

## National AAU Taekwondo Team & Eligibility Requirements & AAU Team Trials

The AAU Taekwondo Program will conduct Team Trials for the purpose of selecting a National AAU Taekwondo Team to represent it in other national and international competitions.

### Article I. Requirements

All participants must be currently registered AAU members.

### Article II. Eligibility

#### II.A. Those invited to National AAU Team Trials will include:

**II.A.1.** Those who place 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4th at the current year's AAU Taekwondo National Championships in the 14 – 17 year old Black Belt Divisions and Senior Black Belt Divisions in Olympic Sparring.

**II.A.1.1.** 13 year old Black Belts who wish to make the AAU National Team may compete in the 14 – 17 or 18 – 32 Black Belt Divisions at Nationals in order to have the opportunity to earn a spot to compete at team trials.

**II.A.1.2** If a competitor is turning 18 in the next calendar year after the AAU Taekwondo Nationals and they wish to be invited to team trials, they must compete in an adult division at the AAU Taekwondo Nationals.

#### II.A.2. Current Team Members (In good standing)

**II.A.2.1. Adult Team Members** must compete within the weight group for which they are currently members or they may re-qualify for another weight group at the current National Championships.

**II.A.2.2. Junior Team Members** wishing to compete as Seniors in the next year's team trials must qualify in that Senior Division at Nationals.

**II.A.2.3.** Recognizing the natural growth of **Junior Team Members**, current members will be allowed to compete at their current weight at the next Team Trials. Current team members must make the new weight division known when making application to participate in team trials. Failure to make the weight on the application may result in disqualification.

### Article III. Method of Competition

**III.A.** AAU Taekwondo Team Trials Competition shall be conducted according to the "round robin" format.

**III.B.** The AAU Taekwondo Program shall have the option of not accepting any Team Member whose position was garnered as a result of a lack of competition in their respective weight class. Such "winner's" may be required to "audition" their proficiency before a panel chosen by the National Sport Chair.

### Article IV. Responsibility of AAU Taekwondo Team Members

Those chosen to represent the AAU Taekwondo Program as current Team Members shall bear additional responsibilities to the AAU Taekwondo Program and these responsibilities shall be outlined and agreed upon by perspective Team Members prior to participation in the Team Trial process.

## Guidelines for Officials Decisions, Protest Procedures and Competition Proceedings

### Article I. Officials' Decisions

Official decisions made during and at the end of the contest are not negotiable. Any intent to protest must be made by the coach (not contestant) immediately following the match (refer to page 40, Article XVIII.A.) to insure that tournament officials preserve all necessary records. Subsequently, the dispute shall be decided by the Tournament Arbitrator(s) in consultation with the Technical Advisor. The Arbitrator may also call upon the Referee and/or Judges, in order to settle the dispute.

### Article II. Competition Proceedings

**II.A.** All officials, coaches and contestants participating in a sanctioned tournament are required to observe the decorum code of the AAU and the rules of the tournament.

**II.B.** All contestants, coaches, and officials are required to be registered with the AAU during the year of the competition.

**II.C.** If the Referee requests a time-out during a match, the time shall not be included in the calculation of the total match time.

**II.D.** When summoned, competitors are required to confirm their corners first and then to make the necessary preparations for the match.

**II.E.** Any contestant who wishes to leave the ring area during his/her division must request permission from the Referee.

**II.F.** During a match, coaches are required to remain seated and are not allowed to move about the perimeter of the ring. The coach may **never** enter the ring with the exception of filing a protest. When doing so, he is allowed to take one step only into the ring and announce to the Referee, "I wish to protest this match".

**II.G.** Coaches **MUST** be in their proper chairs PRIOR to the beginning of a match and are required to remain seated. Coaches may **NOT** come into a chair once the match has begun unless approved by the Referee. Once the match has begun, the request to sit in the coaches chair can only take place between rounds. Coaches may **NOT** switch out during a match. A coach is **NOT** mandatory for competition. However, if an athlete does not have a coach, no protests will be allowed.

### Article III. Sport Fees required for sanctioned events

You are responsible for sending in the results from your qualifier as an Excel spreadsheet within 10 days of your event. Also, you must send \$2.00 per registered competitor to the AAU TKD National Headquarters along with your report. The AAU TKD National Headquarters are located in New York (Do not send to Orlando office). The check should be made payable to AAU TKD, and addressed as follows:

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For those clubs in your district that hold/sponsor a sanctioned event that is not a National Qualifier, they must submit \$1.00 per registered competitor from their event.