

**xiii. Regional Championships**

1. Entry fee for regional qualification tournaments shall be \$15.00 per wrestler for the first style and \$5.00 per wrestler for each additional style wrestled.
2. Regional tournaments have the option of adding an additional \$5.00 to the entry fee, if all spectator admission fees are waived.
3. The regional host will transmit a fee amount set by the National Wrestling Committee, within 10 days after the tournament. All income derived by the host group will remain with the host, except the additional \$5.00 entry fee if spectator admission fees are waived.
4. Regional Championships must include Freestyle if they are to be considered as a qualifier for the Grand Nationals. The age groups to be included in these Regionals are Tots, Bantam, Midget, Novice, Schoolboy, Cadet and Elite. Optional competitions in the Senior and Masters divisions are encouraged.
5. The Regional host will transmit within 10 days the results of their tournament (placement of all wrestlers) as well as a listing of those qualifying for further advancement to other National events where applicable to the National Wrestling Committee.
6. The transmittal of fees and records from regional tournaments must be done within ten (10) days following the conclusion of the tournament. If there are less than ten days remaining prior to the National Championships, this transmittal must be made within five (5) days.
7. Regional tournaments need to be scheduled during April, May, or June to allow the greatest possible attendance. All regional tournaments must be completed at least two (2) weeks prior to the Grand Nationals with event results sent the same day to the big four media sources...AWN, WIN, Wrestling USA and the InterMat.
8. Each region will select a head official and a head pairing official with the approval of the national officials and pairing chairs who will be responsible for providing the appropriate services to the Regional Tournament. If a Region cannot select the appropriate personnel, the tournament chair may request an appointee from the National Officials chair and the National Pairing Chair.

**ii. Officials**

**1. Officials Code of Conduct**

- a. All AAU referees, judges, mat chairs, and pairing masters shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. It is essential that each official exhibit good citizenship and high moral conduct in their relationships with athletes, parents, coaches, fans, and fellow officials. Each must, at all times, maintain the highest degree of personal integrity. NOTE: All references to Youth, District, Regional, and National competitions are AAU sanctioned and sponsored.
2. Anyone interested in wrestling is invited to join the National AAU Officials District. There can be many interesting challenges and opportunities for those who select to

become part of our officiating family. We view the roles of Officials and Pairing Masters at the AAU as our organization's ambassadors.

3. There are five (5) steps leading to varying degrees of involvement as pairing masters and officials. Each Participant should set his own goals and strive to the level that interests them most.

a. **Criteria for Rating Referee/Judges(RJ)**

- i. **Step 1 – Level III** - To receive or maintain a Level 3 license, an official must register with the Officials' Committee.

- ii. **Step 2 – Level II** - To receive a Level 2 license, an official must:

1. Be registered with the Committee for at least 3 months.
2. Have worked at least 5 freestyle tournaments and 1 Greco-Roman tournament in the last year.
3. Complete the clinic and work both styles of wrestling at either a national or regional tournament.
4. Pass the national exam and be approved for Level 2 by the head official of the tournament.

- iii. **Step 2 – Level II** - To maintain a Level 2 license, an official must:

1. Maintain registration with the Committee.
2. Work at least 7 freestyle tournaments and 1 Greco tournament each year.
3. Complete the clinic and work both styles of wrestling at either a national or regional tournament each year, or maintain a FILA license and work a national or regional tournament every other year.

- iv. **Step 3 – Level I** - To receive a Level 1 license, an official must:

1. Maintain registration with the committee, and have a Level 2 license for at least one year.
2. Work at least 10 freestyle and 2 Greco-Roman tournaments each year.
3. Complete the clinic, work both styles of wrestling, pass the exam with a grade of 80 or better and receive the approval/recommendation of the tournament head official.

- v. **Step 3 – Level I** - To maintain a Level 1 license, an official must:

1. Maintain registration with the Committee.
2. Work at least 10 freestyle and 2 Greco-Roman tournaments each year.
3. Complete the clinic at a National tournament (Grand Nationals or AAU Junior Olympic Games), work both styles of wrestling at either a national or regional tournament once every three years, or maintain a FILA license and work a national or regional tournament every other year.

b. **Criteria for Rating Pairing Masters**

- i. The certification system currently being used for AAU Pairing Masters includes three levels with control points through the Head Pairing Master.

