

How do I form a team?

#### Important Considerations

The four most important considerations in forming a team are developing a **philosophy** for your team, finding committed **players**, finding a **coach** and finding a **practice facility**.

#### Develop Philosophy

Will it be a **participation team** where everyone gets equal playing time or a **performance team** where playing time must be earned? If the coach and the players don't buy into the philosophy of the team it will eventually lead to problems and hard feelings.

#### Selection of Players

Will you run area wide or local tryout?  
Will they be open tryouts or by invitation only?  
Are tryouts necessary or will you just select your own team?

You will also need to decide how many players you will have on your teams' roster. Cost, which is addressed in the next section (click on Financial Obligations of Clubs/Teams) have some impact on that decision.

#### Purchase a Club Membership

Visit our web site at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) or call the AAU National Headquarters to receive a Club Membership Application. The prices for club membership are Club Level 1 \$30, Club Level 2 \$60 and Club Level 3 \$300.

Each athlete and non-athlete (coach, bench personnel, etc.) on your team is required to have an individual AAU membership. These memberships can be purchased at our web site at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org). The prices for individual membership is \$12 or \$14 (added benefit) for athletes and \$14 or \$16 for non-athletes.

#### Review AAU Boys' Basketball Handbook and AAU Code Book

Visit [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org) and obtain a Boys Basketball Handbook with all the rules and regulations by clicking on the Handbook link under the Rules/Info Tab. This will help you with you all age/eligibility questions and make you knowledgeable of AAU rules and regulations. You should then contact your Boys Basketball Sports Director or visit their website, which you can find at [www.aauboysbasketball.org](http://www.aauboysbasketball.org). By visiting this website you will be able to get information on local upcoming events.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE AAU IS AN EVENT OPERATOR AND DOES NOT ORGANIZE/SPONSOR TEAMS THAT PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM. IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLAYERS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO FIND OR START TEAMS. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE ARE GENERAL GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED AT YOUR DISCRETION. THE AAU DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY PARTICULAR ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS OR CLAIM TO HAVE EXACT KNOWLEDGE ON HOW TO START OR FIND A TEAM.**

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