

2011-2012 AAU Volleyball Handbook & Regulations

PREAMBLE

The AAU Volleyball National Committee has been established in order to promote the benefits of participation in athletics and hereby adopts these rules & regulations (subject to change without notice) for the advancement of that purpose.

I. NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. National Committee Structure and Procedures

1. **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.
2. **Executive Committee Composition.**
 - a. The Volleyball Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Volleyball Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAU and the volleyball program, and act on behalf of the National Sports Committee between National Sports Committee meetings.
 - b. The committee shall include the National Chair and members appointed by the National Chair. The term shall coincide with the term of the National Chair.
 - c. The committee shall enforce these rules and the AAU Code as they apply to players, coaches and clubs. Penalties may be imposed subject to the due process procedures of the AAU Code.
3. **National Sport Committee Composition.** The Committee will consist of the National Sports Chair, the Executive Committee, 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 may appoint up to five (5) members-at-large.
4. **Other Committee Positions.** The National Chair may appoint additional committee positions.
5. **Voting.** Voting in the Committee shall be the National Sport Chair, Executive Committee, the elected or appointed District Sports 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

1. **National Sport Committee Regular Meetings.** Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.
2. **Non-Regular Sport Committee Meetings.** National Sport Committee may hold a Non-Regular National Sport Committee meeting in odd years subject to the following provisions:
 - a. The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the National Office.
 - b. The National Office has the right to coordinate the meeting and pick the site for the meeting.
3. **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.
4. **National Sport Executive Committee Meetings.** The National Chair shall determine the date and location of Executive Committee Meetings.
5. **Agenda Additions**
 - a. **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. SPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. Sportsmanship.** It is the obligation of coaches, players, administrators, volunteers and other representatives of the AAU to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and to observe the ethics of competition. Good sportsmanship is defined as qualities of behavior, which are characterized by courtesy and genuine concern for others. The display of good sportsmanship is a statement of the individual's understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.
- B. Program Violations.** Disciplinary action may be considered by the Districts, Sport Committee or the Executive Committee for any violations bringing discredit upon the AAU, including, but not limited to, passing "bad" checks, participation of athletes in an improper age division, or any violation of any part of this Handbook or the AAU Code. In instances of alleged violations,