

# 2009 Amateur Athletic Union Softball Handbook



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## AAU Softball Handbook

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A list of local AAU District Softball Chairs is available on the web at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).

## **I. AAU DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions will be applied to all athletes, coaches, and member clubs/teams:

**PRACTICE:** For the purpose of AAU sanctioning, practice is organized and/or regularly scheduled sessions supervised at all times by a registered AAU coach or instructors and conducted for the purpose of preparing, training, instructing and conditioning only AAU registered athletes for AAU competitions. Tryouts and scrimmages are included as long as they meet all the requirements of the above definition.

**SUPERVISION:** Supervision requires that an AAU registered coach/instructor be physically present at all times at the practice premises or site during each practice session.

**SCRIMMAGE:** A practice of an AAU club or with AAU athletes or another club. A scrimmage does not qualify as a practice if an admission fee is charged or the officials are paid. Scrimmage results must not affect the team's/club's standings or rankings.

## **II. PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

The AAU Softball Program will provide for a maximum number of organized softball activities while allowing each young athlete the opportunity to participate. It will allow for each athlete to recognize and embrace the value of team play and sportsmanship, while further developing their softball skills.

## **III. AAU ORGANIZATION**

The AAU is the largest non-profit, volunteer, multi-sports organization in the United States dedicated to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs. Founded in 1888 for the express purpose of providing sports program and participation for kids of all ages beginning at the grass roots level, the AAU adopted its own unique ideal in the slogan "Sports For All, Forever."

Today, the AAU boasts a nationwide membership of over 550,000, plus a vital body of volunteers 50,000 strong. It has expanded to encompass 57 district AAU Districts sponsoring more than 34 sports programs, over 250 national championships, and over 30,000 age division events, annually.

Perhaps the most astounding fact about this organization is that it is made up entirely of volunteers - people like yourself - who believe that young people benefit in a number of ways from organized athletic experiences, and who dedicate some of their spare time to organize or become involved in youth competitions in their local communities.

The AAU Softball Program is looking for interested individuals to volunteer or serve as District Sport Chairs in their local AAU District. The District Sport Chair encourages the growth of AAU softball teams and assists in coordinating softball leagues and tournaments in their District. Because this is a volunteer position, the District Sport Chair does not necessarily have to serve as the Tournament Director, but rather be the contact for that area.

Please contact your local District at 1-800-AAU- 4USA or the AAU National Headquarters at 407-934- 7200 if you would like to volunteer.

## IV. AAU STRUCTURE

It is important to understand the structure of the AAU in order to become more involved and to work effectively within the organization's structure. The total body consists of individual Districts, incorporated themselves as non-profit organizations in each state.

Some states have more than one AAU District; other Districts might consist of two or more smaller states. Some are named after the state itself; others are named after an area known for its geographic characteristics. Each of the individual AAU Districts has jurisdiction over the sport activities in its assigned territory as established by the AAU. For more specific information please refer to the AAU Code available on the web and AAU District/Regional/Zone Alignment section of this manual.

## V. AAU MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE

### Individual AAU Membership

- Each athlete or coach must be a member of the AAU. Once you are a member, you can participate in any of the over 34 sports offered by the AAU.
- The annual membership is from September 1 to August 31.

### Club Membership

- A club or team should also join the AAU as an organization.
- Multiple teams can be part of the same club.
- Once registered as an AAU Club (level 2 or 3) in good standing, you can apply to sanction events (leagues, tournaments, etc.)
- Benefits of club membership include club practice insurance, receipt of AAU mailings, email notices, ability to participate in District meetings/elections, and to sanction/host events.

### Insurance

- As a benefit included with AAU membership, the AAU insurance plan provides coverage for its Districts, member clubs and teams, and individual members conducting and/or participating in AAU sanctioned events.
- For specific information, please refer to the current AAU insurance brochure found in the Insurance section of the homepage at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).

### Added Benefit Membership (AB)

- The AAU's extended benefit program allows AB cardholders to participate in non-AAU sanctioned events under certain circumstances.
- This membership is very beneficial to teams that play in tournaments that are not AAU sanctioned.
- For specific information, please refer to the current AAU insurance brochure found in the Insurance section of the homepage at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).

### Membership Fees

Youth Membership: \$12.00 (Regular) or \$14.00 (AB)

Adult Softball Membership: \$22.00 or \$25.50 (AB)

Volunteer/Umpire Non-Athlete Membership: \$16

Youth Club Membership: Level 1 \$30.00, Level 2 \$60.00, Level 3 \$300

## VI. AGE DIVISIONS

The age determination date for all age divisions is the athlete's age prior to and on **January 1, 2009**.

<b>10 &amp; Under:</b>	Can not turn 11 years prior to or on January 1, 2009
<b>12 &amp; Under:</b>	Can not turn 13 years prior to or on January 1, 2009
<b>14 &amp; Under:</b>	Can not turn 15 years prior to or on January 1, 2009
<b>16 &amp; Under:</b>	Can not turn 17 years prior to or on January 1, 2009
<b>18 &amp; Under:</b>	Can not turn 19 years prior to or on January 1, 2009

Any player may play in an older age division (i.e. a 16-year-old playing in the 18 & Under division), but never in a younger age division (i.e. a 14-year-old playing in the 12 & under division).

## VII. INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE/COACH ELIGIBILITY

All individual athletes and coaches must be AAU youth members. Becoming an AAU youth member allows each athlete to compete in any of the various youth sports in the program. To participate in adult softball, the individual must have an adult softball membership.

All athletes must be amateurs as defined by the AAU Code.

Any player competing in a specific age division must remain in the same age division throughout the District, Regional and/or National Tournaments. A player may play in only one (1) age division.

**AAU SOFTBALL PATCH:** At a National Championship, each rostered athlete must have the official AAU Softball patch affixed to the front of the left short. Coaches and other rostered members should wear the patch on the left shirtsleeve. Tournament directors for events other than National Championships can also require that the patch be worn at their discretion. Check the tournament rules for requirements.

Residency requirements as stated in the AAU Code will apply. An athlete may elect to participate in his District of bona fide residence or a District, which geographically adjoins that District. **EXCEPTION:** In team sports, a maximum of three (3) athletes may participate with a team from an adjoining District(s). An athlete must register in the District of residence.

The eligibility of a participant for a particular age division will be determined by the year of his/her birth. The age determination date is January 1. See Part VI for more information.

Any question pertaining to the eligibility of a player at a Regional Tournament or National Championship shall be directed to the National Committee Representative or designee assigned to the tournament. No member of the tournament committee shall have the authority to rule on player eligibility.

If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, the player will be expelled from the tournament. If a player is found to be ineligible after the tournament has begun, not only will the player be expelled, but the team will also be expelled from the tournament. Coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements.

## **VIII. TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

All teams should be registered as AAU Youth Clubs with their local AAU District and comply with the regulations of the AAU Code. Register on-line at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).

Teams shall consist of a maximum of twenty (20) players and four (4) bench personnel. All athletes and bench personnel must be registered members.

Teams may be formed from within District boundaries as set forth by the AAU Code.

Any question pertaining to the eligibility of a team at a Regional or National Tournament shall be directed to the National Committee Representative or designee assigned to the tournament. No member of a tournament committee shall have the authority to rule on team eligibility.

## **IX. ENTERING REGIONAL, NATIONAL, OR SUPER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

No team will be entered into a Regional, National or Super National Championship that fails to meet entry requirements.

Specific qualifications and entry requirements are outlined in the tournament entry packet.

Entry into the National Championships is open to all teams meeting the membership and entry requirements.

Teams can qualify to participate in the Super National Championships by:

- Participation in an AAU District tournament or National tournament.
- Teams from a District that does not offer any AAU tournaments may petition the tournament director for entry.

Proof of age will be required. Only the following materials are acceptable:

- A photocopy of the birth record from the state, county or municipal bureau of vital statistics of the place of birth. HOSPITAL RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED.
- A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth (originals may be requested) if the athlete's birth was not recorded on the day of birth, issued by the same bodies.
- Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. State Department.
- Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25 and Form No. 43-R311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.

All entry materials must be received by the entry deadline by the designated person as indicated in the entry instructions.

## **X. COMPETITION RULES AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The National Championships will be conducted under NFHS rules as modified by the AAU Softball Committee. Check the tournament rules for additional information. For playing rules of NFHS, contact NFHS at 800-776-3462.

State and local tournaments and competition may utilize rules common to that geographic area. Regional and National Tournaments may use discretion as to affiliation rules used; i.e., ASA, USSSA, AFA, ISA, NSA, NFHS. Rules used must be determined by each state hosting local or regional tournaments by January 1 of each year.

