



THE REAL AAU AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

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 Championships, Grand Prix tournaments, Super Regionals and National Championships. The National Championships are open, so any member team can participate.



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

Age Divisions

The age determination date for AAU Volleyball is **September 1**. Below are the **2012 age requirements** for each age division.

10 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 2001
11 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 2000
12 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 1999
13 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 1998
14 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 1997
15 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 1996
16 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 1995
17 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 1994
18 & Under - Born on or after Sept 1, 1993 or were high school students in the 12th grade or below during the current academic year and were born on or after Sept 1, 1992.

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

Benefits of AAU Volleyball

- Nationally recognized non-profit organization.
- Insurance, including general liability and participant accident, is included as a benefit of membership.
- 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. Anyone can join.
- Easy online registration for membership, insurance certificates, sanctions and events.
- 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.

AAU Junior National Volleyball Championships

GIRLS': **June 19-27, 2012 – Orlando, Florida**
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex located at the Walt Disney World® Resort and the Orange County Convention Center
Ages 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Open and Club Divisions for Ages 12 to 18. Classic Division for Ages 14 and 17. This Championship is open. No qualifying required. 4 days of play per age division.

BOYS': **June 21-24, 2012 – Orlando, Florida**
Orlando Sports Center
Ages 13/14, 15, 16, 17, 18. This Championship is open. No qualifying required.

Visit www.aauvolleyball.org for more information.



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HOSTING EVENTS



Getting Started

Opportunities are available to start your own AAU Volleyball tournament or league.

Types of events include:

- Local Tournaments
- Leagues and Clinics
- District Championships
- Inter-District Tournaments/Leagues
- Spotlight Grand Prix Tournaments
- Super Regionals
- Beach Volleyball Tournaments

As a tournament host, you can decide what age divisions, format and date will best suit your area. AAU offers flexibility in hosting events and the program can be tailored to fit the needs of the local community.

AAU Membership & Sanctions

Applications for Membership, Insurance Certificates, Sanction Applications, Medals and more can be found online at www.aauvolleyball.org.

To sanction an AAU event, the host club or organization must be a Level II AAU Club which is \$60. Youth sanction fees are \$50 per day or \$350 for leagues or tournament series. All participants must also be AAU members.

Visit www.aauvolleyball.org for complete details.

AAU Spotlight Grand Prix & Super Regional Championship

This tournament series was developed to encourage the growth of AAU volleyball at the District and Regional levels. Teams that win a Grand Prix (with 10 or more teams) receive a free entry into the National Championships. If you do not have AAU volleyball teams in your District, this is a great way to encourage teams to participate!

- Winners in each age division with 10 or more teams will not have to pay the entry fee to the National Championships. If less than 10 teams participate, the entry fee will be discounted on a percentage basis.
- The Host retains all entry fees.
- Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis. Forms are available at www.aauvolleyball.org.
- Contact the AAU National Office at 407-828-3561 or volleyball@ausports.org for more information.

Beach Volleyball

Beach Volleyball is one of the fastest growing sports in AAU. You don't have to live on the beach to host a tournament!

For more information on being part of the AAU Beach Volleyball Tour, contact Gino Grajeda at ggrajeda181@msn.com or www.aubeach.org.



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Getting Started in AAU Volleyball How to Join

1. AAU Club Membership

Each club/team 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.aauvolleyball.org. Club membership fees are \$30 (Level 1), \$60 (Level 2) or \$300 (Level 3). A Level 2 or 3 Club Membership is needed to host events. Please refer to the application or visit www.aauvolleyball.org for a list of all benefits for each club level. Club membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

Club Level 3: Join at this level to be eligible for tax-exempt status, accept tax-exempt donations and become sales tax exempt in your state.

Once you register your club online, you will receive an AAU Club Code. This code can be given to other non-athletes/coaches and athletes to use on their individual membership. As the club contact, you will be able to log into the website to view the list of athletes that are registered under your club code.

2. AAU Individual Membership

To participate in the AAU, all athletes, coaches and club contacts/directors must be individual members of the AAU. As a member, you can participate in any sport in the AAU. Youth athlete membership is \$12 per athlete. Non-athlete (coach, club director, volunteer, official) membership is \$14. AAU members are covered with sports liability and accident insurance. For complete information on insurance, visit www.aauvolleyball.org or refer to the Insurance Brochure.

To become a member, you can register online at www.aauvolleyball.org. You will instantly be able to print your own membership card and start participating immediately! Be sure to register as a club first, so you can enter your club code when registering individuals. You can now register for multiple years. Join for 1, 2 or 3 years. The membership year is from September 1 to August 31.

3. Hosting AAU Tournaments and Leagues

As an AAU Club Level 2 or 3, you can apply to host your own tournaments or leagues. Tournaments can be hosted any time of the year. Tournaments can be sanctioned for \$50 per day. You can also sanction a league or tournament series for a maximum of \$350. Please note that try-outs and practices do not require a separate sanction, but every athlete and coach that participates must be current AAU members to be covered by AAU insurance.

Apply to sanction your tournament or league online at www.aauvolleyball.org. It may take up to 15 days for your sanction to be approved. Once it is approved, your event will be listed on the "Find an Event" calendar located on the web site at www.aauvolleyball.org and www.aauvolleyball.org. Sanction your event early to take full advantage of being listed on the AAU web site and to avoid additional expedite fees!

As a tournament host, you can also request blast emails be sent out to the AAU membership in your District. Contact your District Office or the AAU National Office at volleyball@aausports.org for more information.

4. Third Party Certificate of Liability Insurance

Verification of Insurance is available to registered clubs at no cost. In addition, Third Party Certificate of Liability Insurance for practices and sanctioned events is available for \$35. The fee covers up to 200 facilities. All requests can be done online at www.aauvolleyball.org. Avoid additional expedite fees and request your certificate at least 31 days prior to the start of your practice or competition. Additional fees apply for certificates needed in less than 31 days.

For information on the Extended Coverage Added Benefit (AB) program and membership, please [click here](#).