
- iii. Win with character and lose with dignity.
- iv. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- v. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
- vi. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities. All parents, teachers and athletes will hold the sport of dance in the highest regard.
- vii. All entries must be processed on regulation entry forms.
- viii. No videos or flash photography will be permitted.
- ix. Dancers/parents shall not sit in the vicinity of the judges or approach the judges. All inquiries shall be made through coaches only.
- x. No coaching from wings or audience.
- xi. Appropriate music, costuming and choreography will be utilized. All entries must be considered "family entertainment."

b. MEDICAL PROCEDURES

- i. **Bleeding** - When it is detected that a participant is bleeding, has an open wound or an excessive amount of blood on the uniform/costume, the participant shall stop performing to receive proper treatment.
- ii. **Communicable Disease Procedures** - While risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to nonexistent, there is a remote risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body