

# AAU BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## 13U Tournament Information Packet



June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>  
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex  
At Walt Disney World® Resort  
Spring Training Home of the Atlanta Braves



Step 1: Read all pertinent tournament details in the Tournament Information Packet

Step 2: Go to [www.aubaseball](http://www.aubaseball) > Events > National Events > Online Registration

Please remember it is the responsibility of the Head Coach/Club Director to submit **all** necessary registration materials **BEFORE FRIDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE COMPETITION HOLDS THE RIGHT TO **REJECT** ENTRIES THAT MAY BE RECEIVED AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE

## Tournament Entry Includes

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- ALL GAMES PLAYED AT **ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS\***
- **CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS** FOR ALL ATHLETES AND COACHES
- WIDE RANGE OF APPROVED HOST HOTELS AT **SPECIAL RATES**
- DISNEY **FESTIVAL** ATMOSPHERE
- OPENING CEREMONIES **EXTRAVAGANZA** RECOGNIZING ALL TEAMS
- **PIN TRADING (OPTIONAL)**

DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AT THE SAME COMPLEX THAT HOSTS THE **ATLANTA BRAVES**



\*Disclaimer: All games will be played at ESPN Wide World of Sports provided AAU does not exceed team capacity. If capacity is exceeded additional off-sites may be used.

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<b>DATES:</b>	Team Check-in/Team Meeting:	Saturday, June 26 Each team will be assigned a check-in time between 1:00p and 3:00p
	Administrator's Meeting:	Saturday, June 26 – 3:00p
	Coaches' Meeting:	Saturday, June 26 – 5:00p
	Opening Ceremonies:	Saturday, June 26 – All players must be present at 7:00p for staging; Ceremonies begin promptly at 8:00p
	Competition:	Sunday, June 27 - Thursday, July 1 First round of pool play June 27 and 28 Second round of pool play June 28 and 29 Single-elimination begins June 30

Teams are advised to arrive in Orlando, FL at least four hours prior to your registration time on June 26, or before. In the event of extended inclement weather, it is best to plan to stay through Friday, July 2.

**FACILITIES:** ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at *Walt Disney World®* Resort in the Orlando, FL area.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entry information must be received no later than: Friday, **June 11, 2010**. Entries received after this date will not be accepted. For birth documents to be reviewed in advance, they must be received no later than: Friday, June 11, 2010.

The Host Committee has spent many hours planning and preparing for this AAU Event. In order to make it a great success, we are asking for your cooperation. It is the responsibility of the coach, designated person of the team, or athlete to return **all** the necessary monies and completed forms by the **deadline date**. The responsibility of the Host and the AAU is **ONLY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ENTRY(IES) BASED ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED**; not to make sure all requirements are met.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$695.00 per team

**AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes, coaches, scorekeeper and bat-persons must hold a current AAU membership. In addition, all teams must hold a current AAU club membership.

**FORMAT:** **7-game guarantee.** Teams will be placed in pools of four (4). In the event of uneven teams, it is possible that one or more pools may have five (5) teams. In this instance, not all teams will play each other. Day 1 of competition will be two pool play games. Day 2 of competition will be the third pool play game in round one. After the three pool play games, the first- and second-place teams in the pool will be placed in the Diamond bracket. The remaining teams will be placed in the Gold bracket. This will group teams according to their apparent skill level. Once teams are in their new pools with other teams from their bracket, the next three pool play games will determine their seeding for single-elimination. All teams will advance to the single-elimination round. On Day 2, the first of the round-two pool play games will be played. On Day 3, the remaining pool play games will be played and teams will be seeded for single-elimination. On Day 4, the single-elimination round will begin. Day 5 will be the remaining single-elimination games and the Championship game for each bracket.

**RULES OF PLAY:** The most current High School Baseball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Districts except where modified (see AAU Baseball Handbook). Games will be six (6) innings in length. The 10-run/15-run rule will be in effect for all games.

The time limit for this National Championship will be 2 hours and 30 minutes. There will be no games ending in a tie. Games will be played until there is a winner. However there will be no NEW inning starting after the time limit expires if the game is not tied. There will be no time limit in any medal game.

