

BASEBALL





THE REAL AAU

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

Why Should I Join AAU?

Our Membership is good for all of our 30+ sports

- For only \$14 for youth athletes, and \$16 for non-athletes, you can participate in any or all of our offered sports.



Places to Play

- The AAU believes that our events should be hosted at the best facilities. That is why we are partnered with the ESPN Wide World of Sports the premier multi-sport facility in the USA.
- Our National Championships take place in fun locations including but not limited to Orlando, FL; Virginia Beach, VA; Philadelphia, PA; Los Angeles, CA; Las Vegas, NV; Cocoa Beach, FL; and New Orleans, LA.



High Level of Competition

- The AAU is proud to have some of the best young athletes in the country competing in all of our 30+ sports.
- Former AAU athletes are now in the NBA, WNBA, MLB, as well as many Olympians.



Events

- The AAU has many types of events to offer: Local Invitational Tournaments, Leagues, Sports Festivals, District Championships, Super Regionals, Showcase Events, and National Championships.
 - Whether you want to play close to home, or play across the country, the AAU can make it happen.
- AAU Junior Olympic Games
 - The largest youth multi-sport event in America with over 20 sports.
 - Current cities hosting: Des Moines, IA; New Orleans, LA; Virginia Beach, VA; Houston, TX; and Detroit, MI.

Ability to compete in front of a national audience

- ESPN, local channels, webcasting

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Insurance

- Participant Insurance
 - Your AAU Membership comes with the benefit of secondary sports accident insurance in the event you are injured while competing or participating in events or supervised practices.
 - Coverage Limit: \$10,000,000 of general liability



Sponsors

- beRecruited 
- Champion 
- Championship Productions 
- Eastbay 
- Florida Funwear Inc. 
- Midwest Trophy 
- Motel 6 
- NASC 
- Nationwide 
- NCYS 
- OAI Banners 
- People to People 
- Rawlings 
- Tachikara 
- USA Football 
- WNBA 

Famous Alumni

- Boys Basketball: Shaquille O'Neal, Dwight Howard, Larry Bird, LeBron James, Kobe Bryant
- Girls' Basketball: Nykesha Sales, Candace Parker, Chamique Holdsclaw
- Baseball: David Wright, B.J. Upton, Prince Fielder, Matt La Porta
- Track & Field: Jeremy Wariner, Darnell Hall, Florence Griffith-Joyner
- Sullivan Award Winners: Michael Phelps, Carl Lewis, Bonnie Blair, Robert T. Jones, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Mark Spitz, Peyton Manning, and many more.



All of this for \$14* per year!

*Youth Membership

What are the benefits of AAU Membership?

The Amateur Athletic Union has been raising champions for more than a century. Since 1888, the AAU has set the standard for amateur sports in the United States. Our motto is “Sports For All, Forever!;” we believe in sport activity from ages 2-99. By joining the AAU, you will have the resources of a multi-million dollar organization while maintain administrative control of your event. The AAU is a nationally recognized brand, logo with established and recognized sport rules. The AAU is proud to host more sporting events for more age divisions in more cities than any other organization in the world.

Your club and members will receive benefits of a multi-million dollar insurance program with convenient online services. If you license your event with the AAU, you will have marketing opportunities and eblast promotions of your event **to the 1 million** plus current and past members of the AAU as well as listing the event on our local and national websites.

Our membership fees are low and we offer a variety of sports. Your one (1) membership is valid for any of our 30+ sports! We offer two types of individual AAU memberships and three levels of club AAU memberships.

Individual Memberships (See AAU Insurance Program Summary of this packet)

1. Athlete Memberships with Sport Accidental Insurance Benefits

- a. \$14 Regular membership
- b. \$16 Extended Coverage (AB) membership

Allows AB members to participate in non-AAU licensed events (*See separate handout)

2. Non –Athlete Memberships with Sport Accidental Insurance Benefits

- a) \$16 Regular membership
- b) \$18 Extended Coverage (AB) membership

Allows AB members to participate in non-AAU licensed events (*See separate handout)

Club Memberships (See AAU Insurance Program Summary of this packet) **Note: In order to purchase a club membership you must first purchase individual non-athlete memberships for your club contacts.**

1. Club Level 1 with Liability Insurance Benefits

- a) Eligible to participate in events
- b) Eligible to vote at appropriate District meetings
- c) Eligible to receive license for practice insurance

2. Club Level 2 with Liability Insurance Benefits

- a) Eligible to participate in events
- b) Eligible to vote at appropriate District meetings
- c) Eligible to receive license for practice insurance
- d) Eligible to receive license to host an event
- e) Eligible to use AAU Name & Logo in AAU licensed events

3. Club Level 3 with Liability Insurance Benefits

- a) Eligible to participate in events
- b) Eligible to vote at appropriate District meetings
- c) Eligible to receive license for practice insurance
- d) Eligible to receive license to host an event
- e) Eligible to use AAU Name & Logo in AAU licensed events
- f) Eligible for tax-exempt status
- g) Eligible to accept tax-exempt donations
- h) Eligible to become sales tax exempt in your state





AAU Insurance Program Summary

AAU Insurance is a benefit of membership.

Club Membership insures practices and an event sanction insures competitions/clinics etc.,
Everyone participating must also have an individual AAU Athlete or Non Athlete Membership

SPORTS ACCIDENT: Coverage is provided for properly registered members that are injured during an approved event. Coverage is excess medical and becomes primary if there is no other coverage.

Excess Medical	\$50,000
Youth/Non Athlete Deductible (can be removed or disappear with primary insurance)	\$200
Adult Athlete Deductible (can be removed or disappear with primary insurance)	\$500
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$10,000
Dental Insurance	100% U&C Included in Policy Max

Who is insured? (The following categories include but are not limited to)

Athletes and Non-Athletes
Registered Members residing in foreign countries are covered while participating on U.S. Soil.

Covered events

Sanctioned Events: This is an event that has been applied for and received a sanction from the AAU of the U.S. Inc.

Supervised Practices for member clubs.

GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE

LIMITS

Each Occurrence - per club/team	Up to \$10,000,000
Aggregate - per club/team per year	Up to \$12,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	Up to \$12,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	Up to \$10,000,000
Participant Legal Liability	Part of Per Occurrence Limit
Damage to Premises Rented to you	\$1,000,000
Medical Expenses (any one person)	\$5,000
Sexual Abuse & Molestation - Each Occur	\$1,000,000
Sexual Abuse & Molestation - Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Crisis Management Coverage/Bell Endorsement	Included
Participant vs. Participant	Up to \$1,000,000

Who is insured? (The following categories include but are not limited to)

Athletes and Non-Athletes, Registered Members residing in Foreign Countries are covered while participating on U.S. Soil
Member clubs/teams when all participants are registered as athletes or non athletes
Event organizers, promoters, sponsors and managers of AAU sanctioned events
Volunteers while acting in their capacity at an AAU sanctioned event
AAU of the USA, Inc.
AAU Districts, AAU Governors and Administrators, AAU Directors & Officers
Officials while acting in their capacity at an AAU sanctioned event
Spectators

Covered events

Sanctioned Events: This is an event that has been applied for and received a sanction from the AAU of the U.S. Inc.

Supervised Practices for member clubs.

EXTENDED COVERAGE (AB) INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Extended Coverage (AB) program was developed to extend coverage for AAU members while participating in events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU. Coverage in this program is provided for properly registered athletes or non-athletes.

Sports Accident	\$50,000
Liability Coverage	Up to \$10,000,000
Aggregate - per club/team per year	Up to \$12,000,000

Extended Coverage (AB) Is not available in the sport of Adult Taekwondo

Any organization that is a member of the AAU and hosts an event that is not sanctioned by the AAU would not have any coverage for the event, even if its members are AAU AB Registered.

