

AAU TAEKWONDO Rule Book & Regulations**PREAMBLE**

The AAU Taekwondo National Committee has been established in order to promote the benefits of participation in athletics and hereby adopts these rules and regulations for the advancement of that purpose.

I. NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**A. National Committee Structure and Procedures**

- i. **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
- ii. **Executive Committee Composition** – The AAU Taekwondo National Chair appoints all Executive Committee positions.
- iii. **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 sports 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 of the AAU may appoint up to five (5) Members-at-Large.
- iv. **Technical Rules Committee** – The Technical Rules Committee shall be a direct working body within the National Committee.
 1. **Purpose** – The purpose of this committee shall be to consider and adopt competition policy and competition rules.
 2. **Representation**
 - a. The National Sport Chair shall appoint the Chair of the Technical Rules Committee.
 - b. The Technical Rules Committee will consist of the Regional Directors, the National Chief Referee, and the Directors of the top ten Districts by number of registered members as of 06/15 of the current year.
- v. **Other Committee Positions**
 1. **Regional Structure**
 - a. **Purpose** – The AAU Districts are combined into Regions for AAU competition. These Regions are formed in order to reduce the travel distance for athletes competing in Regional competition and to equalize the competition.
 - b. **Region Descriptions**
 1. Region 1 – New England, Adirondack, Niagara, Connecticut, NY Metropolitan, New Jersey
 2. Region 2 – Middle Atlantic, Maryland, Potomac Valley, Virginia, Western Pennsylvania
 3. Region 3 – North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Southeastern
 4. Region 4 – Florida, Florida Gold Coast
 5. Region 5 – Hawaii
 6. Region 6 – Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Lake Erie, Michigan, Central, West Virginia
 7. Region 7 – Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska

8. Region 8 – Missouri Valley, Ozark, Oklahoma, Arkansas
9. Region 9 – Gulf, Southwestern, South Texas, West Texas, Southern
10. Region 10 – New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah
11. Region 11 – Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming
12. Region 12 – Alaska, Inland Empire, Pacific Northwest, Oregon
13. Region 13 – Southern Pacific, Central California, Pacific Southwest, Southern Nevada, Pacific
14. Region 14 – Mid-East Districts and expatriate U.S. citizens in surrounding countries including the island Cyprus
15. Region 15 – Puerto Rico District, U.S. Virgin Islands and expatriate U.S. citizens in the Caribbean area

c. Regional Taekwondo Director

- i. **Purpose & Function** – It is the aim of the Amateur Athletic Union National Taekwondo Committee to have the Regional Taekwondo Director act as representative of the Executive Committee within their region.
- ii. **Scope** – The National Sport Chair shall coordinate the activities of the Regional Taekwondo Director.
- iii. **Term of Appointment** – The National Taekwondo Chairman, with the advice of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Regional Taekwondo Director on a biannual basis.
- iv. **Duties** – It is the aim of the Amateur Athletic Union National Taekwondo Committee to have an AAU Regional Director in each of the Regions to represent the AAU National Committee and it will be their duty to:
 1. Answer any questions concerning the AAU Taekwondo program for the AAU
 2. Assist the Districts within their Region in organizing and conducting the District and Regional AAU Sports Taekwondo Program
 3. Conduct and Coordinate Regional Championships
 4. Develop and conduct, with the approval of the National Taekwondo Committee, Taekwondo competition where the Districts plan none
 5. Conduct District Championships within inactive Districts within their Region
 6. Conduct any Regional and/or National aspects of the Program on behalf of National AAU Taekwondo
 7. Coordinate the sports programs of the Districts to ensure that the best interest of the sport is served
 8. To ensure compliance to the Official Code of the Amateur Athletic Union, and to the Rules and Regulations of the National AAU Taekwondo Committee
 9. Promote Taekwondo throughout their Region
 10. Shall recommend Clinic Administrators to the Executive Committee
 11. Shall ensure that the local Districts conduct annual championships in accordance with the guidelines of the National Taekwondo Committee
 12. Shall work with District Sports Directors so as to facilitate growth and excellence sport of Taekwondo within their Region

2. District Structure

a. Purpose – Districts are divided as per AAU Code. It is the aim of the AAU Taekwondo Program to have a District Taekwondo Sport Director in each District. It will be the responsibility of the AAU Taekwondo District Sport Director to disseminate information about AAU Taekwondo for the purpose of growing AAU Taekwondo in their respective Districts and to conduct annual District Qualifying events. This annual event will qualify competitors to compete in the AAU Taekwondo National Championship.