### **INJURIES INVOLVING BLOOD**

A player or coach who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If medical care or treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is the umpires' judgement. The re-entry rule would NOT apply to players in case of a bleeding injury. If there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before that individual may participate.

### **EJECTIONS (MANAGER, COACH OR PLAYER):**

The conduct of all participants is expected to be of the highest quality and in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Any team whose conduct reflects poorly on the AAU Softball program may be expelled from the tournament. First occurrence ejection of a manager, coach or player in any age division will result in the suspension for the game and removal from the game venue, and also the next scheduled game for the team. The coach **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE GAME SITE** during the suspension game. The Tournament Director and Softball Committee Representative may impose further sanctions if necessary.

A second ejection during the tournament will result in suspension for the remainder of the tournament, as well as the possibility of additional sanctions regarding future AAU events.

Violent ejection of a coach or manager will result in ejection of the team from the tournament. Any ejection will result in an UN-sportsmanlike report filed with the National AAU office by umpires/tournament officials. Each manager/coach is expected to exercise some degree of control concerning that team's fans. Misbehavior outside the dugout is still the responsibility of the manager.

### **PROTESTS**

Protests must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next pitch is thrown. A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final.

Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.

### **RAIN POLICY**

If rain occurs where the first game of the day will be effected, but games are able to start later in the day, then those early games shall be moved to the end of the day's schedule.

If rain occurs during a game:

- The game will be suspended and picked up from that point if games are resumed (pick-up or started) later in that day.
- The game will become complete if the game has reached official status and if games are unable to continue that day.
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For all divisions, the umpire may suspend a game, but not declare the game complete in order to hold discussions with AAU tournament officials. AAU tournament officials will attempt to play all games to completion unless it becomes imperative to change the tournament format.

If it is determined that the tournament format must be changed (pool play or bracket play can no longer continue) due to inclement weather, the final standing will be determined by the *AAU Rain Policy* available from the AAU at 407-934-7200 or [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).

## **FORFEITS**

All forfeits are subject to review by the tournament director, and may result in the offending team being declared ineligible for any future tournament play.

The tournament committee shall administer the rule so that any team which forfeits will not benefit and may not advance to championship pool or bracket play, unless the tournament committee determines there were extenuating circumstances causing the forfeit.

## **XI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND FORMAT**

Depending on the degree of interest, tournaments may be structured to meet the participation needs within that geographic area. Contact the National Chair or the AAU National Headquarters for assistance.

The Tournament Director, National Softball Chair, or the AAU National Headquarters will set the exact format of the tournament.

The AAU Softball Program uses a "pool-play" format whenever possible. Teams will be placed in pools where they will play a round robin within their pool.

Following pool play, teams enter a single or double elimination tournament.

## **XII. DETERMINING POOL PLAY WINNERS**

Following is the procedure to use when, at the conclusion of pool play, there is more than one team in the pool with the same win-loss record:

When two (2) teams tie for a position, the team, which defeated the other, is the winner.

When three (3) teams tie for a position:

- If one of the three teams is 2-0 in games against the other two teams, that team is the winner.
- If all three teams are 1-1 against each other, the team with the least number of runs allowed in games against each other is the winner. If two of these three teams tie with least runs allowed, use situation number 1 for these two tied teams.
- If the three teams are still tied with least runs allowed after step 2, the teams with the least number of runs allowed in all games is the winner.
- If the three teams are still tied with least runs allowed after step 3, the team with the most number of runs scored in games against each other is the winner.
- If the three teams are still tied after step 4, the team with the most number of runs scored in all games is the winner.

When four (4) teams tie for a position:

- If only one team is 2-1 in games against each other, that team is the winner.

- If two teams are 2-1 in games against each other, use situation A.  
If three teams are 2-1 in games against each other, use situation B.

**NOTE:** If it is necessary to determine the second place team in situations B and C, the winning team is dropped and the rules reapplied for the teams remaining.

**EXAMPLE I:**

Team A	2 wins	1 loss
Team B	2 wins	1 loss
Team C	2 wins	1 loss
Team D	0 wins	3 losses

To break the tie to determine the pool winner, first look at the games played:

**Team A results:**

A vs. B A - 2 B - 6  
A vs. C A - 11 C - 1  
A vs. D A - 7 D - 2

**Team B results:**

B vs. A B - 6 A - 2  
B vs. C B - 10 C - 13  
B vs. D B - 6 D - 1

**Team C results:**

C vs. A C - 1 A - 11  
C vs. B C - 13 B - 10  
C vs. D C - 8 D - 0

Since teams A, B, and C are tied for first place with two wins and one loss each, rule B.2. Above is used and least number of runs allowed in the games involving the three teams (excluding games with Team D) are considered. Total runs allowed are:

Team A - 7  
Team B - 15  
Team C - 21

Accordingly, Team A allowed the least runs and is the winner of the pool. Second place is determined by taking the two remaining teams, which were tied for first place and using Rule A.