VERIFICATION OF INSURANCE AVAILABLE

ALL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.AAUSPORTS.ORG UNDER THE INSURANCE OVERVIEW TAB

Verification of Insurance: This document verifies the club has insurance coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to a third party (if accepted by the third party). Your specific club name will appear on the document. **Free-Documents Available immediately.**

THIRD PARTY/ADDITIONAL INSURED INSURANCE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

ALL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.AAUSPORTS.ORG UNDER THE INSURANCE OVERVIEW TAB

This program is designed to provide member clubs the ability to obtain certificate(s). The fee structure is based on requesting the third party/additional insured certificate(s) at least 30 days before coverage start date or incurring an expedite fee

Fee Structure	Fee	Expedite Fee	Total
Start Date is 31 + days from today	\$35	NA	\$35
Start Date is 16-30 days from today	\$35	\$65	\$100
Start Date is 0-15 days from today	\$35	\$100	\$135

For the fees listed above, you may request up to 200 third party/additional insured certificate(s) in one transaction. If you do not list all requests on your initial submission, there will be a \$25.00 transaction fee each time you return to list additional requests. For each facility/entity over 200 there is a \$10.00 per facility/entity fee.

PRACTICE CERTIFICATES: Fees apply. This certificate extends coverage for members during practice and practice only. The practice must be scheduled & supervised by an AAU non-athlete member. It specifically names the third party/additional insured, confirms the club has coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to the third party/additional insured. (This certificate is applicable where needed for CG 2026 1185).

Available 2 hours after certificate request

EVENT CERTIFICATES: Fees apply. This certificate extends coverage for activities such as leagues, tournaments, clinics and other events approved by the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc. There must be a sanction number relative to this event. Sanctions may take up to 16 days for approval. It specifically names the third party/additional insured, confirms the club has coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to the third party/additional insured. (This certificate is applicable where needed for CG 2026 1185).

Available 2 hours after Approval of Event Sanction Application

SPONSOR: Fees apply. This certificate extends coverage to a benefactor or donor who supports a member club. The sponsor name will appear on the certificate(s). It confirms the club has coverage as defined by the AAU policy and extends the club's coverage to the third party/additional insured. (This certificate is applicable where needed for CG 2026 1185). This type of certificate request must be submitted to the AAU National Office for processing.

Available 24-48 hours after request has been submitted and accepted.

EXTENDED COVERAGE (AB) CERTIFICATE: Fees apply. This certificate is for AAU member clubs while participating in events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU. These non-AAU events include leagues, tournaments, clinics, etc. This certificate must be obtained by an AAU member club. This certificate insures the named third party in regards to the AAU member club's sole negligence. The entire competing team and coach (non-athlete) must be AAU AB members. If you are a member of the AAU in the AB category and conduct an event that is not sanctioned by the AAU, you forfeit your rights of AB coverage for said event. This type of certificate request must be submitted to the AAU National Office for processing.

Available 24-48 hours after request has been submitted and accepted.



This brochure is only a brief description of the coverage available under the AAU Policies. The policies may contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. If there is a conflict between the contents of this document and the policy, the terms and conditions of the policy will govern in all cases.

EXTENDED COVERAGE PROGRAM (AB)

The Extended Coverage (AB) coverage program was developed to extend coverage for AAU members while participating in events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU. Coverage in this program is provided for properly registered athletes or non-athletes for events in the United States of America (including its territories and possessions) Puerto Rico, and Canada.

To have extended coverage (AB), the following criteria applies:

- For team competitions, the entire competing team and coach (non-athlete) must be AAU extended coverage (AB) members.
- For individual competitions, each competing individual must be an AAU extended coverage (AB) member and must be supervised by an AAU extended coverage (AB) registered coach.
- The competition must be formally scheduled, supervised and conducted by a recognized sport association, civic organization or school (and not be a member of the AAU).
- If you are a member of the AAU in the extended coverage (AB) category and conduct an event that is not licensed by the AAU, you forfeit your rights of extended coverage (AB), for that event only.

