

# 2023 AAU Volleyball Handbook & Regulations



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## PREAMBLE

The AAU Volleyball National Committee has been established in order to promote the benefits of participation in athletics and hereby adopts these rules & regulations (subject to change without notice) for the advancement of that purpose.

### I. NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### A. National Committee Structure and Procedures

1. **National Sport Chair.**
  - a. National Sports Chairs shall be elected National Sport Committee at the committee meeting during National Conventions in which National Officers are elected.
  - b. Terms are four years.
  - c. National election policies shall apply.
  - d. National Sport Chairs can be removed for cause by a majority vote of the National Officers, subject to the Right of Appeal to the National Board of Review.
  - e. The President, with the approval of a majority of the officers, may appoint a person to fill a vacant Sport Chair position. The appointee will serve until the next regular or special meeting of the Sport Committee, at which time an election shall be held to complete the term.
2. **Executive Committee Composition.**
  - a. The Volleyball Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Volleyball Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAU and the volleyball program, and act on behalf of the National Sports Committee between National Sports Committee meetings.
  - b. The committee shall include the National Chair and members appointed by the National Chair. The term shall coincide with the term of the National Chair.
  - c. The committee shall enforce these rules and the AAU Code as they apply to players, coaches and clubs. Penalties may be imposed subject to the due process procedures of the AAU Code.
3. **National Sport Committee Composition.** The Committee will consist of the National Sports Chair, members of the Executive Committee who are elected as provided by the sport's operating rules, the elected or appointed Sport Director of each District, or a representative designated by the District Governor, and one appointed representative from each Allied member that registers members in the sport. The President may appoint up to two (2) members-at-large.

- a. **Voting.** Only members of the National Sport Committee are permitted to vote in National Sports Committee meetings. There shall be no voting by proxy. Each member of the Committee will have one vote. Only representatives from Districts which registered a minimum of .5% (a half percent) of the total number of athletes in that sport in the previous year shall be allowed to vote in the National Sport Committee meeting.
4. **Other Committee Positions.** The National Chair may appoint additional committee positions.

## **B. Sport Committee Meetings**

1. **National Sport Committee Regular Meetings.** Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.
2. **Non-Regular Sport Committee Meetings.** National Sport Committee may hold a Non-Regular National Sport Committee meeting in odd years subject to the following provisions:
  - a. The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the National Office.
  - b. The National Office has the right to coordinate the meeting and pick the site for the meeting.
3. **National Sport Committee Special Meetings.** Special meetings of a Committee are scheduled at the request of the Chair or upon written request of at least one half (1/2) of the Committee members. Ten (10) days' notice is required and notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.
4. **National Sport Executive Committee Meetings.** The National Chair shall determine the date and location of Executive Committee Meetings.
5. **Agenda Additions**
  - a. **Sport Committee Meeting Order (Agendas).** The Regular National Sport Committee meetings, the Non-Regular National Sport Committee meetings, and National Sport Committee Special meetings shall follow meeting order (agenda format) as established by Code (Bylaw 9.5).

## II. SPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. Sportsmanship.** It is the obligation of coaches, players, administrators, volunteers and other representatives of the AAU to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and to observe the ethics of competition. Good sportsmanship is defined as qualities of behavior, which are characterized by courtesy and genuine concern for others. The display of good sportsmanship is a statement of the individual's understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.
- B. Program Violations.** Disciplinary action may be considered by the Districts, Sport Committee or the Executive Committee for any violations bringing discredit upon the AAU or any violation of any part of this Handbook or the AAU Code. In instances of alleged violations, Board of Review action may be taken against athletes, coaches, parents and/or clubs according to AAU Code. (Updated 10/12)
- C. No Guarantee Policy.** The AAU cannot and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has licensed (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.

## III. SPORT OPERATIONS

### A. Current Year Rule Changes

1. The Spirit division has been added to the 15 & Under and 16 & Under divisions at the AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships (Section D.1.b.v).
2. The Open and Club divisions have been added to all divisions at the AAU Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships. The Classic division has been added to the 14 & Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Under, 17 & Under, and the 18 & Under divisions at the AAU Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships (Section D.1.b.vi). (Updated 10/21).
3. Waived boys' teams in the 12 & Under, 13 & Under, and 14 & Under age group will be allowed to participate in the AAU Boys' Junior National Championships using the following age/grade definition should they have a waiver:
  - a. 12 & Under Waiver: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 or Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year. (Updated 10/21)

- b. 13 & Under Waiver: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 or Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year. (Updated 10/21)
  - c. 14 & Under Waiver: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 or Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.) (Updated 10/21).
- 4. For Beach Volleyball - Waived boys' teams in the 14 & under age group will be allowed to participate in the AAU Boys' Junior National Beach Championships using the following age/grade definition should they have a waiver: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2007 or Players who were born on or after September 1, 2006 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4" to 8' between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)(Section E.1.b.iii). (Updated 10/21)
  - 5. For Beach Volleyball - Active coaching is allowed during side changes, time-outs and in between sets and matches. The coach may not enter the court. The interaction must take place during the time allowed when players change sides of the court and play must immediately begin after the side change (Section E.1.c.x). (Updated 10/21)
  - 6. For Beach Volleyball - In the 10 & Under division, all contacts that are hit overhand are considered a driven ball. The first contact may be received with multiple contacts (on the same attempt) or may take the ball with an open hand or set (Section E.1.c.xii). (Updated 10/21)
  - 7. For changes in the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, visit [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).
  - 8. Additional rule changes may be distributed on the coaches' video or in the tournament information.

**B. Event Operating Rules.** These rules shall apply to AAU licensed events unless otherwise stated or modified by the District Director or event operator.

1. **Court Size**

- a. Indoor court size is 18 m x 9 m (59' x 29'6") surrounded by a free zone of 2 m (6'6 3/4") on each of the sides of the court and 7 m (23') free zone above the court.