Team C is the second place team by virtue of their victory over Team B.

**EXAMPLE II:**

Team A	2 wins	1 loss
Team B	2 wins	1 loss
Team C	2 wins	1 loss
Team D	0 wins	3 losses

To break the tie to determine the pool winner, first look at the games played:

**Team A Results:**

A vs. B A - 2 B - 6  
A vs. C A - 11 C - 10  
A vs. D A - 7 D - 2

**Team B Results:**

B vs. A B - 6 A - 2  
B vs. C B - 4 C - 13  
B vs. D B - 6 D - 1

**Team C Results:**

C vs. A C - 10 A - 11  
C vs. B C - 13 B - 4  
C vs. D C - 8 D - 0

Since teams A, B, and C tied for first place with two wins and one loss each, rule B.2 above is used and least number of runs allowed in games involving the three teams (excluding games with Team D) are considered. Total runs in the appropriate games are:

Team A - 16  
Team B - 15  
Team C - 15

Team B and C are still tied with 15 runs allowed. Team C is the winner by virtue of their victory over Team B. Team B is the second place team.

### **XIII. CONDUCTING A SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

You may be conducting a tournament for the first time, or you may be an "old pro". In either case, there is work to be done in order to have a tournament run smoothly. Below is a checklist of details, which must be considered when conducting a tournament. You may need to do all these things or you may not need to, but in any event, here is a complete checklist of important details. If you do conduct a tournament, please keep the AAU National Headquarters and National Softball Chair informed.

Form a committee and tournament with the idea of improving upon your organizational ideas of the program. Discuss such things as the date, officials, AAU District policies and procedures, rules and regulations and supervision. This committee should consist of people in the community, which should include various organizations, clubs and your Chamber of Commerce.

Select a Tournament Director who will be responsible for conducting the competition. This person must have knowledge of the sport, and be able to effectively administer the overall competition. He/she must be a person who is able to direct the efforts of others and have a general understanding of all aspects of the undertaking. He/she must be able to foresee everything, which must go into a tournament in the way of planning. He/she should be flexible and creative. He/she is coordinator of the total event.

Determine the location, date and time of competition.

Be aware of holidays, they may or may not help.

Allow enough time to handle problems and delays.

Time your tournament to correspond to the normal season of the sport. (Will this tournament conflict with other sport events?)

Select the sites for the tournament.

Reserve and notify the areas you expect to use.

Send a confirmation letter or memo to each facility.

E. Estimate income and expenses that will be incurred at your tournament:

Income

Team entry fee

Admissions

Donations

Local patrons

District's contribution

Concessions

Ads for programs

Expenses

Sanction and AAU Membership Fees

Awards

Officials / Umpires

Equipment

Printing

Concession purchases

Miscellaneous

Tournament Director/ Umpires Assignor

F. Determine the method of publicizing the tournament.

Tournament information flyer containing all pertinent information distributed to all possible entries.

Publicity releases to all newspapers in the area.

Personal contacts.

Contact radio stations and TV media for publicity. Arrange a press conference.  
Submit story or news release to AAU District.

G. Select facilities to be used in the conducting of your tournament.

Are the facilities in good shape and can you improve the conditions?

Do you have sufficient seating arrangements for spectators, especially for the final game?

Is a room available where umpires can dress or rest between games? It is important to keep umpires separate from competing teams, coaches, and spectators.

Are the restroom facilities convenient, and are they working properly? Can you be assured these facilities will be clean and remain maintained?

If the tournament is played at night, lighting systems should be thoroughly checked for bad bulbs and unclean reflectors.

If electric scoreboard is available, make sure of its operation.

Are the facilities in close proximity to one another?

Are concessions available?

Determine the type and amount of equipment for the entire tournament. Notify the competing teams in advance as to what the official tournament ball will be. Teams may want to practice with the same equipment that will be used at your tournament.

Develop entry forms. The information desired on the entry form will vary according to the tournament. The following information should be included on any entry form you develop.

