

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 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** – The Soccer Executive Committee shall consist of a National Chair, Vice Chair and a Rules Coordinator.
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)

II. SPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. The AAU Soccer program will follow the USSF, USYSA and FIFA competitive rules of play.
 1. USSF: www.ussoccer.com
 2. USYSA: www.usyouthsoccer.org
 3. FIFA: www.fifa.com
- B. **Age**
 1. 20 and under = youth
 2. 21 and up = adult
- C. **Age Groups**
 1. **8U – 19U**

III. SPORT OPERATIONS

1. **Current Year Rule Changes**
N/A
2. **Event Operating Rules**- These rules shall apply to all AAU Sanctioned events unless modified.
 1. **Conducting a Soccer Event Guidelines**
Below is a checklist of details, which must be considered when, conducting a tournament: