

**BYLAWS  
OF THE  
AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION USA, INC.**

**BYLAW 1. OFFICIAL EMBLEM, SEAL, NATIONAL OFFICE.**

- 1.1** The Official Seal of the AAU is two concentric circles approximately 1 ½” diameter and 1 7/8” diameter, respectively with a design representing “Fortuna” approximately “1-¼” high center in the circular rings. The words “Amateur Athletic Union of the United States MDCCCLXXXVIII” approximately 3/32” high are inscribed in a partial circle around the seal at a radius of approximately 5/8”.
- 1.2** The Official Emblem of the AAU is a modified Heraldic shield outlined in gold with the upper part of the field (chief) containing the letters “AAU” in red with a white background superimposed on a blue field. A gold line separates the “chief” field from the bottom of the shield. Seven red and six white vertical bars of equal width alternately extend from the base of the “chief” field downward to the gold peripheral outline. Superimposed on these vertical bars is the letters “USA” in white on a blue bar extending diagonally from the “dexter flank” to the “sinister base.” The blue diagonal bar is also outlined in gold.
- 1.3** Congress shall select a location for the business office of the AAU which shall be known as AAU National Office.

**BYLAW 2. FISCAL AND LEGAL.**

- 2.1 Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the AAU is September 1 through August 31.
- 2.2 Bonds.** Corporate fidelity bonds shall be obtained in a form and amount approved by the Board of Directors, indemnifying the AAU against losses resulting from infidelity, defalcation or misappropriation, fraud, and/or theft by the National Officers, and/or District Officers, and all employees and/or agents, of funds, property or assets owned by or under the control of the AAU. Upon recovery, if any, such funds or property shall be restored to the AAU entity (ies) which suffered the loss; or, if more than one (1) such entity – and, if recovery is less than 100%, any such restoration shall be on a pro rata basis.
- 2.3 Bank Accounts and Depositories.** The Board of Directors shall designate depositories for the funds, property, and assets belonging to or under the control of the AAU and by title designate the persons who are responsible for the control of such assets.
- 2.4 Checking, Savings and Depository Accounts.** All cash receipts must be deposited in to a designated checking account (in the General Fund). Funds on deposit in this bank account can be withdrawn only by check or letter of transmittal with the signature of any two (2) Officers (President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary or Treasurer), or their designees. Other assets or property of the AAU may be physically transferred from one financial institution to another by action of the Board of Directors.

**2.5 Auditor and Audit Report.** The Board of Directors shall select a Certified Public Accountant to audit the books and financial records of the AAU for the ensuing year. The auditor submits its report to the Board of Directors through the Finance Committee. A copy of the audit report shall be made available to each member of Congress at the next Meeting.

**2.6 Budget.** Budgets shall be prepared by the Treasurer, provided to the Board of Directors for review and submitted to Congress for approval at the Meeting.

**2.6.1** The Treasurer shall prepare the budget, which may be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

**2.6.2** The Treasurer shall submit the budget to the Board of Directors for review and/or revision and the Board shall recommend the budget to Congress.

**2.6.3** The Treasurer shall submit the recommended budget to Congress at the AAU Convention for final approval.

## **2.7 Audit Committee**

**2.7.1 Composition.** The Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Board of Directors who are elected by the Board of Directors.

**2.7.2 Qualifications.** Members of the Audit Committee must meet the requirements set forth in New York statutes, the state of incorporation.

**2.7.3 Duties.** Duties as established in National Policy.

## **2.8 Finance Committee.**

**2.8.1** The Finance Committee shall assist and advise the Officers and Staff in the planning function concerning long-term budgets, capital expenditures and long-term financial obligations, and keeping Congress regularly informed of the general financial status of the Union.

**2.8.2** Within a reasonable time after the end of the fiscal year and the completion of the outside audit, the Committee may audit and examine the accounts of the Treasurer. A report on the fiscal year will be made to the Board of Directors at the next meeting occurring after the close of the fiscal year and the completion of the outside audit.

**2.8.3** The Finance Committee shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer, if requested to do so by a majority of the Officers or the Board of Directors. In such case, the Treasurer shall turn over all records pertaining to the office.

**2.9 Investment Committee.** The Finance Committee may establish an Investment Subcommittee.

**2.9.1 Composition.** The Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Chair of the Finance Committee, and two (2) at-large members appointed by the President.

**2.9.2 Duties.** Has authority over and controls the investment and reinvestment, purchases, sale and management of securities and other invested assets of the AAU.

**2.10 General Counsel.** The President, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors, may select a member of the legal profession as General Counsel. General Counsel advises and consults with the Officers and agents of the AAU, renders legal advice and assistance as may be requested, and performs any other duties delegated.

**2.11 Special Counsel.** The Board of Directors or President may authorize the appointment of special legal counsel when in the best interests of the AAU.