- b. Outdoor/Beach court size is 16 m x 8 m (52'6" x 26'3")
- c. For additional court markings and complete regulations, please refer to the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

## 2. Net Heights

### a. Indoor Net Heights

Gender	Age Division	Net Height
Boys	10U, 11U, 12U	7'0"
Boys	13U, 14U	7'4 1/8"
Boys	15U, 16U, 17U, 18U	7'11 5/8"
Girls	10U	6'6"
Girls	11U, 12U	7'0"
Girls	13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U	7'4 1/8"

### b. Outdoor/Beach Net Heights (updated 12/21)

Gender	Age Division	Net Height
Boys	10U, 12U	7'0"
Boys	14U	7'4"
Boys	15U, 16U, 18U	8'0"
Girls	10U, 12U	7'0"
Girls	14U, 15U, 16U, 18U	7'4"

- c. For additional regulations, please refer to the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

## 3. Ball

- a. For indoor, ages 10, 11 and 12 & Under will use a lite ball or similar, with a weight of 7 to 8 oz.
- b. Baden is the official volleyball of the AAU and shall be used for all national events.

## 4. Official/Referee Requirements. Use of officials and any certification required is at the discretion of the event operator.

- a. Officials must have an AAU membership when working National level events (including Super Regional and Grand Prix events).

## 5. District Qualifier Medals. AAU medals shall be used at any licensed district qualifying event. Medals must be purchased through the AAU medal program or the license shall be denied/voided. Effective September 1, 2009. (Added 3/09)

## C. Event Categories

### 1. Competition Types



- a. National Championship
- b. National Invitational/National Committee
- c. Super Regional Championship
- d. Grand Prix Championship
- e. Regional Championship
- f. District Championship
- g. Inter-District
- h. Local Tournament / Invitational
- i. Leagues

2. **Categories of Competition**

- a. Youth and Adult
- b. Indoor
- c. Beach / Outdoor

**D. Indoor Competition Rules.** AAU Volleyball is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Volleyball Handbook and the current playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU National Executive Committee. For the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, visit [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org). The following section contains the rules for the National Championship. Rules may be modified by the District Sports Director or event operator for other sanctioned events.

1. **Indoor National Championship Competition Rules**

a. **Qualification Procedure.** The National Championships are open to any member of the AAU meeting the entry guidelines.

b. **Age Divisions.**

- i. The following age divisions may be contested at the Indoor National Championships (Updated 10/21).

10 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2012

11 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2011

12 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2010

13 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2009

14 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2008

15 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2007

16 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2006

17 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2005, OR be born on or after July 1, 2004 AND are in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade during the current academic year.

18 & Under – Must be born on or after July 1, 2004, OR be born on or after July 1, 2003 AND be a high school student during some part of the current academic year.

- ii. Once a player participates in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college or junior college, he or she is ineligible to play in the National Championships.

- iii. Waived boys' teams in the 12 & Under, 13 & Under, and 14 & Under age group will be allowed to participate in the AAU Boys' Junior National Championships using the following age/grade definition should they have a waiver:
  - (a) 12 & Under Waiver: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 or Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year. (Updated 10/21)
  - (b) 13 & Under Waiver: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 or Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year. (Updated 10/21)
  - (c) 14 & Under Waiver: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 or Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.) (Updated 10/21).
- iv. No age waivers are allowed at the Girls' National Championships.
- v. For the Girls' National Championships, Open and Club divisions are held for 11 & Under, 12 & Under, 13 & Under, 14 & Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Under, 17 & Under and 18 & Under divisions. Classic divisions are held for 12 & Under, 13 & Under, 14 & Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Under, 17 & Under and 18 & Under divisions. Premier divisions are held for the 12 & Under, 13 & Under, 14 & Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Under, 17 & Under and 18 & Under divisions. Aspire divisions are held for 14 & Under, 15 & Under 16 & Under, and 17 & Under divisions. Spirit divisions are held for 15 & Under and 16 & Under divisions. The Open division is the highest level of competition, the Premier division is the next level of competition, the Club division is the middle level of competition, the Aspire division is the lower level of competition, the Spirit division is the next level of competition, and the Classic division is the lowest level of competition. (Updated 10/21).
- vi. The Open and Club divisions have been added to all divisions at the AAU Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships. The Classic division has been added to the 14 & Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Under, 17 & Under, and the

18 & Under divisions at the AAU Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships. The Open division is the highest level of competition, the Club division is the middle level of competition, and the Classic division is the lowest level of competition. (Updated 10/21).

- c. **Rules and Restrictions.** The National Championship is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Volleyball Handbook and the current playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU National Executive Committee. For the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, visit [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).
- i. Rally scoring will be used. Each non-deciding set will be won by the team that first scores 25 points with a minimum two-point advantage (no scoring cap). If there is a deciding set, it will be won by the team that first scores 15 points with a minimum two-point advantage (no scoring cap).
  - ii. 12 substitutions and Libero player(s). Substitutions are only recognized when the sub enters the zone. There is no longer a request from the coach or captain (Added 12/09).
  - iii. Libero player(s) (Updated 2/12)
    - (a) Each team can designate up to two Liberos. Libero(s) must be identified prior to each set.
    - (b) Only one Libero may be on the court at a time.
    - (c) The Libero player(s) may serve in one rotation in a set.
      - a. If one Libero per set is used, the libero already on the court (rotating to the front row) may move to position 1 (right back) to serve without being required to leave the court for one completed rally. In this case the player that the Libero had previously replaced must replace her on the court. A Libero who has served in one rotation may no serve in another.
      - b. If two Liberos per set is being used, the acting Libero rotating to the front row may move to the position 1 and serve without being required to leave the court. In addition, the acting Libero may come off the court at the same time that the second Libero moved into position 1 to serve. This double Libero replacement is only allowed for serving purposes.
    - (d) The libero CAN be team captain, game captain or both (Updated 10/15)
    - (e) For additional explanation on the Libero players, refer to Appendix F.
  - iv. Centerline and Net Touch Rules (Added 12/09)
    - (a) Encroachment into the opponent's court with any part(s) of the body is permitted, provided some part of the body remains either in contact with or directly

above the centerline, and there is no interference with opponents. Completely crossing the centerline with the foot, feet, or hands, or encroachment with other body parts must not present a safety hazard to opponents. (Updated 9/14)