Benefits of the AB program are:

- Sports Accident
- General Liability
- Certificates of Insurance

Who is insured?

- Athletes
- Non-Athletes
- Member clubs/teams
- Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc.



When does AB coverage take effect?

- Coverage takes effect when AAU registered members in the extended coverage (AB) category are participating in **events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU.**
- **Example:** All of Jim's Basketball Team members are registered AAU extended coverage (AB) members. Jims Basketball Team is participating in an event hosted by the local Park and Recreation organization. The Park and Recreation organization is not a member club of the AAU nor is the event sanctioned by the AAU. Jim's Basketball Team has coverage in this situation by being AAU extended coverage (AB) members.

How Much Does It Really Cost to Become an AAU Member? What is the Value? Apples to Apples, or Apples to Oranges?

Some people will try to tell you that it is very expensive to join AAU. After all, the best always costs the most, right? Wrong. Whether you are a player, a coach, a facility-owner, or an event-operator, there is no better value in baseball than AAU.

Before you decide with which organization you are going to affiliate, do your homework. Here are some things you may want to check out.

One Club Membership, Many Teams

In the AAU, your organization can register all your teams in all age groups under one club for as little as \$30. Ask any other organization that you are considering whether theirs is a 'club' membership that includes all teams, or if each team needs a separate membership.

Protect Yourself, Protect Your Team

The many benefits of being an AAU member include the opportunity to play in or host AAU events. Each of your members automatically receives at no extra charge accident and general liability insurance. With every participant in your club having membership, you are assured you and every one of your players are protected. For athletes, membership is as low as \$14. For \$2 more, an Extended Benefit membership is available. That Extended Benefit membership follows you to non-AAU events, including the insurance benefit. Membership for coaches is \$16, or \$18 for the Extended Benefit. Membership in AAU also includes background checks for every coach at no additional cost.

Ask the other organizations what benefits are included in their fee structure. What events do they offer? Do they offer league play? If so, how is it managed? If they provide you with insurance coverage, ask how you prove a player was on your team if a claim is filed, and if you add a new player after you register your team for the first time, how does that player get added to the policy?

The insurance that you are given with your AAU membership covers damage to premises rented by you, sexual abuse allegations, dental injuries, protection for your volunteers, officials, event operators, and sponsors, and so much more. Be sure to ask the provider of whatever insurance you carry as a team exactly what coverage you have. Be proactive; don't wait until a claim is filed to find out.

This is YOUR Organization

It is its membership that governs the AAU. As an AAU member, you participate in the election of your leadership from the district through the executive level. This allows you to make changes in the state/district/national officials if you are unhappy with the way the organization is being run. With a Club Level 2 or 3 membership, your club can request authorization for, and host, AAU events for only \$50/day with a \$350 cap on events that are more than seven days. There is no per-team fee due from the host. Your club can actually become a tax-exempt, non-profit organization under the AAU umbrella with a Club Level 3 membership. Ask other organizations whether you get a voice in the leadership of their program. Ask if you can host your own events under their organization and if so, what is the total cost? Ask if you can become a 501(c)3 non-profit under them. In fact, ask if **they** are a non-profit organization.

The Bottom Line

For a club with twelve athletes and three coaches, the total cost of membership in the AAU is as low as \$246 including your insurance, ability to participate in all events, a voice in your governance, and all the other outstanding benefits AAU brings you. Memberships are valid September 1 to August 31.

Apples or Oranges?

When you consider everything that is included with an AAU membership vs. what other organizations offer, there is simply no comparison. The "best" is actually *less* expensive than "the rest".



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Getting Started in AAU Sports

Go to www.aausports.org and click on JOIN AAU and Create a User Account

Purchase your AAU Individual Non Athlete membership- All Athletes and Non Athletes (coaches, volunteers, officials) must be individual members of the AAU. Background screens are conducted for all adult members of the AAU. You must have an active Non Athlete or Adult Athlete Membership to purchase a club membership. Applied status or pending memberships are not acceptable. For more information, visit the [news story for more information](#).