**2.12 Contracts.** All contracts to which the AAU is a party must be examined and approved as to form by Counsel of the AAU prior to execution. Any contracts over the value of \$2,500.00 are to be signed by the President and the Secretary. Any other contract may be signed by the staff as authorized by the President and Secretary.

**2.13 Conflict of Interest.** If any Officer, member of the Board of Directors, National Sport Chair, District Officer, District Executive Committee member, District Sport Director, or key employee has a financial interest in any transaction involving the AAU, such individual shall;

**2.13.1.1** File a disclosure statement with the Compliance Department of the National AAU. The disclosure shall be filed as provided in AAU National Policy.

**2.14 Compensation.** Compensation of all paid personnel of the AAU will be approved by the National Officers. Any compensation of an elected officer will be approved by the Board of Directors. Approved compensation of the elected National Officers must be published on the AAU website.

### **BYLAW 3. EVENT LICENSE.**

**3.1** 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.

**3.2** Only AAU members shall be allowed to participate in licensed events unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

**3.3** 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.

**3.4** No license shall take effect until approved or until the 15-day review period has expired.

**3.5** The National Registration Executive Committee has the authority to:

**3.5.1** Issue a license in an unchartered District.

**3.5.2** Issue a license for events in location where there is no active District member.

- 3.5.3 Issue a license for events in Districts where there is no current active participation. (No District Championship in the prior membership year).
  - 3.5.4 Approve international competition.
  - 3.5.5 Issue a license for events directly sponsored by the National AAU or National Sports Committee. (The National Sport Committee shall consult with the District Sport Director and Governor prior to seeking an event license.)
  - 3.5.6 Review and approve any licenses rejected by the District.
  - 3.5.7 Revoke an approved license for good cause.
- 3.6 Event licenses issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another organization.
- 3.7 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.

#### **BYLAW 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

**4.1 Individual Membership.** Membership is required of all persons who participate in the AAU in the following capacities:

- 4.1.1. Athletes
- 4.1.2. Coaches
- 4.1.3. Club Contacts
- 4.1.4. District Officers
- 4.1.5. District Committee Chairs, Sport Directors and Committee Members, Members of the District Board of Managers (Club Contact or Club Replacement Representative)
- 4.1.6. National Committee Chairs and Committee Members
- 4.1.7. Event Operators and event management listed on any event information
- 4.1.8. Members of the Board of Directors
- 4.1.9. Members of Congress
- 4.1.10 National Officers

**4.2 Club and Individual Membership Applications.** Applications for club and individual membership must be completed and submitted with the yearly membership fee. All club and individual memberships expire on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the membership year. All membership applications must be processed on-line or through the AAU National Office. [Rev. 10/07]

**4.2.1 Review and Approval.** All Club and youth memberships are effective immediately upon receipt of the application and fees by the AAU, subject to the right of the Registrar to review the application. Individual Adult memberships are effective immediately upon receipt of the application fees by the AAU and successfully passing a criminal background check, subject to the rights of the Registrar to review the application. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the application, the Registrar may reject an application for good cause. Applications are automatically approved if not rejected within thirty (30) days. The

decision of the Registrar to reject an application is subject to the appeal process established by Article III of the Constitution.

### **4.3 Membership and Residency.**

**4.3.1** Adult members will not be bound by residence requirements.

**4.3.2** Youth members may, with the approval of the National Sport Committee, register in the District of their bona fide residency, or the District that their club/team is registered except as follows:

**4.3.2.1** 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.

**4.3.2.2** 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.

**4.3.2.3** A bona fide student at an educational institution may be considered a resident of the District in which the institution is located.

**4.3.2.4** The National Board of Review shall determine issues of residency.

**4.3.3** Persons living outside the U.S. may register on-line or through the AAU National Office. The respective National Sports Committee rules shall govern the participation of non-U.S. residents in AAU competitions.

## **BYLAW 5. DUES, FEES, REPORTS AND REMITTANCES**

### **5.1 Dues and Fees.**

**5.1.2 District Membership Fees.** Congress establishes District membership fees which shall be paid according to National Policy III.

**5.1.3 Clubs Membership Fees.** Club membership fees shall be established by Congress. Districts shall not establish additional club fees or club requirements.

**5.1.4 Individual Membership Fees.** Individual membership fees shall be established by Congress. Fees shall not exceed those established by the Congress.

**5.1.4.1 Youth Program Membership.** A youth membership (athlete or non-athlete) allows participation in all AAU youth sports.

**5.1.4.2 Adult Program Membership.** An adult athlete member must register and pay the appropriate fee in each sport in which the member participates.

**5.1.5 Event License Fees.**

The AAU will collect (in advance) the fee established by the Congress for the granting of an event license for the conduct of a competition, exhibition or demonstration. Districts shall not establish additional fees.