- (b) Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing. (Updated 10/15)
- (c) Players may touch the post, ropes or any other object outside the antenna, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.
- (d) A player interferes with play by (amongst others) touching the net between the antennae or the antenna itself during action of playing the ball, using the net between the antennae as a support or stabilizing aid, creating an unfair advantage over the opponent by touching the net, making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball, or catching/holding onto the net. Players close to the ball as it is played, or who are trying to play it, are considered in the action of playing the ball, even if not contact is made with the ball. However, touching the net outside the antenna is not be considered a fault. (Updated 10/15)
- v. When one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must be either at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or in the spectator walkways is not permitted (Added 12/09).
- vi. The 10 & Under division will be allowed to step into the court when serving. The step-in line will be 6'6" from the serving line.
- vii. Athletes may participate in more than one division in the AAU Junior National Volleyball Championship as long as there is no overlap in competition dates. Coaches may be on multiple team rosters. (Updated 10/18)
- viii. Only females may participate as players in the AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships (Updated 10/12).
- ix. Only males may participate as players in the AAU Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships (Updated 10/12).
- x. No artificial noise makers will be allowed during play in any of the competition facilities.
- xi. Additional rules may be made available or revised at the coaches meeting or in the Championship manual.

**d. Uniform Requirements**

- i. Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the event with limited exceptions as required by

emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to all players in the Libero position. If players share the Libero position from match to match, a player shall wear the same jersey number whenever they play, whether they are or they are not, assigned to the Libero position.

- ii. Identical uniforms are required, with the following exceptions:
  - (a) Libero Uniforms
    - 1. The Libero must wear a uniform shirt that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team.
  - (b) Different sleeve lengths are permitted.
  - (c) If undergarments are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform, in which they must be similar and the same color for any team member (except Libero) who wears the undergarment. Socks and shoes are not considered part of the uniform.
  - (d) Manufacturer's logo or trademark can vary if it does not exceeding 2 ¼ inches. (Added 10/13)
- iii. The jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 and 99 and duplicate numbers are not allowed.
- iv. Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered on the chest and back.
- v. The numbers must be minimum height of 4" on the chest and 6" on the back. It is recommended that numbers be 6" on chest and 8" on the back. The stripe forming the numbers shall have a minimum width of ¾".
- vi. Each jersey must use the same color and number height for all players except the Libero. The color and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the color and brightness of the jerseys. Color combinations including but not limited to purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.
- vii. USA Volleyball uniform requirements must be followed. For additional specifications, please refer to USAV rule 4.3.

**e. Team Rosters**

- i. Team rosters may include up to fifteen (15) players and five (5) adult bench personnel. All bench personnel must be AAU members in the non-athlete category.
- ii. Uniform numbers are required to be submitted on the team roster. Each player must wear the same number throughout the event, with limited exceptions.
- iii. Rosters must be verified at Team Check-In. Changes to the roster after Team Check-In could result in a fee. No changes

to the roster are allowed once play begins, unless approved by the Championships Director.

2. **Super Regional and Spotlight Grand Prix Tournaments.**

- a. **Qualification Procedure.** These events are open to any member of the AAU meeting the entry guidelines.
- b. **Hosting.** The Executive Committee will award the Super Regional and Grand Prix events. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- c. **Competition Rules.** These events shall follow the competition rules set forth in Section III.D.1 for National Championships unless otherwise stated in the event registration information or as approved by the Executive Committee.
- d. **Entry Fee Waiver.**
  - i. The winner in each girls' age division with 12 or more teams will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships, the West Coast Championships, or the AAU Volleyball Festival. The winner in each boys' age division with 8 or more teams will receive a free entry to the AAU National Championships. If less teams participate, the entry fee will be adjusted on a percentage basis. (Updated 10/18)
  - ii. If the Super Regional or Grand Prix is held after the National Championship entry deadline, teams must submit their entry and fees for the Nationals by the deadline. No exceptions. If the team wins the Super Regional or Grand Prix, they will be reimbursed the entry fee after the National Championships.

**E. Beach Competition Rules.** AAU Volleyball is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Volleyball Handbook and the current playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU National Executive Committee. For the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, visit [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org). The following section contains the rules for the National Championship. Rules may be modified by the District Sports Director or event operator for other sanctioned events.

1. **Beach National Championship Competition Rules**

- a. **Qualification Procedure.** The National Championships are open to any member of the AAU meeting the entry guidelines.

b. **Age Divisions.** The following age divisions may be contested at the Beach National Championships. (Updated 8/20)

- i. 10 & Under – Must be born on or after September 1, 2012  
12 & Under – Must be born on or after September 1, 2010  
14 & Under – Must be born on or after September 1, 2008  
15 & Under – Must be born on or after September 1, 2007  
16 & Under – Must be born on or after September 1, 2006  
18 & Under – Must be born on or after September 1, 2004,  
OR players who were born on or after September 1, 2003  
and be high school students during some part of the current academic year.
- ii. Once a player participates in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college or junior college, he or she is ineligible to play in the National Championships.
- iii. Waived boys' teams in the 14 & under age group will be allowed to participate in the AAU Boys' Junior National Beach Championships using the following age/grade definition should they have a waiver: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2008 or Players who were born on or after September 1, 2007 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4" to 8' between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.).

c. **Rules and Restrictions.** The National Championship is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Volleyball Handbook and the current playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU National Executive Committee.

- i. Rally Scoring: 2 games to 21, with third game to 15 (if necessary) or 1 game to 28 (rally scoring)
- ii. Block counts as a contact
- iii. No open hand dinks/tips
- iv. One toss per serve
- v. Players may not set the ball or contact the ball with finger action in an attempt to play the ball when receiving the serve. (Updated 10/13)
- vi. Any contact with any part of the net by a player's body is a violation. (Added 10/13)
- vii. Players handling the ball must set the ball in the direction they are facing or directly behind them (shoulders square) when returning the ball over the net.
- viii. Side changes in multiples of 7 when the set goes to 21 or 28. Side changes in multiples of 5 when the set goes to 15. (Updated 11/12)

- ix. Time-Outs:
  - (a) Each team is allowed one time-out per set.
  - (b) In addition, one technical time-out is allowed per each set of 21 to 28 points. The technical time-out is not awarded to each team, but rather a shared time-out when a total combined score is reached. During games 1 and 2 that are played to 21 points, the technical time out-out is taken when the combined score reaches 21. There is no technical time-out in a set of 15 points. For single sets to 28 points, the technical time-out is taken when the combined score reaches 28. (Updated 11/12).
- x. Active coaching is allowed during side changes, time-outs and in between sets and matches. The coach may not enter the court. The interaction must take place during the time allowed when players change sides of the court and play must immediately begin after the side change. (Updated 10/21)
- xi. In the 10 & Under division, players may step onto the court to serve the ball. (Added 10/13)
- xii. In the 10 & Under ~~and 12 & Under~~ divisions, all contacts that are hit overhand are considered a driven ball. The first contact may be received with multiple contacts (on the same attempt) or may take the ball with an open hand or set. (Updated 10/21)
- xiii. Athletes may wear socks or sand socks during competition. (Added 10/13)
- xiv. For net height and court size regulations, please refer to Section III (page 5-6).