**TEAM  
QUALIFICATIONS:**

The National Championship will be subject to monitoring by the National Baseball Executive Committee, provided: (a) the team conforms with AAU registration rules for athletes and clubs as outlined in the AAU Code Book, and (b) the team has participated in their District Championship, if one is held, and (c) the team is certified jointly by the District Governor and District Baseball Chair, or (d) the team has been invited by the National Baseball Chair.

At the National Championships in ALL AGE GROUPS, all team members must be on the roster presented at the time of team registration. Even though a player(s) may not be physically present at time of team registration, the player(s) will still be eligible to play if the player(s) check-in with AAU Tournament Director prior to the start of the team's first (1<sup>st</sup>) game of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) round of pool play. All player(s) must be listed on the roster submitted at the time of team registration.

If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, the player will be expelled from the tournament. If a player is found to be ineligible after the tournament has begun, not only will the player be expelled, but also the team will also be expelled from the tournament and MAY be subject to further sanctions. Coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements.

Deadline for withdrawal of a tournament entry will be the tournament entry deadline. If there is no notification of withdrawal prior to the deadline date, the head coach and/or team may be subject to sanctions, with due process.

**CHECK-IN:**

Saturday, June 26. Only coaches are required to be present at check-in.

**PLAYER AGE  
DETERMINATION:**

All players must have been born on or after **May 1, 1996**. Proof of age will be required at time of entry. Only the following documents are acceptable:

1. A photocopy of his/her birth record from the state, county or municipal bureau of vital statistics of the place of birth.
2. A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth (originals may be requested) if the athlete's birth was not recorded on the day of birth, issued by the same bodies.
3. Consular Service Form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. State Department.
4. Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I-25 and Form No. 43-R311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.
5. A valid Passport, Drivers License, or Homeland Security Card.

**HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!!**

**PLAYER  
ROSTER:**

Rosters are limited to a maximum of 20 players. A team advancing to an AAU National Championship from at least a three (3) team qualifier shall be allowed to add or replace up to five (5) players on its AAU District roster (to a team maximum of twenty).

**COACHES:**

Each team is entitled to a maximum of **three (3) bench personnel (head coach and assistants) and (1) one scorekeeper**. Each individual must be a registered as an AAU non-athlete.

**COACHES' ATTIRE:**

Coaches do not need to be in full uniform, but should be in **appropriate matching athletic attire, consistent with the team uniform** (such as collared shirts and coaches shorts, with athletic shoes and all coaches for the team must be dressed alike during games).

**AAU PATCH:**

An official AAU Baseball patch must be affixed to the left sleeve of the uniform jersey or over the left chest of a sleeveless uniform jersey worn by both player and coach alike during NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP competition. For the 9U through 12U tournaments, the patch must be worn in **every** game. For the 13U through 19U age groups, the patch must be worn for Opening Ceremonies, the first pool play game, and the Championship game in each bracket. **PENALTY: The violator of this rule MAY be ejected as determined by the tournament director.**

**BATPERSONS:**

No more than two (2) bat-persons may be registered by each team, provided that each bat-person is between the ages 8-18 at the time of the tournament and is a registered as an AAU non-athlete. Bat-persons must wear helmets when in live playing areas.



**COACHES'  
MEETING:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26.** This meeting is ***MANDATORY & WITHOUT EXCEPTION***: The manager and at least one coach from each team are required to attend. Non-compliance may result in the disqualification of your team without refund of entry fee.

***NOTE: If a team representative does not attend the preliminary coaches' meeting, the head coach of that team will be suspended for one game in each instance.***

**OPENING  
CEREMONIES:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26:** At ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. All players and coaches must be assembled by 7:00 p.m. Tournament passes will grant access to Opening Ceremonies (In order to beat the onslaught of friends and family buying tickets prior to the start of Opening Ceremonies, purchase tournament passes during team check-in). *Please bring a replica of your state's flag or team banner for the Opening Ceremonies, if possible.*

Players must wear their full baseball uniform (jersey and baseball pants) at Opening Ceremonies, except cleats. Coaches will wear their coaching uniforms and be dressed alike.

