

Example: An age division that has ten teams would be divided into two groups (pools); the winner of Pool #1 would play the second place team from Pool #2. The winner of Pool #2 would play the second place team from Pool #1. The winners from these two games would then play for the championship. The losers from the two semifinal games might play for third and fourth places or be awarded third or fourth place based upon the points accumulated during the tournament. The team listed first in each pairing is the home team. The home team shall change jerseys, if in the opinion of the referee there is a conflict. This will also include the goalkeepers.

The POINT SYSTEM used during pool play is as follows:

1. Three (3) points for a win; one (1) point for a tie; and zero points for a loss.
2. In any situation where two (2) teams tie, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
3. If there is a tie after the points are totaled, then the goals scored will serve as a tiebreaker. A maximum of three (3) goals per game will be allowed.
4. If there is still a tie after the goals scored is tallied, then the total goals allowed will be used.
5. If a tie still remains, then the teams tied shall take alternate penalty kicks until one-team scores and the other does not.
6. Score for a forfeit game will be 3-0.

1. Entry Procedures

d. National Championships

Team entry forms for the National Championship must be sent to the National Tournament Director before the entry deadline date. National Tournament entries postmarked after the entry deadline date will NOT be accepted. NO team will be entered in the National Championship that does not meet tournament entry requirements.

e. Entry for National Championships

1. Team Roster
2. Individual Entry Forms
3. Entry Form and Fee

*Entry fees for the National Championships in Soccer will be set by the hosting agency with the approval of the National Chairman and the AAU National Headquarters.

4. Any additional information as requested by the Local Organizing Committee.

7. Competition Rules –

Unless otherwise stated in this handbook the rules of competition shall be those of *US Soccer Federation, US Youth Soccer Association and Federation Internationale of Football*. Only those rules contained in this handbook shall supersede the general rules of the national governing body.

1. Qualification Procedure

d. National Championships

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