## 2. **Other National or Regional Events**

- a. **Qualifying Procedure.** Other National level or Regional events may require qualifying at a prior event in order to participate.
    - i. Once a player participates in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college or junior college, he or she is ineligible to play in qualifying events. (Added 9/19)
    - ii. Qualifying events may not be combined with qualifiers for other organizations. (Added 9/19)
  - b. **Competition Rules.** These events shall follow the competition rules set forth in Section III.E.1 for National Championships unless otherwise stated in the event registration information or event flyer.
- ## 3. **Club Attachment.** For the sport of Beach Volleyball, athletes compete as unattached. Club attachment does not apply except at Club Championship events. (Added 10/13)



#### IV. EXCERPTS FROM AAU CODE BOOK

**A. AAU Membership.** All participants must be a member of the AAU in order to participate in any AAU licensed event. Event Operators may not collect AAU membership money at any AAU licensed event.

**Membership Requirements.** Membership in the AAU is a privilege granted by the AAU. It is not a right. The AAU at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant(s) for membership.

1. **Conditions for Membership.** Membership in any class may be granted only after an application is submitted and approved. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to comply with all the provisions of the AAU Code, including its Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, procedures, regulations, and rules of the AAU.
2. **Categories of Membership.** Categories of membership in the AAU are as follows:
  - a. **District Member.** An organization chartered by the Congress to provide administrative services within a designated geographic area.
  - b. **Club Member.** An organization or group that has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code.
  - c. **Individual Member.** A person who has been approved for membership after meeting the registration requirements of the Code. Individual membership categories are:
    - i. Youth Athlete
    - ii. Adult Athlete
    - iii. Non-Athlete
  - d. **Allied Member.** An organization or group approved by Congress which is engaged in athletics or sports-related activities.

#### **B. Membership and Residency**

1. Adult members will not be bound by residence requirements.
2. Youth members must register in the District of their bona fide residency, except as follows:
  - a. A youth member who resides in the county of one District that adjoins a county of another District and who attends a school located

- in the adjoining county will have the option of registering in either District.
- b. A youth member subject to a written joint legal custody arrangement whose custodians reside in different Districts shall have the option of registering in either District.
  - c. A bona fide student at an educational institution may be considered a resident of the District in which the institution is located.
  - d. The National Board of Review will determine issues of residency.
3. Persons living outside the U.S. may register online or through the AAU National Office. The respective National Sports Committee rules shall govern the participation of non-U.S. residents in AAU competitions.

### C. Eligibility

1. **Participation.** A youth member may elect to participate in his or her District of bona fide residence or a District that geographically adjoins that District. Exception: In team events the National Sports Committee shall determine the number of youth members permitted to participate on a team from an adjoining District. For Volleyball, a maximum of three (3) members may participate with a team in an adjoining District
2. **Club Attachment.** A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU licensed event (practice not included). A youth member may be attached to only one club with the following exceptions:
  - a. An athlete may attach to additional clubs (one in each sport) if he/she participates in additional sports.
  - b. Participation in an AAU licensed league does not create club attachment.
3. **Transfers.** Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by the National Sport Committee. After a youth member becomes attached to a club, he/she may only transfer to another club in the same sport as follows:
  - a. If the youth member has not competed in any AAU authorized events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days no permission is necessary.
  - b. If the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. (Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees.)
  - c. When the transfer is for the purpose of competing with a team which has qualified for a National Championship as provided by National Sport Committee rules.

- d. If the Registrar determines there is good cause to believe that the transfer is due to events outside the control of the athlete or that the transfer serves the best interest of the AAU.

#### **D. Use of Marks and Logos**

1. **AAU Registered Marks.** The AAU name, mark, seal, logo, and other insignia (all "AAU marks") are protected through trademark registration and are defined as the intellectual property of the AAU. No person or entity may use the AAU's intellectual property without the prior and continued approval of the National AAU. Only those subordinates and affiliated organizations which are expressly authorized by the National AAU may use the intellectual property of the AAU. The National AAU may withdraw its approval to use its marks, at any time in its sole discretion. Members shall immediately comply with notice to cease and desist from the use of the AAU's intellectual property. The unauthorized use of any of the intellectual property of the AAU is a violation of this policy as well as the (Federal) Lanham Act and may subject the member/entity to penalties set out in the AAU Code. If granted approval/permission to use any of the AAU marks, the limited right to use the marks shall be non-exclusive and the user shall not acquire any ownership in or of such mark(s).
  - a. Only chartered Districts, District Sport Committees and National Sport Committees may use the AAU marks in their name.
  - b. There are three (3) levels of AAU club membership. Level 1 AAU Clubs acquire no rights to use the AAU's intellectual property. Level 2 and Level 3 Clubs may use AAU's registered marks only as follows:
    - i. For the purpose of promoting an AAU licensed event.
    - ii. For the purpose of promoting the club's AAU related activities.
    - iii. Neither members nor clubs may use the name AAU in their legal name, domain name, email or any other name without the express written consent of the National AAU.
  - c. In the event of a dispute or conflict as to a member's/entity's claim(s) to use any of the intellectual property of the AAU, the Officers of the AAU shall decide and determine the dispute in their sole discretion.
2. **Use of Olympic Marks.** No license will be granted by the AAU for any event where the word "Olympic" or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisement or notice in any manner in connection with AAU competitions.

