

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.

INTERESTED IN SPORTS?

Then the AAU is for you! We have 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. Just visit the web site at www.aausports.org, click on "Find a Local Club" and follow the instructions.

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.

www.aauvolleyball.org

WE MAKE IT EASY TO JOIN!

We make it easy by providing online registration, sanctioning, certificates, and more. Just visit www.aausports.org and click on the "Join Now" icon.

HOW CAN YOU LEARN MORE?

The AAU has developed a dynamic website at www.aausports.org, where you can view up to date AAU news stories, event listings, membership information, individual sport websites and much, much more. It also includes information on events located at the ESPN Wide World of Sports, the home of the AAU.

NATIONAL SPONSORS OF THE AAU



AAU Volleyball Program Overview

The AAU Junior National Volleyball Program offers opportunities for boys and girls, ages 10 to 18, in all skill levels to participate in indoor and beach volleyball. Events are held throughout the country, including local leagues, District/Regional Championships, Grand Prix tournaments and National Championships. The National Championships are open, so any member team can participate.

AAU is a member organization of USA Volleyball. AAU volleyball events are conducted under the current AAU Code and the playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU Volleyball Executive Committee. Modifications that are beneficial to participants at the local level can be implemented.

Benefits of AAU Volleyball

- Nationally recognized non-profit organization.
- Low membership fees.
- Low tournament fees.
- Freedom and flexibility in conducting programs and hosting events.
- Multi-sport membership card allows participants to compete in any sport.
- Open entry to the National Championships - any team can participate.
- Non-exclusive organization.
- Easy online registration for membership, insurance certificates and sanctions.
- Multi-year membership available - join for 1, 2 or 3 years.
- Level 3 Club Membership offering eligibility for tax-exempt status and to accept tax-exempt donations.
- Insurance is included as a benefit of membership.

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.

www.aauvolleyball.org

Age Divisions

The age determination date for AAU Volleyball is **September 1**. Below are the **2011 age requirements** for each age division.

- 10 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 2000
- 11 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1999
- 12 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1998
- 13 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1997
- 14 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1996
- 15 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1995
- 16 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1994
- 17 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1993
- 18 & Under** - Born on or after Sept 1, 1992 or were high school students in the 12th grade or below during the current academic year and were born on or after Sept 1, 1991.

Age Waivers: No age waivers are allowed at the National Championships. Local District Directors can modify age divisions or grant waivers for local tournaments.

Getting Started

Opportunities are available to start your own AAU Volleyball tournament or league. Types of events include:

- Spotlight Grand Prix Tournaments
- Super-Regional Championships
- District Championships
- Inter-District Tournaments
- Leagues and Clinics
- Beach Volleyball Tournaments

As a tournament host, you can decide which age divisions, format and date will best suit your area.

A key in getting started is to partner with an existing club/team or coach to develop a program. AAU offers flexibility in hosting and the program can be tailored to fit the needs of the local community.



AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships

June 14-22, 2011
Orlando, Florida

ESPN Wide World of Sports and the
Orange County Convention Center

Age Divisions:

10, 11, 12 Open, 12 Club, 13 Open, 13 Club,
14 Open, 14 Club, 15 Open, 15 Club, 16 Open,
16 Club, 17 Open, 17 Club, 18 Open, 18 Club

Open event. No qualifying required.

AAU Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships

June 17-19, 2011
Orlando Sports Center
Orlando, Florida

Ages 14 to 18

Open event. No qualifying required.

AAU Junior National Beach Volleyball Championships

July 2011
The Pier, Hermosa Beach, CA
Boys & Girls 18, 16, 14, 12, 10

Complete event information available
at www.aauvolleyball.org and
www.aubeach.org.