Non Athlete memberships are \$16. For an additional \$2, participants can purchase an extended benefit (AB) membership which extends coverage when participating in non-AAU events. For complete information on insurance, visit www.aausports.org and click on the Find Insurance Info in the Gray Quick Links Box.

AAU Club Membership- Each organization must be a registered AAU Club. You can have more than one team within the same club. Club membership can be completed instantly online at www.aausports.org click on Member Login. Login to your account, on the dashboard page click on Club Application; then you will see a description and benefits for each club level.

Youth club membership fees are \$30 (Club Level 1), \$60 (Level 2), or \$300 (Level 3). Club membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

Sign up your club/team/organization's members! Youth athlete membership is \$14 per athlete. Non-athlete (coach, volunteer, official) membership is \$16. A benefit of AAU membership is sports accident and general liability coverage. For an additional \$2, participants can purchase an extended benefit (AB) membership which extends coverage when participating in non-AAU events. For complete information on insurance, visit www.aausports.org and click on the Find Insurance Info in the Gray Quick Links Box.

All AAU Non-Athletes will also be required to obtain PCA Double-Goal Coach® training and certification. The AAU National Office is happy to announce to its members, that this Coaches' Education is FREE for all AAU Non-Athletes. This exciting program is MANDATORY for all AAU Non-Athletes and will be administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). Please visit www.aausports.org and click on the Positive Coaching Alliance Text under the Resources tab drop down menu to start the MANDATORY AAU/PCA coaches' educational course. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

Know your Insurance benefits!

Your club and individual members are covered by both Sports Accident and General Liability. There must be a club membership for the organization and EVERYONE participating must have an individual AAU Athlete or Non Athlete membership. Please visit www.aausports.org and click on "FIND INSURANCE INFO" in the gray quick links box for a comprehensive explanation of the entire insurance program as well as information on the AAU insurance certificate program.

1. Hosting AAU Tournaments and Leagues – Licensed Event (Event Sanction)

As an AAU Club Level 2 or 3, you can apply for a licensed event to host your own tournaments or leagues. Licensed event fees are \$50 for a youth event per day maxing out at \$350 (Fees Cap after a maximum of 7 days). Visit our website www.aausports.org, click on Licensed event text (right side of screen, dark grey box with yellow letters) to submit a licensed event application or for more information on licensing an event with the AAU.

Licensing your event with AAU has many benefits.

- The resources of a multi-million dollar organization while maintaining administrative control of your event
- The AAU nationally recognized brand and logo
- Multi-million dollar insurance program
- Marketing opportunities with AAU members
- AAU ribbons, medals and banners
- Established and recognized sport rules
- Local and national websites to promote your event
- Convenient online services

While submitting your licensed event you can also request Event Third Party Certificates for your facilities if they require them (fees apply).

***NOTE:** Starting in 2014 AAU has updated our language from Event Sanction to Licensed Event.

2. Local District Directors

Your local District Director can provide you with additional information regarding other teams and tournaments in your area. If there is not a Director in your area and you are interested in developing a program in your District, please contact the AAU National Office at 407-934-7200. Also, visit the sport specific website for your sport by going to www.aausports.org and clicking your sport from the drop-down menu.

3. Insurance and Insurance Certificate Program

As an AAU registered Club you have access to our insurance certificate program. This program offers a verification of insurance for the club, third party practice, event, extended benefit and sponsor certificates. Please visit www.aausports.org and click on FIND INSURANCE INFO in the gray quick links box for comprehensive explanation of the entire insurance program as well as information on the AAU insurance certificate program.