#### **E. Event License**

1. No event shall be conducted under the auspices of the AAU unless a written license has been issued for the activity. A license is the written approval of the AAU for the conduct of the activity.
2. Only AAU members may participate in licensed events unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.
3. A license may be issued to any club in good standing and which meets the membership criteria. A license application should be reviewed by the District Sport Committee Director or the Governor if there is no District Sport Director. If the license application is rejected, the applicant shall be notified.
4. No license shall take effect until approved or until the 15-day review period has expired.
5. The National Registration Executive Committee has the authority to:
  - a. **Issue a license in an unchartered District.**
  - b. Issue a license for events in locations where there is no active District member.
  - c. Issue a license for events in Districts where there is no current active participation. (No District Championship in the prior membership year).
  - d. Issue a license for events directly sponsored by the National AAU or National Sports Committee (The National Sport Committee shall consult with the District Sports Director and Governor prior to seeking an event license.)
  - e. Review and approve any licenses rejected by the District.
  - f. Revoke an approved license for good cause.
6. Event licenses issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another organization.
7. No event license will be issued for any event where the word “Olympic” or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisements or notice in connection with the event except upon the specific written approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **F. District Sport Committee Biennial Meetings**

1. **District Sport Committee Biennial Meeting.** In even years, it is the duty of the District Sport Committee to hold a biennial meeting, the date, time and location of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee. [Not the Sport Committee Executive Committee]
2. **Notice of District Sport Meetings.** Notice of the biennial or special meetings of the District Sport Committee will be given to all clubs with

members registered in the sport. Notice shall be sent not less than 30 or more than 60 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

- a. **Quorum.** Five (5) member clubs with voting eligibility must be present to constitute a quorum of the Biennial Sport Committee meeting.
- b. **Voting.** Each club that has registered at least five (5) individual members in the sport during the current year shall appoint one (1) representative to serve on the District Sport Committee. The representative shall be designated on the club membership application.
  - i. The club by written notice to the District Sports Director may withdraw its representative and submit a new representative. Written notice to the District Sports Director of the withdrawal and replacement must be received seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Club Replacement shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the meeting.
  - ii. There shall be no voting by proxy.
  - iii. Each members of the Sport Committee shall have one vote.
- c. Minutes of the meeting must be written and filed with the District Secretary and the National AAU Compliance Department.

## G. Functions of District Sport Committees

1. **District Sport Committees.** In each approved AAU sport in which the District has athletes actively participating, there may be a Committee to manage competition within the District.
2. **Composition.** The District Sport Committee shall include the following:
  - a. Each club member which registers at least five individual members in the sport shall have one representative on the District Sport Committee.
  - b. District Sport Committee Officers as defined by that sport's operating rules.
  - c. The Governor may appoint up to two (2) at-large members.
3. **Duties.** The duties of the District Sport Committee are to:
  - a. In even years, hold a Biennial meeting, the date, time and location of which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee.
  - b. Adopt at the Biennial Meeting, rules of operation of the Committee to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and which shall not conflict with the provisions of the AAU Constitution, Bylaws, National Policies or National Sport Committee rules.
  - c. Determine whether to establish a Committee operating account and if so to comply with all relevant AAU procedures and policies.

- d. Provide for the conduct of the District championships.
- e. If the District Sport Committee is organized as an administration club under the AAU, it shall annually file the Location of Assets Report with the District Office, and forward a copy to the National Office.

## H. Functions of the District Sport Director

1. **Election.** In each sport in which five or more club members have designated the sport as its primary sport, the Director shall be elected by the Committee at its Biennial Meeting. The District Sport Director takes office upon election.
2. **Appointment.** When there are fewer than five clubs registered to the Sport, the Sport Director may be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the National Sport Committee Chair. The District Sport Director takes office upon election or upon appointment.
3. **Term of Office.**
  - a. The term of office for an elected District Sport Director shall be four (4) years to run concurrently with the District Officers. Once elected, each District Sport Director is required to purchase a four (4)-year membership that will complete their entire term.
  - b. The term of office for an appointed District Sport Director shall be one year; or until removed by the Governor; or until the Sport Committee has met the criteria to elect a Director.
  - c. **Vacancies.** A vacancy occurring in an elected District Sport Director position shall be filled by the Governor with approval of the National Sport Committee Chair.
  - d. If a District Sport Director vacancy occurs, or if a sport reaches the five-club threshold, between a scheduled election year and the next Biennial Meeting, there shall be an election at the interim Biennial Meeting for a director to serve until the next regularly scheduled election. All Notice and nomination requirements must be complied with.
4. **Duties.** The Sport Committee Director shall:
  - a. Develop a budget for the Sport Committee to file with the District Treasurer.
  - b. Perform the duties set forth in the Committee Rules of Operation.
  - c. Review and approve, or for reasonable cause deny, event licenses in the sport.
  - d. Maintain records of the District Sport Committee, including but not limited to the minutes of all meetings, the budget, location of assets report (if required), and the District Sports Committee operating rules.

- e. Preside at Sport Committee meetings.
  - f. Prepare, or have prepared, meeting minutes (which shall be approved at all District Sports Committee meetings). Forward a copy of all minutes to the National Office and District Secretary no later than 30 days following the District Sport Committee meeting.
  - g. File a copy of all records requested by the District Secretary and the AAU National Office Compliance Department no later than 30 days following District Sport Committee meetings.
  - h. At the conclusion of service as Sport Director, turn over all records to the successor to the position.
5. **Removal.** District Sport Directors may be removed as follows:
- a. **By District Sport Committee.** An elected Sport Committee Director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sport Committee at the Biennial meeting provided that the Notice of the meeting specifies that a motion to remove is on the agenda.
  - b. **By National Sport Chair.** Each National Sport Chair shall annually review the number of events held in their sport. If the minimum number of licensed days of activity, excluding practice licenses is below the minimum established by the National Sports Council the National Sport Chair may remove the District Director with consent of the Governor. If the District Governor does not agree with the removal, the President shall appoint an arbiter who will make the final decision, which shall be binding.
  - c. **By National Board of Review.** A Sport Director may be removed by order of the National Board of Review following the filing of a complaint and the Board's proceedings.
  - d. By the National Board of Review Chair after the failure of the District Sports Director to file minutes, reports and records as required by this article.