Also, teams may bring "team pins" to exchange during Opening Ceremonies and during the week. You may consider participating in this activity. Usually, the pins have a team, state or city logo. Please, no trading of pins at the check-in area. Trading pins are optional.

**AWARD  
CEREMONIES:**

Award Ceremonies will be held for all medal-winning teams and for the "All Tournament Team" members. This includes 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place teams in the "Diamond Bracket" and 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place teams in the "Gold Bracket." These ceremonies will take place immediately following each medal game. Teams will be instructed to walk over to the medal ceremony by AAU/Disney representatives. Photos will be allowed.

**AWARDS:**

Team trophies will be awarded to the top four (4) teams in each the Diamond and Gold brackets. Individual medals will be awarded to the top eight (8) teams in the Diamond and Gold brackets.

A Sportsmanship trophy will also be awarded to a team or individual that exemplifies the award during the tournament. The presentation of awards will be held immediately following the completion of the games for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place. In addition, a twenty (20)-member All-Tournament Team will be selected.

**CONDUCT:**

Players' and coaches' conduct should be above reproach, both on and off the diamond. Any misconduct will result in disqualification from the championship without refund. Coaches listed on the official team roster will be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans for any damages incurred to the motel(s) or facilities used by their rostered players. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game will also be disqualified from that team's following game. The second occurrence during the tournament results in suspension for the remainder of the tournament as well as possible imposition of further sanctions.

**PROTESTS:**

Protests must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next pitch. A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final. Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.

**SPECTATOR  
ADMISSION:**

Spectator admission is required for all events at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Daily admission will be available for \$13.50 per adult and \$10.00 per child (ages 3-9). You may purchase your passes at the Box Office upon arrival at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Pre-purchase is not available.

**COOLER POLICY:**

Each guest may bring a single cooler of up to one gallon in size for personal use. Coaches may bring a single cooler into the facility of up to five (5) gallons for team use. No alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers will be permitted. Please also note that no lockable storage is available for cooler or other personal belongings. Disney is not responsible for personal items that are lost or stolen.

**TAPING POLICY:**

Taping is free if athletes bring their own tape and pre-wrap. Athletes that do not bring their own taping kit and are seeking preventative taping may purchase a taping kit (one roll each of pre-wrap and tape) for \$2.99 at D-Sports between the hours of 10am-5pm. The receipt is taken to the Trainer to receive the kit and to be taped. After hours, please bring exact change directly to the Athletic Trainer to receive your kit. Additional rolls of tape may be purchased for \$1.50. There is no fee for taping related to injuries sustained during competition, IF the injury has been evaluated and logged at the time it occurred by the Athletic Trainer.

**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING:**

Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Parking at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex is complimentary. Please plan to arrive early. If the parking lot is full you may need to be shuttled to and from ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.

**HOUSING AND THEME PARKS:**

The AAU makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in AAU events. The AAU and Disney have carefully selected host hotels for your teams and athletes. These properties are ready to work with you providing the best accommodations at a great price. In order to complete your registration process, you will be required to use [www.aautravelplaner.org](http://www.aautravelplaner.org) when making hotel reservations. Please avoid making reservations using other online travel engines.



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If your team will not be staying at one of the recommended properties, please complete a housing exemption form. Email [Travel@aausports.org](mailto:Travel@aausports.org) to request the Housing Exemption Form.

For discounted theme park tickets online at the AAU Travel Planner, use code **NBCDPKTX** or call 407.828.3267.

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**NO GUARANTEE:**

*The AAU can not and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event, nor can it guarantee the number of teams that will participate. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator. This includes, but is not limited to, all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.*



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CREDENTIAL

The Sports Complex uses a biometric Ticketing system that will match your Credential to you - once a credential is used by an athlete, the athlete must use the same credential for the duration of the competition. Therefore, in order to insure access for competition, it is Critical that EACH ATHLETE WRITE THEIR NAME ON THE BACK OF THEIR CREDENTIAL so that credentials do not get mixed. By following this process, this will assist you in gaining access in an efficient manner.