**5.2 District Reports.** The District shall make reports to the AAU as required by this Bylaw. The Governor and Secretary of the District are responsible for filing the reports. A District which fails to submit the required reports shall not be chartered. National staff shall report failures to the National Board of Review.

**5.2.1. Notice.** The District Secretary must forward to the National Office, in care of the Compliance Department, a copy of the District Board of Managers Meeting notice, at the time it is sent to the member clubs.

**5.2.2 Minutes.** The District Secretary must, within thirty (30) days after each meeting of the District, mail to the National Headquarters of the AAU a copy of the minutes of the meeting with an attached list of attendees.

**5.2.3 Request and Consent Form.** Annually submit to the National AAU Office any IRS compliance forms requested.

**5.2.4** All elected Officers of the District shall annually sign and file the Location of District Assets report with the District Office and forward a copy to the National Office.

**5.2.5** The Districts shall report annually their listing of Officers, Sports Directors and appointments to the National Legislation and Registration Committee.

## **BYLAW 6. ELIGIBILITY**

**6.1** A youth member may, with the approval of the National Sport Committee to elect to participate in his or her District of bona fide residence or a District that geographically adjoins that District or District that their club/team is registered. 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.

**6.2 Club Attachment.** A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU authorized event (practice not included). A youth member may be attached to only one club with the following exceptions:

**6.2.1** An athlete may attach to additional clubs (one in each sport) if he/she participates in additional sports.

**6.2.2** Participation in an AAU authorized league does not create club attachment.

**6.3 Transfers.** Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees. After a youth member becomes attached to a club, he/she may only transfer to another club in the same sport as follows:

- 6.3.1 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.
- 6.3.2 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.) [Added 10/07]
- 6.3.3 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.
- 6.3.4 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.

## **BYLAW 7. COMPETITION.**

- 7.1 **District Championships.** Districts may conduct Championships in any AAU approved sport. National Sport Committee rules determine whether District Championships qualify athletes/teams to National Championships.
- 7.2 Districts located within the same state may, by mutual consent, conduct an AAU Championship in any of the sports open to competitors from all such Districts.
- 7.3 **Special Competition.** In the event no competition is planned in a District, competition in a sport may be initiated by the National Sports Committee.
- 7.4 **Acceptance of Entry.** The person or committee designated to direct an authorized competition may accept or reject entries in accordance with National Sport Committee rules and AAU Code.
- 7.5 **National Championship.** Each National Sport Committee shall establish the criteria for the placement of national championship events.
  - 7.5.1 **Award.** The Championships of the AAU shall be placed by the appropriate National Sport Committee. A National Sport Committee has the right to accept or reject any bid for national events.
  - 7.5.2. **Championship Contracts.** National Sport Committees shall execute a Championship contract for all National Championship events. The contract shall include legal and financial rights, privileges, and responsibilities of all parties, and shall not be binding until approved and signed by the AAU, the Host Organization and the Chair of the National Sport Committee.
- 7.6 **Competitions Outside of the U.S.** Any competitions outside the U.S., if any, shall be subject to insurance coverage limitations.

## **BYLAW 8. DISTRICTS AND CHARTERING.**

**8.1 District Membership.** Districts are chartered by Congress. Districts must complete a charter application and forward it with the yearly membership fee as defined by the Business Practices. Congress will not grant charters to District members unless the District has:

- 8.1.1** A minimum of ten (10) club members;
- 8.1.2** A minimum of 2,000 members;
- 8.1.3** Filed all required District reports;
- 8.1.4** Paid all fees due to the AAU.

**8.2** District territories are established by Congress.

**8.3 Redistricting Territories.** Proposals to change territorial boundaries of Districts must be received by the National Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the National Meeting.

**8.3.1** The National Secretary shall give notice of the proposal to all Districts that will be affected by the proposal and shall forward the proposal to the Chair of the Redistricting Committee.

**8.4 Inter-District Sport Management Agreements.** Adjoining Districts may enter agreements which permit one District to operate and manage sports within the territory of the other District. The agreement must be in writing and must be approved by the Board of Managers of both Districts, and the appropriate National Sport Committee. A copy of the agreement shall be filed by the AAU Compliance Department.

**8.5 Names and Territories.** The names and territories of the AAU Districts are as follows:

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

**8.5.2 ALASKA** (Organized December 3, 1965) - State of Alaska

**8.5.3 ARIZONA** (Organized March 10, 1956) – State of Arizona

**8.5.4 ARKANSAS** (Organized February 16, 1936) – State of Arkansas and Bowle County, Texas

**8.5.5 CENTRAL** (Organized 1890) – State of Illinois except Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties, however all Judo events in these counties shall be controlled by the Central District.