## APPENDIX A

### National Executive Committee Directory

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## APPENDIX B

### District Map and Alignment



**3 - ADIRONDACK DISTRICT** (Organized January 31, 1920). That portion of New York State east and north of Broome, Cortland, Dutchess, Onondaga, Orange, Oswego and Sullivan Counties.

Neighboring Districts: Connecticut, Middle Atlantic, New England, New York Metropolitan and Niagara.

**56 - ALASKA DISTRICT** (Organized December 3, 1965). State of Alaska.

Neighboring Districts: None

**48 - ARIZONA DISTRICT** (Organized March 10, 1956). State of Arizona.

Neighboring Districts: Colorado, New Mexico, Pacific Southwest, Southern Nevada, Southern Pacific and Utah

**23 - ARKANSAS DISTRICT** (Organized February 16, 1936). State of Arkansas and (added December, 1948) Bowie County, Texas.

Neighboring Districts: Southeastern, Southern, Southwestern, Oklahoma, Missouri Valley and Ozark

**12 - CENTRAL DISTRICT** (Organized 1890). Illinois, except Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties (counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair given to Ozark District, with reservation that all judo therein to be controlled by Central District).

Neighboring Districts: Wisconsin, Iowa, Ozark, Kentucky and Indiana

**46 - CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT** (Organized 1952). Counties of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Tulare in the State of California. (Territory re-aligned, December, 1963).

Neighboring Districts: Pacific, Southern Nevada and Southern Pacific

**32 - COLORADO DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1906). State of Colorado. (Territory re-aligned December, 1963, 1965, 1968. Renamed October, 2004.)

Neighboring Districts: Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri Valley, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah

**5 - CONNECTICUT DISTRICT** (Organized September 17, 1929). State of Connecticut.

Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, New England and New York Metropolitan

**14 - FLORIDA DISTRICT** (Organized January, 1925). Florida, except Miami-Dade (official county name has been changed to Miami-Dade), Broward, that part of Hendry County West of Route 833 and Palm Beach Counties. (Territory re-aligned, December 1958, 1959, 1963, 1972, and 1999.)

Neighboring Districts: Florida Gold Coast, Georgia and Southeastern

**50 - FLORIDA GOLD COAST DISTRICT** (Organized December 30, 1959). Counties of Broward, Miami-Dade (official county name has been changed to Miami-Dade), that part of Hendry County East of Route 833, and Palm Beach Counties. (Territory re-aligned, December 1958, 1959, 1963, 1972 and 1999.)

Neighboring Districts: Florida

**45 - GEORGIA DISTRICT** (territory realigned September, 1989). State of Georgia

Neighboring Districts: Florida, North Carolina, Southeastern and South Carolina

**25 - GULF DISTRICT** (Organized March 6, 1931). That part of the State of Texas bounded on the North and including the counties of Angelina, Houston, Leon, Nacogdoches, Robertson and Shelby; on the East by the State of Louisiana; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and on the West by and including the counties of Austin, Brazos, Colorado, Fort Bend, Grimes, Matagorda, Robertson, Waller, Washington and Wharton. (Territory re-aligned September, 1992.)

Neighboring Districts: Southern, Southwestern and South Texas

**39 - HAWAIIAN DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1910). State of Hawaii.

Neighboring Districts: None

**16 - INDIANA DISTRICT** (Organized August 22, 1919). All of State of Indiana excepting Clark, Dearborn and Floyd Counties with the reservation that all wrestling therein be controlled by the Indiana District.

Neighboring Districts: Central, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio

**35 - INLAND EMPIRE DISTRICT** (Organized April 25, 1937). State of Washington, counties of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima County. State of Idaho, State of Nevada, counties of Elko, Eureka and White Pine. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)

Neighboring Districts: Pacific Northwest, Pacific, Oregon, Southern Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana

**40 - IOWA DISTRICT** (Organized January 15, 1939). State of Iowa.

Neighboring Districts: Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, Ozark and Central

**41 - KENTUCKY DISTRICT** (Organized February 27, 1939). The Commonwealth of Kentucky and Clark and Floyd County in the State of Indiana (except for the sports of wrestling, boys and girls basketball). (Territory re-aligned, September, 1987; October 2003).

Neighboring Districts: Central, Indiana, Ohio, Ozark, Southeastern, Virginia and West Virginia

**18 - LAKE ERIE DISTRICT** (Organized January 5, 1931 As Northeastern Ohio District. Name changed at 1956 Convention). The Counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawus and Wayne. (Territory re-aligned December, 1960 and September, 1991.)

Neighboring Districts: Ohio and Western Pennsylvania

**9 - MARYLAND DISTRICT** (Organized, 1981). State of Maryland (except the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)  
Neighboring Districts: Potomac, Virginia, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Middle Atlantic

**19 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1923). State of Michigan. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962 and October, 1971.)  
Neighboring Districts: Indiana and Ohio

**8 - MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT** (Organized 1906). New Jersey, south of Mercer and Monmouth County; all of the State of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, east of and including Bedford, Centre, Clinton and Potter Counties (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)  
Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, New Jersey, New York Metropolitan, Niagara, Western Pennsylvania and Maryland

**30 - MINNESOTA DISTRICT** (territory realigned September, 1989). State of Minnesota.  
Neighboring Districts: Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin

**28 - MISSOURI VALLEY DISTRICT** (Organized February 14, 1931). All of Kansas and that portion of the western part of the state of Missouri including and bounded by Adair, Audrain, Benton, Callaway, Christian, Cole, Greene, Hickory, Macon, Montineau, Morgan, Polk, Randolph, Schuyler and Taney. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)  
Neighboring Districts: Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Ozark

**31 - MONTANA DISTRICT** (Organized February 15, 1936). State of Montana.  
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming

**29 - NEBRASKA DISTRICT** (Organized June 26, 1922). State of Nebraska. (Territory re-aligned September, 1986.)  
Neighboring Districts: South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri Valley and Iowa

**2 - NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890). New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)  
Neighboring Districts: Adirondack and Connecticut