1. Level III – Pairing Clerk
2. Level II – Associate Pairing Master
3. Level I – Senior Pairing Master

**ii. Level III**

1. Be proficient at all supportive functions in the pairing room such as drawing and setting up pairing sheets for first round, writing bout sheets, recording match results, and posting to wall charts.
2. Work at least one complete AAU sanctioned tournament under the direction of a Level I or Level II Pairing Master.
3. Pass a written test.
4. Register as an AAU Pairing Master.

**iii. Level II**

1. Be proficient at all duties of a Level III.
2. Be capable of training personnel in the duties of a Level III Pairing Master at training sessions and tournament clinics.
3. Work at least one complete AAU sanctioned Age Group or Regional tournament under the direction of a Level I Pairing Master.
4. While working the same tournament, demonstrate the ability to direct the total pairing process in one age division, including pairing of wrestlers, bout sheet control, and correct placement of all contestants.
5. Show knowledge of the rules and disciplines of proper pairing.
6. Pass a written test.
7. Register as an AAU Pairing Master.

**iv. Level I**

1. Be proficient at all duties of a Level II.
2. Worked as a Level II Pairing Master at least one or more AAU sanctioned Age Group tournament, including one AAU sanctioned Sectional or District.
3. Be capable of controlling the entire pairing room at an Age Group tournament, including the direction of Level II and Level III Pairing Masters.
4. Be familiar with rules and disciplines necessary to conduct a tournament and serve on the technical committee in case of protest.
5. Demonstrate ability to control the flow of an entire tournament by working in conjunction with staging, floor management, and the Tournament Director.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of rules and methods of pairing by conducting training sessions and pre- tournament clinics.
7. Pass a written test.
8. Register as an AAU Pairing Master.

c. **LEVEL I PAIRING MASTERS** will be appointed by the Head Pairing Master and will be retained in that position by their continued interest in and service to wrestling in the District

**d. Upgrades**

- i. Upgrades from level to level must be approved by the National Pairing Chairperson with the recommendation of the District Pairing Chairperson. To move to Level 1 Pairer, one must work a National Tournament. To

retain a Level 1 ranking, one must work a National Tournament at least once every three years.

- e. Further Information can be obtained by contacting the Folkstyle Officials Chair, International Officials Chair or the Paring Chair of the Wrestling Executive Committee.

### iii. **Coaching Requirements**

1. All coaches participating in National Championship Events must be members (Non-Athlete) of the AAU to be on the competition floor.
2. **PASS POLICY:** For Individual Tournaments with team competition: Coaches with a submitted team roster, after paying tournament admission fee, will receive coaching pass(es) in the following ratio to athletes entered,: 10 wrestlers, 1 pass; 11-20 wrestlers, 2 passes; 21-30 wrestlers, 3 passes; etc. Up to two additional passes may be received by bringing two working registered officials from their District.
  - a. All other coaches wishing to be on the floor coaching athletes must have 1) paid the tournament admission fee and 2) purchased a coach's floor pass and/or attended a pre-event coach's clinic.
3. **Positive Coaches Alliance:** The AAU National Office is happy to provide FREE Coaches' Education for all AAU Non-Athletes. This exciting program is administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA), using their Double-Goal Coach online courses. A Double-Goal Coach has two goals: the first is to win, but the second, more important goal, is to teach life lessons through sports.
  - a. **\*Mandatory for Coaches.** All registered coaches will take this free course as part of gaining membership into the AAU. The AAU is proud to be a leader in the youth sports market and looks forward as being the trendsetter in coach education in years to come.

### iv. **Awards**

#### 1. **AAU Medals**

- a. AAU Medals/Ribbons are available for purchase for all weights, age divisions and types of competition through an order form, contact the AAU National Office for more details.
  - i. The following must be submitted with the Medal Order Form:
    1. Meet Information Flyer. (This flyer must include the list of events acknowledged, age groups acknowledged, location of competition shown, and date and time of competition shown.)
    2. Copy of Official AAU Sanction.
    3. Method of payment.

#### 2. **National and Regional Tournaments (Except Ironman)**

- a. Individual AAU Youth awards will be presented to the top minimum six (6) or maximum eight (8) place finishers in each weight class. The AAU National Office will order National Championship medals for National Championship events.

#### 3. **Triple Crown Award**

- a. Beginning in 2014 a customized belt will be presented to any wrestler that participates and places first (1<sup>st</sup>) in all three (3) designated National Championships TBD. These three (3) championships must all occur in the same year and each athlete must have a minimum of one (1) match wrestled at each of these tournaments. The Belt is paid for by the AAU National Wrestling Committee.