AAU Travel Ball League Play



- ◆ **Play competitive baseball every week without paying expensive tournament entry fees**
- ◆ **Limit the distance you need to travel to play competitive travel baseball**
- ◆ **Play within a league structure that you design without geographical boundaries, minimum game requirements, etc. unless you choose to implement them**
- ◆ **Establish your own league policies, schedules, and fees**
- ◆ **Play in league tournaments**
- ◆ **Earn a berth to participate in AAU Baseball National Championships**
- ◆ **All this for less than the cost of one tournament entry fee**

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AAU Travel Ball League Play

Everyone knows that AAU stands for outstanding travel ball tournament play. But did you know that AAU also advocates travel ball league play?

We're not talking sandlot ball, here. This is AAU travel baseball: a league that features the best of the best. AAU league play offers an alternative to travel teams having to pay a large tournament entry fee every weekend. With so many families ranging from financial belt-tightening right now to outright financial hardship, traveling out of town to tournaments every weekend and paying expensive tournament fees just isn't feasible. That doesn't mean though that your most skilled athletes should have to give up travel ball. Instead, with AAU travel ball league play, they can play every weekend in their own "backyards" against other highly talented teams. And, of course, there are never any geographical boundary requirements in AAU within any district unless you choose to implement some.

The best news is that the cost to have an entire league licensed, no matter how many teams are playing, is \$350 from the date you receive your license through August 31. Whether there are six or 60 teams in the travel league, the licensing flat rate for the entire league is \$350. That fee provides \$10M in liability coverage for all teams playing in the league on any baseball field. The cost of licensing can be split among each of the teams in the league. Each player in the AAU travel league needs to have an AAU membership as does each coach. *We strongly recommend the AB membership.* One of the benefits of AAU membership is that your sports accident and general liability insurance is included. For more information on AAU membership, visit www.aabaseball.org.

Each league decides for itself what the expense to run the league locally (fields/umpires/baseballs/scheduling, etc.) would be, and the expense would be divided among the teams. AAU does not involve itself in how you choose to run your league or what any fees would be for the league other than the \$350 licensing fee.

Most leagues choose one of two options for running their league, although each league may come up with their own method if they'd like. Two common approaches are:

- 1) Form a committee with one representative from each team to help in the management of the league. In this format, you may want to elect a Board of Directors or an Executive Committee for the league. The committees decide on the cost for each team to participate in the league to make sure all the expenses are covered.
- 2) Choose a league operator to run your league. Each team would pay a fee (usually in the range of \$175 to \$300 depending on the expenses involved) to the league operator and the league operator does all the work: publishing and updating the schedules, managing the league, planning tournaments, league championships, etc.

Even if the league fee is \$300/team, that's less than the entry fee for just one weekend tournament.

AAU recommends "Open Scheduling" where the coaches make their own schedules with the other teams. That way, if a team needs a weekend off to attend a tournament or other event, they just don't schedule themselves for that weekend. Once the league schedule is in place, all teams in the league get to play quality baseball against travel ball teams without the expense of travel. Your league may opt to play only on weekends, or only during the week, or both. You can put league tournaments into your schedule and have a league championship tournament at the end of your schedule.

Say goodbye to entry fee after entry fee after entry fee and hello to affordable travel ball! Form an AAU travel league. For more information, contact:

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Hosting an AAU Event

Review the AAU Sport Handbooks - Review the AAU Sport Handbooks for guidelines and rules. A current copy of the Handbooks can be downloaded from the webpage at www.aausports.org by using the sport menu located at the top of the homepage and selecting your sport.

Contact the AAU Sports Manager or AAU National Chair - Please visit www.aausports.org for a detailed listing of AAU Sports Managers and AAU Sport National Chairs.

You can also contact the AAU National Headquarters at (407) 934-7200 for further information.

Purchase your AAU Individual Non Athlete membership- All Athletes and Non Athletes (coaches, volunteers, officials) must be individual members of the AAU. Background screens are conducted for all adult members of the AAU. You must have an active Non Athlete or Adult Athlete Membership to purchase a club membership. Applied status or pending memberships are not acceptable.

AAU Club Membership - Register on-line at www.aausports.org and click on JOIN AAU.

