

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

The AAU is one of the largest non-profit volunteer organizations in the United States dedicated solely to the promotion and development of amateur sports. It was established in 1888 by sports leaders who collectively became the first to define amateurism and create standards for amateur athletes in the country. The AAU continues to operate on the basic principles upon which the organization was founded: to maintain the mutual interests of its members while achieving and improving amateur sports.

BENEFITS OF THE AAU

- An opportunity to follow in the footsteps of former AAU athletes: Mark Spitz, Shaquille O'Neal, Keri Struggs, Chamique Holdsclaw, Greg Louganis, Ryan Klesko, Dan Gable, Carl Lewis, Jackie Joyner Kersee, and many others.
- Membership that includes insurance coverage.
- Ability to participate at the world famous ESPN Wide World of Sports, and other great facilities throughout the country.
- Travel, make new friends, continue education, and create unforgettable memories.
- Membership in an organization long recognized for its position in amateur sports.

POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE (PCA)

The AAU has partnered with PCA to become the first national sports organization to require all its coaches to obtain PCA Double-Goal Coach® training and certification. PCA will provide training at no cost. Please visit www.aausports.org in order to get more information on how you can become a PCA Double-Goal Coach.

SAY YES TO AAU!

Join millions of athletes, coaches, and volunteers across the country, as they strive to achieve their dreams as athletes and valued citizens of their communities.

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INTERESTED IN SPORTS?

Then the AAU is for you! We have athletic programming in over 34 sports for athletes from 4 to 80 years of age and older, male and female, from Basketball to Wrestling, from Gymnastics to Baseball.

We're one of the world's largest non-profit multi-sport organizations. Each year we sanction over 15,000 local, regional and national competitions.

LOOKING FOR A CLUB TO JOIN?

The AAU makes it easy for you to find a club or team in your area. Go to the web site at www.ausports.org, click on "**Find a Local Club**" and follow the instructions. This program allows you to contact clubs by email in your geographical area. You can also click on "**My Child Wants to Play AAU Sports.**" This program allows coaches to find athletes in their area interested in joining their club or team.

WE MAKE IT EASY TO JOIN!

We make it easy by providing instant on-line registration. No more waiting for administrative paperwork to go through its cycle and the U.S. Postal service to deliver your membership. All you have to do is visit www.ausports.org and click on the "Join Now" icon and away you go. It's as easy as 1-2-3.

"SPORTS FOR ALL, FOREVER"

The AAU offers National Championships in the various sports, sponsors the AAU Junior Olympic Games, the AAU James E. Sullivan Memorial Award along with the AAU Complete Athlete Program. Two of the AAU's flagship programs, which are administered for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, are the President's Challenge and the Presidential Sports Award.

HOW CAN YOU LEARN MORE?

The AAU has developed a dynamic website at www.ausports.org, where you can view up to date AAU news stories, event listings, membership information, individual sport websites and much, much more.

ABOUT AAU CHEERLEADING

Become part of one of the most fun-filled, positive sports around. AAU Cheerleading has become a place for all athletes, both girls and boys, to learn team work, sportsmanship and get in shape. Introduced as a sport at the 1997 AAU Junior Olympic Games in Charlotte, North Carolina, it has matured and improved steadily each year.

The AAU recognizes and sanctions the sport of Cheerleading and is proud to facilitate Cheerleaders in stepping forward and taking their place among both the ranks of AAU National and AAU Junior Olympic Games Champions.

AAU CHEERLEADING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AAU Cheerleading's National Championships is held in conjunction with the AAU Junior Olympic Games each year. There is no pre-qualification necessary. For more information on the AAU Junior Olympic Games, please visit www.aaujrogs.org.

2012 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX

Check-In: Monday, July 30, 2012

Competition: Tuesday, August 31, 2012



Complete information and entry details are at www.aaujrogs.org

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