Name of team

Name of manager

Address of manager

Age division entered

Participant's name

Participant's birthdate and/or school

Participant's address

Signature of team manager

Verification of entering agency

Entry fee information

Dates and type of tournament

Location of tournament

Your District heading

Where or to whom entry should be mailed

AAU Youth participant membership number

Entry deadlines

AAU Youth Club membership number

After entry deadline, all eligible entries will be included in the draw. You should not place teams in the draw from the same general location, when possible.

The type of tournament to be used should be prearranged and the time schedule carefully planned.

Travel distance of competing teams should be considered in regard to time of game.

Age and number of participants should determine early and late games especially if night games are to be held.

Time allotted for completion of each game is important. Allow enough time to complete a normal contest, but do not leave gaps in schedule. Inactivity can create a problem for officials, staff and spectators.

Copies of the draw and subsequent schedule should be mailed to all managers of competing teams and all facilities being used. Additional copies of schedule should be available at the tournament playing sites for coaches and interested spectators.

You are now ready to begin the event. Here's a partial checklist of things to consider.

A meeting should be held with all game officials to discuss special rules or philosophy of your tournament which the officials may not be familiar with. Game assignments and dates should be covered at these meetings.

A maintenance crew should be on hand for quick repairs or other situations that may occur.

All games in a tournament situation must be completed. A responsible person must be assigned to supervise each contest.

The tournament schedule should be posted for the benefit of all participants and spectators. This draw sheet should be placed at a central location at each playing site and should be kept up to date with game scores and any field changes.

A public address system is desirable for better communication. Insure that it is operating prior to the start of the tournament. The announcer is an important person in a smoothly functioning tournament. His/her voice should be defined and authoritative and his/her duties should be explained to him/her in detail before he/she begins.

Plan to decorate the facilities used. A welcome sign over the entrance and posters and banners will help promote the event and create a special event atmosphere.

Coverage of the tournament is important and should be on going. Game results and other anecdotes should be reported to the newspaper and other interested parties immediately for effectiveness.

Prepare for emergencies. A medical professional should be available at all times during the tournament. First aid supplies should be on hand for athletes and spectators. Notify the police department that you are hosting a tournament and provide them with a schedule. Make sure a phone is available and operating. Make sure access roads or buildings are accessible.

The official scorer is an important person in all types of tournaments. He/she is an aid in records and publicity and serves to keep the action of scoring accurate. A dependable person in this position can solve many headaches.

Prepare for the awards ceremony. Depending on format and size of the tournament ceremonies may take place during the tournament or at its completion. Local dignitaries should be contacted well in advance to make the presentation. Make sure they know when and where they need to be. If an awards banquet is to be held, plan early, and prepare a separate checklist of all arrangements.

Your tournament is now over and you should continue working by doing the following:

Ask for and accept all recommendations for improvement of the tournament for future references.

Recognize the value of thank you letters and write them to all the people who assisted.

Complete and return your championship reports to the National AAU office and one copy to the National Chairman. Send a copy of all results to the National AAU office immediately after the tournament. Include the name and address of the coach of the winning team in each age division. Indicate if the National Entry packet was presented to the coach and if they intend to participate in the National Championships. This should be done as soon as possible following the competition.

## **XIV. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

### **2008 National Champions**

*Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

12 & Under "A"	Lady Braves – Albemarle NC
12 & Under "B"	Lady Diamonds – Harrisburg NC
14 & Under "A"	Stanly Co. Fireballs – Albemarle NC

### **2007 National Champions**

*Concord, North Carolina*

10 & Under "A"	OutlawsWhite - Weddington NC
10 & Under "B"	Rowan Rage Red - Salisbury NC
12 & Under "A"	Magic - Charlotte NC
12 & Under "B"	Rowan Rage - Salisbury NC
14 & Under "A"	Carolina Chicks - Denver NC
14 & Under "B"	Carolina Blast - Concord NC
18 & Under	Queen City Rockers - Charlotte NC

**2006 National Champions***Concord, North Carolina*

10 & Under "A"	Outlaws - Charlotte, NC
12 & Under "A"	Outlaws Black – Charlotte, NC
12 & Under "B"	Rowan Rage – Salisbury, NC
14 & Under "A"	Lady Blues White – Charlotte, NC
14 & Under "B"	NC Mixers – Kannapolis, NC

**2005 National Champions***Concord, North Carolina*

10 & Under "A"	Magic - Charlotte, NC
10 & Under "B"	Carolina Crush - Charlotte, NC
12 & Under "A"	Team Worth - Murfreesboro, TN
12 & Under "B"	Denver Dazzle - Denver, NC
14 & Under "A"	Queen City Rockers - Charlotte, NC

