

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.

2. Eligibility

d. General

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.

e. Age Divisions (Boys' and Girls')

Age divisions are as stated by USYSA. Age divisions will be determined by the age of each player before the first day of August of the immediately preceding seasonal year.

f. 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.

3. Rules and Restrictions

d. Player Ejection

1. Player ejection suspension (red card) will carry over from a District Qualifier.
2. If a player is ejected from any game during the National Championships, the player's pass shall be turned over to the