Club Membership is necessary to apply to license an AAU Event. Other benefits of joining as a club include receiving AAU mailings, event notifications, membership certificate, voting rights in AAU elections and club practice insurance.

Individual Athlete/Coach Membership - To participate in an AAU Licensed event, each athlete and coach must be members of the AAU. AAU membership is \$14 per youth athlete and \$16 per non-athlete (coach). As a member of the AAU, you can participate in any of the 30+ sports offered by the AAU.

The membership year is from **September 1st through August 31st**. Membership must be renewed each year to be valid.

AAU membership provides each member with sports accident insurance for all properly licensed AAU events and supervised practices. For specific details on insurance coverage, please refer to the current insurance brochure located on our web site.

To become a member, go to www.aausports.org and click on JOIN AAU.

AAU License Application Form - A license is written approval by the AAU to authorize registered athletes to participate in a specific competition or exhibition. No event is an official AAU event unless the host has obtained an AAU license prior to the start of the event. Licenses are mandatory if you plan to host an AAU event. Instructions for completing and submitting a license application and fees are located on our homepage www.aausports.org. Located on the right-hand menu, click "Licensing Event". You will need to have a valid club code and individual membership ID of the club contact to submit a Licensed event. If you need further assistance, please call 407-934-7200.

All participants in AAU Licensed events must be individual members of the AAU. As the club licensing the event, it is YOUR responsibility to verify that everyone participating in your event is a current AAU member.





Hosting an AAU Event

The AAU Brand and benefits are the perfect tools for event directors to use to ensure a successful event. Planning and advertising are the keys to your events' success. Plan ahead; submit your license application in a timely manner to enable participants to schedule and make travel plans to attend.

To Submit a Licensed Event Application

After obtaining a club level 2 or 3 and an individual non-athlete membership for the contact listed on the club, go to www.aausports.org. On the right you will find a box with yellow lettering; click on Licensed event Application. You may choose a logo or provide your own. Choose a flyer template or upload your own flyer. All approved licensed events are posted on our find an event site where more than 10 million viewers have access to your event information.

Order AAU Medals and Awards

As a benefit of licensing your tournament through the AAU, you can order AAU medals and ribbons. To order awards, you must submit to the AAU National Headquarters: (1) Awards Application (2) Tournament Flyer (3) Signed Copy of the Approved Licensed Event (4) Appropriate Fees.

Championship Medals are available for association and regional championships for \$6.32 per set (includes 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal). Sports for All Medals are available for invitational, league, open, or preliminary events. The cost is \$1.99 per medal (gold, silver or bronze). Ribbons are available for first through eighth place, plus merit. The price for ribbons is twenty-five (25) cents each. Orders must be received at the AAU National Headquarters at least 15 days prior to the event. Orders received less than 15 days prior to the event will be assessed a \$40.00 late fee. A shipping and handling fee of 10% of the total will be charged to each order less than \$1000. Orders \$1000 or more will be charged 5%. In addition, if the order requires next day shipping or 2-day shipping, you must pay the shipping cost via credit card.

For complete information on AAU Awards, please refer to the *Awards Application Form*.

Claim Forms

In case of any incidents during your event, make sure you have copies of the AAU Claim Forms at the tournament. These forms should be completed and submitted to the address on the instruction page immediately after an incident. This holds true whether the person involved is a participant or spectator, or whether or not you feel the incident will result in a claim. Please follow all the directions on the form. Claim forms are available at www.aausports.org by clicking in the Gray Quick Links box on Find Insurance Info.





WHERE YOU BEGIN HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH WHERE YOU FINISH.

We've been raising champions for more than a century. Since 1888, the AAU has set the standard for amateur sports in the United States. 'Sports For All, Forever' has been our focus and drive for 118 years and counting. It is more than a motto – it is our vision for sports in the United States and throughout the world. And today we are proud to host more sporting events for more age divisions in more cities than any other organization in the world.

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