**2004 National Champions***Concord, North Carolina*

10 & Under	Queen City Rockers - Charlotte, NC
12 & Under	Randolph Rockets - Asheboro, NC
12 & Under—Classic	Denver Dazzle - Denver, NC
14 & Under	Queen City Rockers - Charlotte, NC
16 & Under	Carolina Curve-Gold - Charlotte, NC
18 & Under	North Carolina Challengers - Raleigh, NC

**2003 National Champions***Concord, North Carolina*

10 & Under	Carolina Curve, Charlotte, NC
12 & Under	Carolina Cobras, Concord, NC
14 & Under	Randolph County Knockouts, Asheboro, NC
16 & Under	Carolina Crushers-Red, Hickory, NC
18 & Under	North Carolina Challengers - Raleigh, NC

**2002 National Champions***Concord, North Carolina*

10 & Under	Catawba Valley Storm - Hickory, NC
12 & Under	Rebels - Booneville, NC
14 & Under	Carolina Cobras - Concord, NC
16 & Under	NC Challengers - Raleigh, NC
18 & Under	Denver Dazzle - Denver, NC

**2001 National Champions***East Champions (Disney's Wide World of Sports, Orlando, FL)*

18 & Under	Pensacola Assault – Pensacola, FL
16 & Under	Carolina Firecrackers – Lexington, SC

*East Champions (Concord, NC)*

14 & Under	Clearwater Bullets – Clearwater, FL
12 & Under	Rowan Raptors - NC
10 & Under	Rowan Red Devils - NC

*West Champions (Edmond, OK)*

18 & Under	Twisters – Okla.
16 & Under	Stillwater Steele – Okla.
10 & Under	Jitterbugs – Okla.

**2000 National Champions***East Champions (Disney's Wide World of Sports, Orlando, FL)*

18 & Under Tampa Mustangs - Tampa, FL  
 16 & Under Boulder Comets - Boulder, CO  
 14 & Under Moreno Valley Vipers - Moreno Valley, CA

*East Champions (Concord, NC)*

12 & Under Carolina Cobras - Concord, NC

**1999 National Champions**

*East Champions (Disney's Wide World of Sports, Orlando, FL)*

18 & Under St. Charles Patriots - St. Charles, MO  
 16 & Under Softball Machine - Taneytown, MD  
 14 & Under So Cal Sliderz - Sunland, CA  
 12 & Under Mansfield Tomboys - Mansfield, TX

*West Champions (Salt Lake City, UT)*

18 & Under Pegasus - Ogden, UT  
 16 & Under Tri City Cats - Brea, CA  
 14 & Under SCV Pride - Newhall, CA

**1998 National Champions**

*East Champions (Disney's Wide World of Sports, Orlando, FL)*

**18 & Under So. California Players - Tustin, CA**  
 16 & Under Tampa Mustangs - Tampa, FL  
 14 & Under Central Florida Strikeforce - Orlando, FL  
 12 & Under Dot's Diamonds - Orlando, FL  
 10 & Under Dot's Diamonds - Orlando, FL

*West Champions (Salt Lake City, UT)*

18 & Under Pegasus - Layton, UT  
 16 & Under Red Heat - Wohler, OR  
 14 & Under Dynasty - Riverside, CA  
 12 & Under Firebirds - South Jordan, UT  
 10 & Under Hot Styx - Antelope, CA

**1997 National Champions**

*East Champions (Disney's Wide World of Sports, Orlando, FL)*

12 & Under Tampa Mustangs - Tampa, FL

*West Champions (Salt Lake City, UT)*

18 & Under Pegasus - Ogden, Utah  
 16 & Under Lady Warriors - Salt Lake City, Utah  
 14 & Under California Dynasty - Riverside, California

**1996 National Champions (Salt Lake City, UT)**

18 & Under Utah Lady Warriors  
 16 & Under Utah Thunderbirds  
 14 & Under Utah Lady Warriors  
 12 & Under Cucamonga Dodgers

## **XV. DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT TERRITORY**

**ADIRONDACK DISTRICT** (Organized January 31, 1920) - That portion of New York State east and north of Broome, Cortland, Dutchess, Onondaga, Orange, Oswego and Sullivan Counties.