**7 - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT** (Organized April 21, 1930). New Jersey north of and including Hudson, Mercer and Monmouth Counties.  
Neighboring Districts: Middle Atlantic and New York Metropolitan

**42 - NEW MEXICO DISTRICT** (Organized May 29, 1947). State of New Mexico and the counties of Brewster, Culbertson, Crockett, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Terrell in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned September, 1988.)  
Neighboring Districts: Colorado, Utah, Arizona, West Texas, South Texas and Oklahoma

**6 - NEW YORK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890). New York, south of and including Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties; also the Canal Zone. (Renamed October, 2004)  
Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, Connecticut, Middle Atlantic and New Jersey

**4 - NIAGARA DISTRICT** (Organized September 27, 1919). State of New York west of and including Broome, Cortland, Onondaga and Oswego Counties.  
Neighboring Districts: Adirondack, Middle Atlantic and Western Pennsylvania

**13 - NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT** (Organized December 5, 1965). State of North Carolina.  
Neighboring Districts: Georgia, South Carolina, Southeastern and Virginia

**52 - NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** (Organized December 1, 1962). State of North Dakota  
Neighboring Districts: Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota

**17 - OHIO DISTRICT** (Organized May 1, 1923). State of Ohio (except the counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawus and Wayne); and the Dearborn County in the State of Indiana. (Territory re-aligned, December, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, and October, 2003).  
Neighboring Districts: Indiana, Lake Erie, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania

**27 - OKLAHOMA DISTRICT** (Organized February 23, 1936). State of Oklahoma.  
Neighboring Districts: Missouri Valley, Colorado, New Mexico, West Texas, Southwestern and Arkansas

**37 - OREGON DISTRICT** (Organized September 23, 1935). State of Oregon and the following counties of Washington: Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)  
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire, Pacific and Pacific Northwest

**22 - OZARK DISTRICT** (Organized, 1935). Missouri east of and including the following counties, Camden, Dallas, Douglas, Knox, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Ozark, Pike, Scotland, Shelby, including the city of St. Louis, and Webster. Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair in Illinois with reservation that all judo therein be controlled by Central DISTRICT. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)  
Neighboring Districts: Arkansas, Central, Kentucky, Iowa, Missouri Valley and Southeastern

**38 - PACIFIC DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890). The State of California, north of but not including the counties of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono and San Luis Obispo and the Counties of Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Ormsby, Pershing, Storey and Washoe in the State of Nevada. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961 and December, 1962 and 1963.)  
Neighboring Districts: Central California, Inland Empire, Oregon, Southern Nevada and Southern Pacific

**36 - PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT** (Organized June, 1905). Washington, west of but not including Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan and Yakima Counties and north of but not including Cowlitz, Klickitat and Skamania Counties.  
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire and Oregon

**44 - PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT** (Organized December 10, 1949, as Southwest Pacific Border DISTRICT. Name changed at 1956 Convention). Imperial and San Diego Counties, California.  
Neighboring Districts: Arizona and Southern Pacific

**10 - POTOMAC VALLEY DISTRICT** (Organized October 15, 1929). All territory within the District of Columbia, counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges in the State of Maryland, and counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December 1968. Formerly District of Columbia District. Renamed December, 1972.)  
Neighboring Districts: Maryland and Virginia

**61 - PUERTO RICO DISTRICT** (Organized September 8, 1984). Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.  
Neighboring Districts: None

**55 - SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT** (Organized December 5, 1965). State of South Carolina.  
Neighboring Districts: Georgia and North Carolina

**54 - SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** (Organized December 4, 1964). State of South Dakota.  
Neighboring Districts: Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming

**43 - SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT** (Organized November 12, 1945). That part of the State of Texas bounded on the East by and including the counties of Bureson, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Milam and; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and the Republic of Mexico; on the West by and including the counties of Schleicher, Sutton and Val Verde, and on the North by and including the counties of Bell, Burnett, Coryell, Falls, Lampasas, Llano, Mason and Menard. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961, 1963 and September, 1992.)  
Neighboring Districts: Gulf, Southwest, South Texas, New Mexico and West Texas

**15 - SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** (Organized August 13, 1951). The State of Alabama and the State of Tennessee. (Territory re-aligned December 1958, December 1972, September 30, 1989 and September 1999)  
Neighboring Districts: Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Southern, Arkansas and Ozark

**24 - SOUTHERN DISTRICT** (Organized, 1892). The State of Louisiana and the State of Mississippi.  
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Neighboring Districts: Southeastern, Arkansas, Gulf and Southwestern

**33 - SOUTHERN PACIFIC DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1909). Including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura all within the State of California. (Territory re-aligned October, 1973.)  
Neighboring Districts: Arizona, Central California, Pacific, Pacific Southwest, Southern Nevada

**26 - SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** (Organized May 8, 1936). That part of the State of Texas bounded on the South but not including the counties of Angelina, Brown, Callahan, Coryell, Falls, Houston, Lampasas, Leon, Milam, Mills, Nacogdoches, Robertson and Shelby; on the East by the State of Louisiana, State of Arkansas and the county of Bowie, Texas; on the North by the State of Oklahoma and the county of Bowie, Texas and on the West by the counties of, but not including Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones and Knox in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned September, 1992.)  
Neighboring Districts: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Southern, Gulf, South Texas and West Texas

**34 - UTAH DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1910). State of Utah. (Territory re-aligned December, 1978.)  
Neighboring Districts: Inland Empire, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern Nevada

**12 - VIRGINIA DISTRICT** (Organized December 9, 1934). Commonwealth of Virginia (except the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)  
Neighboring Districts: Potomac Valley, West Virginia, Kentucky, Southeastern and North Carolina

**11 - WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT** (Organized November 16, 1917). All counties in Pennsylvania west of Bedford, Centre, Clinton, Huntingdon and Potter Counties and the Counties of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall and Ohio in West Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December, 1959 and September, 1991.)  
Neighboring Districts: Middle Atlantic, Niagara, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, and Lake Erie