- vi. **Voting** – Persons eligible to vote shall be the National Sport Chair, elected or appointed officers, chairs of Committees as defined by the sports operating rules, the elected or appointed District Sport 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

- i. **National Sport Committee Regular Meetings** – Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.
- ii. **Non-Regular Sport Committee Meetings** – National Sport Committees may hold a Non-Regular National Sport Committee meeting in odd years subject to the following provisions:
 1. The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the National Office.
 2. The National Office has the right to coordinate the meeting and pick the site for the meeting.
- iii. **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.
- iv. **National Sport Executive Committee Meetings** – The National Chair shall determine the date and location of the Executive Committee Meetings.
- v. **Agenda Additions** 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. Officials Program Governance and Administration

A. Officials Program Administrator – The Officials Program Administrator will work directly with the National Executive Committee to administer all aspects of the Officials Program. The Officials Program Administrator will:

- i. Work directly with the Clinic Administrators from across the country to process information about those that have attended clinics. The Administrator will maintain a database of information about Officials that will be used in order to conduct local, regional and national competition.
- ii. Work with the Clinic Administrators (CAs) to insure that they are given the information and materials that are needed to train the most highly informed Officials in the country.
- iii. Update the Officials Database with information on attendance and upgrades of Officials at local, regional and national competition. Compile a list of those that are certified for use by those conducting sanctioned events.
- iv. Work with the National Executive Committee to make sure that the Officials Program is being run effectively.
- v. Prepare Official Badges and Coaches Passes with ID photos for those that register to participate in National Events.

B. Officials Program/Purpose and Function

- i. **How to Become (RE) Certified** – Judges, Referees, Technical Advisors, AND Coaches are required to first become (RE) certified through a recognized Clinic Administrator on a yearly basis. Officials must be (RE) certified EACH YEAR prior to District or Regional qualifying competition. Certified officials expecting to officiate are required to take ONE of the National Clinics, offered at the National Championships and AAU Junior Olympic Games, before they will be allowed to work either National event. Since the Nationals are NORMALLY held first, an official must attend the Nationals' clinic in order to work the Nationals and his/her certification will allow him/her to work Nationals and/or AAU Junior Olympic Games. Should an official only work the AAU Junior Olympic Games, they can attend the AAU Junior Olympic Games Clinic that will be offered at that event.
- ii. **Who is Authorized to Conduct Clinics** – Only certified Clinic Administrators can conduct clinics. Clinic Administrators are appointed by the Executive Committee. A complete list of clinic administrators is listed on the website at www.aautaekwondo.org. All questions regarding clinics and clinic administrators should be directed to the Officials Program Administrator.
- iii. **When are Clinics Allowed to be Conducted** – Clinics cannot be held until the current year's rules are finalized. This is NORMALLY accomplished by September 15. No Clinic may be held between June 1 and September 15 without special permission from the Officials Program Administrator.
- iv. **Clinic Administrator Timelines** – All Officials' clinic applications, digital photos on CD and appropriate fees, must be forwarded to the Officials Program Administrator no later than seven days after the clinic. A complete list of Coaches and Officials that have completed clinic will be posted at www.aautaekwondo.org
- v. **What if Classification isn't Kept Current** – All officials holding a classification of B or higher will be required to participate as an official in some capacity at a minimum of one national event within a 2 year period to maintain their current status. Not meeting this requirement will result in a downgrade in status of one level every 2 years, but not to be lowered past C level official.