**ALASKA DISTRICT** (Organized December 3, 1965) - State of Alaska.

**ARIZONA DISTRICT** (Organized March 10, 1956) - State of Arizona.

**ARKANSAS DISTRICT** (Organized February 16, 1936) - State of Arkansas and (added December, 1948) Bowie County, Texas.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** (Organized 1890) - Illinois, except Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties (counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair given to Ozark District, with reservation that all judo therein to be controlled by Central District).

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA** (Organized 1952) - Counties of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Tulare in the State of California. (Territory re-aligned, December, 1963).

**CONNECTICUT DISTRICT** (Organized September 17, 1929) - State of Connecticut.

**COLORADO DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1906) - State of Colorado. (Territory re-aligned December, 1963, 1965, 1968.)

**FLORIDA DISTRICT** (Organized January, 1925) - Florida, except Broward, Dade, that part of Hendry County West of Route 833, Palm Beach Counties and Washington Counties. (Territory re-aligned, December 1958, 1959, 1963, 1972 and 1999.)

**FLORIDA GOLD COAST DISTRICT** (Organized December 30, 1959) - Counties of Broward, Dade, that part of Hendry County East of Route 833, Monroe and Palm Beach in the State of Florida. (Name changed from South Florida District at 1960 convention.) (Territory re-aligned, December, 1963.)

**GEORGIA DISTRICT** (territory realigned September, 1989) - State of Georgia.

**GULF DISTRICT** (Organized March 6, 1931) - That part of the State of Texas bounded on the North and including the counties of Angelina, Houston, Leon, Nacogdoches, Robertson and Shelby; on the East by the State of Louisiana; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and on the West by and including the counties of Austin, Brazos, Colorado, Fort Bend, Grimes, Matagorda, Robertson, Waller, Washington and Wharton. (Territory re-aligned September, 1992)

**HAWAIIAN DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1910) - State of Hawaii.

**INDIANA DISTRICT** (Organized August 22, 1919) - All of State of Indiana excepting Clark, Dearborn and Floyd Counties with the reservation that all wrestling, boys basketball, and girls basketball therein be controlled by the Indiana District.

**INLAND EMPIRE DISTRICT** (Organized April 25, 1937) - State of Washington, counties of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima County. State of Idaho, counties of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Pend Oreille and Shoshone. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)

**IOWA DISTRICT** (Organized January 15, 1939) - State of Iowa.

**KENTUCKY DISTRICT** (Organized February 27, 1939) - The State of Kentucky (except Boyd County) and except wrestling in Clark and Floyd County, Indiana. (Territory re-aligned, September, 1987.)

**LAKE ERIE DISTRICT** (Organized January 5, 1931) - As Northeastern Ohio District. Name changed at 1956 Convention)-The Counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawus and Wayne. (Territory re-aligned December, 1960 and September, 1991.)

**MARYLAND DISTRICT** (Organized, 1981) - State of Maryland (except the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1923) - State of Michigan. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962 and October, 1971.)

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT** (Organized 1906) - New Jersey, south of Mercer and Monmouth County; all of the State of Delaware and Pennsylvania, east of and including Bedford, Centre, Clinton and Potter Counties (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)

**MID-EAST DISTRICT** (Organized February 25, 1984) - Country of Saudi Arabia, Expatriate U.S. citizens in surrounding countries may belong at the discretion of the Mid-East District. All registered athletes of the Mid-East District must be U.S. citizens.

**MINNESOTA DISTRICT** (territory realigned September, 1989) - State of Minnesota.

**MISSOURI VALLEY DISTRICT** (Organized February 14, 1931) - All of Kansas and that portion of the western part of the state of Missouri including and bounded by Adair, Audrain, Benton, Callaway, Christian, Cole, Greene, Hickory, Macon, Montineau, Morgan, Polk, Randolph, Schuyler and Taney. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)

**MONTANA DISTRICT** (Organized February 15, 1936) - State of Montana.

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT** (Organized June 26, 1922) - (Territory re-aligned September, 1986.) State of Nebraska.

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890) - New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)

**NEW JERSEY DISTRICT** (Organized April 21, 1930) - New Jersey north of and including Hudson, Mercer and Monmouth Counties.

**NEW MEXICO DISTRICT** (Organized May 29, 1947) - State of New Mexico, and the counties of Brewster, Culbertson, Crockett, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Terrell in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned September, 1988.)

**NIAGARA DISTRICT** (Organized September 27, 1919) - That portion of New York State west of and including Broome, Cortland, Onondaga and Oswego Counties.

**NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT** (Organized December 5, 1965) - State of North Carolina.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** (Organized December 1, 1962) - State of North Dakota.

**NY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890) - New York, south of and including Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties; also the Canal Zone.

**OHIO DISTRICT** (Organized May 1, 1923) - State of Ohio (except the counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Dearborn County (except wrestling) of Indiana, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lawrence, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawus, Washington and Wayne). (Territory re-aligned, December, 1959, 1960, 1962 and 1963, and October, 1971.)

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT** (Organized February 23, 1936) - State of Oklahoma.

**OREGON DISTRICT** (Organized September 23, 1935) - State of Oregon and the following counties of Washington: Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)

**OZARK DISTRICT** (Organized, 1935) - Missouri east of and including the following counties, Camden, Dallas, Douglas, Knox, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Ozark, Pike, Scotland, Shelby, including the city of St. Louis, and Webster. Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)

**PACIFIC DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890) - The State of California, north of but not including the counties of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono and San Luis Obispo and the Counties of Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Ormsby, Pershing, Storey and Washoe in the State of Nevada. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961 and December, 1962 and 1963.)

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT** (Organized June, 1905) - Washington, west of but not including Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan and Yakima Counties and north of but not including Cowlitz, Klickitat and Skamania Counties.

**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT** (Organized December 10, 1949, as Southwest Pacific Border District. Name changed at 1956 Convention) Imperial and San Diego Counties, California.

**POTOMAC VALLEY DISTRICT** (Organized October 15, 1929) - All territory within the District of Columbia, counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges in the State of Maryland, and counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December 1968. Formerly District of Columbia District. Renamed December, 1972.)

**PUERTO RICO DISTRICT** (Organized September 8, 1984) - Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT** (Organized December 5, 1965) - State of South Carolina.

**SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** (Organized December 4, 1964) - State of South Dakota.

**SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT** (Organized November 12, 1945) - That part of the State of Texas bounded on the East by and including the counties of Bureson, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Milam and; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and the Republic of Mexico; on the West by and including the counties of Schleicher, Sutton and Val Verde, and on the North by and including the counties of Bell, Burnett, Coryell, Falls, Lampasas, Llano, Mason and Menard. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961, 1963 and September, 1992.)

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** (Organized August 13, 1951) - All of the states of Alabama and Tennessee. (Territory re-aligned December 1958, December 1972, September 30, 1989 and September 1999)

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** (Organized, 1892) - All of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi.

**SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT** (Organized January 15, 1959) - Counties of Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, all within the State of Nevada. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961, 1962.)

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1909) - Including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura all within the State of California. (Territory re-aligned October, 1973.)

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** (Organized May 8, 1936) - That part of the State of Texas bounded on the South but not including the counties of Angelina, Brown, Callahan, Coryell, Falls, Houston, Lampasas, Leon, Milam, Mills, Nacogdoches, Robertson and Shelby; on the East by the State of Louisiana, State of Arkansas and the county of Bowie, Texas; on the North by the State of Oklahoma and the county of Bowie, Texas and on the West by the counties of, but not including Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones and Knox in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned September, 1992.)

**UTAH DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1910) - State of Utah. (Territory re- aligned December, 1978.)

**VIRGINIA DISTRICT** (Organized December 9, 1934) - State of Virginia (except the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT** (Organized November 16, 1917) - All counties in Pennsylvania west of Bedford, Centre, Clinton, Huntingdon and Potter Counties and the Counties of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall and Ohio in West Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December, 1959 and September, 1991.)

**WEST TEXAS DISTRICT** (Organized 1952) - All that part of the State of Texas bounded on the South side and including the counties of Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Pecos, Reeves, Regan, San Saba, Tom Green and Upton; on the West by the State of New Mexico; on the North by the State of Oklahoma; on the East by the State of Oklahoma and by and including the counties of Brown, Callahan, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mills and San Saba in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961; October, 1976.)

**WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT** (Organized February 28, 1960) - All of the State of West Virginia except the Counties of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall and Ohio; also Lawrence and Washington Counties in Ohio; and Boyd County in Kentucky. (Territory re-aligned December, 1963 and October, 1973.)

**WISCONSIN DISTRICT** (Organized June 6, 1935) - State of Wisconsin. (Territory re-aligned December, 1964 and September 30, 1989)

**WYOMING DISTRICT** (Organized December 9, 1968.) - State of Wyoming.