

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. 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 your communities.

Consider developing your own league or getting involved with the local recreation department to develop AAU competition in your area, **Join AAU Today!**

Membership

For more information on becoming an AAU Member, please visit our web site at www.aausports.org.

Insurance

A benefit of AAU membership is the athletic accident and liability insurance program. For specific information regarding coverage, please refer to the insurance from tab at www.aausports.org.

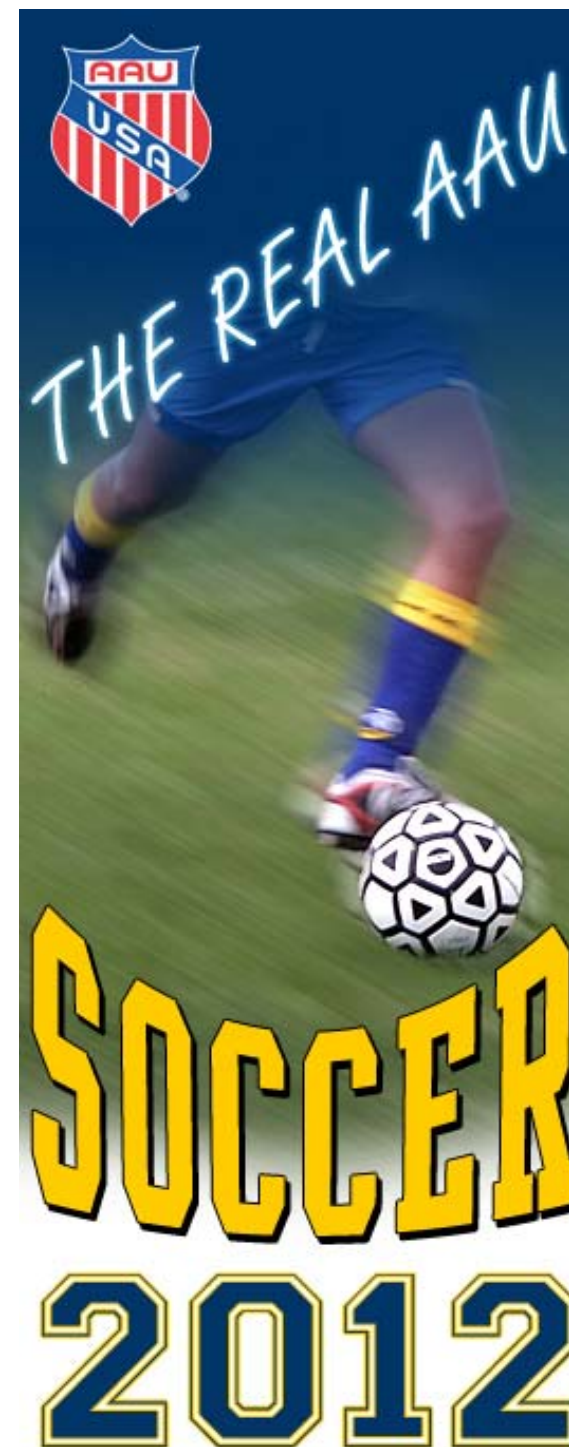
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How You Can Learn More

The AAU has developed a comprehensive website, www.aausports.org, for your convenience. This offers our members up to the minute news stories, an event calendar, including competitions at the ESPN Wide World of Sports, as well as individual sport web sites, which provides you with rules, results, updates, and more.

In conjunction with its overall sanctioning and membership program, the AAU maintains an insurance program that provides coverage for its districts, member clubs/teams, and individual members conducting and/or participating in its sanctioned events. There are two broad types of insurance coverage's included in the AAU insurance program: **General Liability and Sports Accident.**

Looking For A Club Or Team 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.aausports.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. Just visit www.aausports.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.

The AAU Soccer program offers opportunities for teams to compete in national events and to conduct their own local tournaments or leagues. Age groups include U8 though U18. AAU Soccer seeks to develop progressive continuity for soccer in the United States and to bring together the various youth soccer programs.

Objective

AAU Soccer seeks to provide programming for the maximum number of participants, emphasizing the participation of each individual in each game.

To assure proper physical conditioning including preparation and "medical wellness" of all AAU participants.

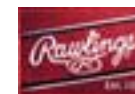
Through a strong volunteer network, provide quality coaching, facilities, officiating, parental participation, school and community participation, and recognition for all participants.

Provide opportunities for self-improvement and advancement to senior programs for those participants who are motivated without submitting to undue pressure and over-expectations.



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