**47 - WEST TEXAS DISTRICT** (Organized 1952). All that part of the State of Texas bounded on the South side and including the counties of Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Pecos, Reeves, Regan, San Saba, Tom Green and Upton; on the West by the State of New Mexico; on the North by the State of Oklahoma; on the East by the State of Oklahoma and by and including the counties of Brown, Callahan, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mills and San Saba in the State of Texas. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961; October, 1976.)  
Neighboring Districts: Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Texas and Southwestern

**51 - WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT** (Organized February 28, 1960). The State of West Virginia. (Territory re-aligned December 1963, October 1973 and October 2003)  
Neighboring Districts: Maryland, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia

**20 - WISCONSIN DISTRICT** (Organized June 6, 1935). State of Wisconsin. (Territory re-aligned December, 1964 and September 30, 1989)  
Neighboring Districts: Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Central

**58 - WYOMING DISTRICT** (Organized December 9, 1968). State of Wyoming.  
Neighboring Districts: Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah and Inland Empire

**APPENDIX C****NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE AWARDS****THE PHIL MAZUR OUTSTANDING OFFICIAL AWARD**

2011	Joao Paulo Santasofia (FL)
2012	Sue Mailhot (NE)
2013	Corny Galdones (VA)
2014	Greg Fletcher (NC)
2015	Harold Webber
2016	Gary Kuffahl
2017	Bill Stanley
2018	Peggy White
2019	Carlos Rodriguez
2020	Luis Raul Ramos
2021	James Milton Moellendick

**THE JACK SCHATZ AWARD**

1993	Bryant Anderson (CE)	2006	Roger Goudy (LE)
1994	Phil Mazur (CE)	2007	Craig Allred (MT)
1995	Phil Mazur & Deb DiMatteo (CE)	2008	Joyce Cooney (OZ)
1997	Sharon Schatz (MI)	2010	Puerto Rico AAU District (PR)
1998	Carolyn Lambert (CE)	2012	Mike Killpack (UT)
1999	Bob Blanford (KY)	2014	Bruce White (SO)
2000	Gino Grajeda (SP)	2016	Peggy & Jimmy Miranda (SE)
2001	Sindee Snow (FL)	2018	Matt Williams (PA) & Mike Lingenfelter (IN)
2002	Roger Revelle (MV)	2021	Melanie Foxworth, Crystal Mannino, & Tyler Wegehaupt (FL)
2003	Sharon Schatz (MI)		
2004	Denny Lennon (SP)		
2005	Joan Braid (MA)		

**THE EMIL BREITKREUTZ LEADERSHIP AWARD**

1970	Emil Breitkreutz	1986	Illinois Benedictine College
1971	Dorothy Boyce	1987	Joe Knaver
1972	Joe Sharpless	2004	Phil Mazur
1974	Ethel Stevens	2005	Bob Blanford
1975	Dorothy Boyce	2007	Gino Grajeda
1977	Jack Schatz	2010	Roger Goudy
1978	John Eaton	2012	Rick Butler
1979	Jack Schatz	2014	Anastasia Saunders
1981	Norbert Farnaus	2016	Sharon Schatz
1982	Jim Coleman	2018	Joyce Cooney & Bryan Kelley
1983	Lea Wagner	2021	Roger Goudy
1984	Dusty Dvorak		<i>(No Award Presented for Years Not Listed)</i>
1985	Doug Beal		

## APPENDIX D

### Definitions/Glossary

**AAU Code** - The AAU Code is the collective reference to the Constitution, Bylaws, National Policies, National Sports Committee rules and District Sport Committee rules and regulations. The AAU Code is available at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).

**Athlete** - A person who participates in an AAU sports activity as defined by the appropriate AAU Adult or Youth Sports Committee in regards to eligibility, rules, age, gender, etc.

**Attached** - An individual registered athlete becomes attached to an AAU club or team when the athlete participates as a club representative in a competition sanctioned by a District which includes two or more teams.

**Membership** - An agreement to participate under the rules, regulations, Code, policies and procedures of the AAU. Membership entitles participation; it does not create agency, or authorize member(s) to be spokesperson(s) on behalf of AAU.

**Non-Athlete** - A person who participates in the AAU in an administrative role such as Administrator, Bench Personnel, Coach, Instructor, Manager, Official, Team Leader, Tournament Director, Volunteer or other who supports the sport's activity but does not compete as an athlete.

**Practice** - For the purpose of AAU sanctioning, "practice is organized and/or regularly scheduled sessions supervised at all times by a registered non-athlete member of the AAU and conducted for the purpose of preparing, training, instructing and conditioning only AAU member athletes for AAU sanctioned competitions. Tryouts and scrimmages are included as long as they meet all the requirements of the above definition.

\*Practices do not require a separate sanction application but are included in the AAU Club Membership (Level 1, 2 and 3).

**License** - The written approval of the AAU to authorize registered athletes to participate in a specific competition or activity (Updated 10/13).

**Scrimmage** - A practice of an AAU member club against other member athletes or another club. A scrimmage does not qualify as a practice if an admission fee is charged, or the officials are paid. Scrimmage results must not affect the team's standing or rankings.

**Supervision** - Supervision requires that an AAU non-athlete member (coach/instructor) be physically present at all times at the practice premises or site during each practice session.

**Transfer** - A change in an athlete's attachment, or club affiliation, from one club to another.

**Unattached** - An AAU Athlete who represents no club member.



# AAU CLUB RELEASE FORM

This form is a sample Club Release Form. Other versions of this form can also be used.

A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU licensed event (practice not included). An athlete may attach to additional clubs if he/she participates in additional sports. An attached youth member may transfer to another club in the same sport if the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. (Athletes released under this provision are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees.) [Added 10/07]. If the youth member has not competed in any AAU sanctioned events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days, a release form is not needed and the athlete may transfer immediately.

**Athlete's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AAU Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the AAU Club Contact for  
Club Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name & Club Code

release \_\_\_\_\_ from participation in my club.  
Athlete Name

This release is effective immediately.

Club Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For additional rules regarding Club Attachment, Transfers and Eligibility, please refer to the AAU Code Book or sport specific rulebook at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).*

Complete this form and return to AAU Compliance Office at the National Headquarters  
Email: [compliance@aausports.org](mailto:compliance@aausports.org) or Fax: 407-828-0166