

- b. The Tournament Director then verbally informs the athlete and his coach, parent or legal guardian (if in attendance) about our concerns relative to the athlete's safety. If the condition continues after the verbal warning, the Tournament Director, in collaboration with at least other protest committee members, will inform the athlete of the committee's decision that he must move up one weight class.
 - c. Once this has been done, the Tournament Director will write a short explanation of what, when, and how for this incident. This will then be stapled to the competitor's bracket sheet at the head table for future reference.
 - vii. **Verbal/Physical Abuse**
 - 1. The AAU Wrestling Committee will not tolerate any form of verbal or physical abuse directed toward any athlete, official or member of the event staff participating in an AAU sanctioned tournament. This applies to coaches, parents, spectators and athletes. The tournament committee will report any suspected or reported abuse to the proper authorities.
 - viii. **Alcohol and Tobacco**
 - 1. Action taken at the 2009 AAU Wrestling Sport Committee meeting prohibits the consumption, sharing and/or selling, use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, all forms of tobacco products, illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs at any AAU sanctioned event.
 - 2. Persons shall be banned from entering or requested to leave any AAU sanctioned event(s) when exhibiting behavioral, personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol or other substances.

III. **SPORT OPERATIONS**

a. **Current Year Rule Changes**

- i. "ATTENTION COACHES" Be Prepared - AAU "Non-Athlete" membership cards MAY NOT be purchased same day as tournament. You MUST apply in advance. Background checks are MANDATORY. Processing may take up to 7-14 days.
- ii. Prep schools - Scholastic Duals (Disney Duals) - All prep schools will be entered into the Community Division 1 with no 5th year seniors allowed on the team.
- iii. Hwt. weight classes in Tot through Schoolboy Divisions. (See Age & Weight Division Chart)
- iv. Qualifiers - District qualifiers for national dual events are optional for each district. If district chooses to host qualifier, participants must participate in qualifier, with said district, to be eligible to compete in dual events.

b. **Event Operating Rules**

i. **Requirements for Hosting Tournaments**

- 1. Suggested Methods of Conducting a Local or District Wrestling Tournament
 - a. Quality and safety of the athlete are the two most important elements you will want to build into your preparations. As in all worthwhile and successful programs, you must begin your planning and recruiting of personnel well in advance of your tournament. Maintaining the elements of the tournament are registration, weigh-in, pairing, staging, officiating, awards, clinics, and medical support. Tournament preparation is divided into three stages: before, during, and after. A detailed format for all three stages may be obtained from the National Executive Committee by contacting the Wrestling Sport Manager at the National AAU office at 407-934-7200.
- 2. AAU National or Regional Championships