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

**8.5.7 COLORADO** (Organized November 1906) State of Colorado (Territory re-aligned December 1963, 1965, 1968. Re-named October 2004.)

**8.5.8 CONNECTICUT** (Organized September 17, 1929) – State of Connecticut



- 8.5.9 FLORIDA** (Organized January 1925) – State of Florida except Broward, Dade, that part of Hendry County west of Route 833, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties. (Territory re-aligned December 1958, 1959, 1963, 1972, and 1999)
- 8.5.10 FLORIDA GOLD COAST** (Organized December 30, 1959) – Counties of Broward, Dade, that part of Hendry County east of Route 833, Monroe and Palm Beach in the State of Florida. (Name changed from South Florida Association at 1960 Convention) (Territory re-aligned December 1963)
- 8.5.11 GEORGIA** (Organized January 6, 1951) – State of Georgia.
- 8.5.12 GULF** (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)
- 8.5.13 HAWAIIAN** (Organized November 1910) – State of Hawaii
- 8.5.14 INDIANA** (Organized August 22, 1919) – State of Indiana except Clark, Dearborn and Floyd Counties.
- 8.5.15 INLAND EMPIRE** (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. State of Idaho. (Territory re-aligned September 1987 and October 2002 to include the territory of the Snake River Association which was originally organized December 2, 1978. Re-aligned in October 2014.)
- 8.5.16 IOWA** (Organized January 15, 1939) – State of Iowa.
- 8.5.17 KENTUCKY** (Organized February 27, 1939) – The Commonwealth of Kentucky and Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana. (Territory re-aligned September 1987, October 2003)
- 8.5.18 LAKE ERIE** (Organized January 5, 1931 as Northeastern Ohio Association. Name changed at the 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)
- 8.5.19 MARYLAND** (Organized 1981) – State of Maryland except the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges. (Territory re-aligned December 1968)
- 8.5.20 MICHIGAN** (Organized November 1923) – State of Michigan (Territory re-aligned December 1962 and October 1971)
- 8.5.21 MIDDLE ATLANTIC** (Organized 1906) – State of New Jersey south of Mercer and Monmouth counties; the State of Delaware; and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

east of and including Bedford, Centre, Clinton and Potter counties. (Territory re-aligned December 1962)

**8.5.22 MINNESOTA** (Organized April 25, 1932) – State of Minnesota. (Re-aligned September 1989).

**8.5.23 MISSOURI VALLEY** (Organized February 14, 1931) – State 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)

**8.5.24 MONTANA** (Organized February 15, 1936) – State of Montana

**8.5.25 NEBRASKA** (Organized June 26, 1922 as the Midwestern Association) – State of Nebraska (Territory re-aligned September 1986)

**8.5.26 NEW ENGLAND** (Organized 1890) – States of New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont; and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Territory re-aligned September 1987 to incorporate the Maine Association which was originally organized December 9, 1934)

**8.5.27 NEW JERSEY** (Organized April 21, 1930) – State of New Jersey north of and including Hudson, Mercer and Monmouth counties.

**8.5.28 NEW MEXICO** (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 1983)

**8.5.29 NEW YORK METROPOLITAN** (Organized 1890) – State of New York south of and including Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties. (Re-named October 2004.)

**8.5.30 NIAGARA** (Organized September 27, 1919) - State of New York west of and including Broome, Cortland, Onondaga and Oswego counties.

**8.5.31 NORTH CAROLINA** (Organized December 5, 1965) - State of North Carolina

**8.5.32 NORTH DAKOTA** (Organized December 1, 1962) – State of North Dakota

**8.5.33 OHIO** (Organized May 1, 1923) - State of Ohio except the counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Tuscarawus, and Wayne; and the Dearborn County in the State of Indiana. (Territory re-aligned December 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, October 1971, and October 2003)

**8.5.34 OKLAHOMA** (Organized February 23, 1936) – State of Oklahoma

**8.5.35 OREGON** (Organized September 23, 1935) – State of Oregon and Clark Cowlitz and Skamania counties in the State of Washington (Territory re-aligned September 1987)

**8.5.36 OZARK** (Organized 1935) - State of Missouri east of and including the counties of Camden, Dallas, Douglas, Knox, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Ozark, Pike,

Scotland, Shelby, and Webster (including the city of St. Louis). Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair in the State of Illinois with the reservation that all judo therein be controlled by the Central Association. (Territory re-aligned December 1962)

**8.5.36 PACIFIC** (Organized 1890) State of California north of but not including the counties of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono and San Luis Obispo; and the State of Nevada except the counties of Elko, Eureka and White Pine. (Territory re-aligned December 1961, December 1962 and 1963, and October 2014 re-aligned to incorporate the Southern Nevada territory.)

**8.5.36 PACIFIC NORTHWEST** (Organized June 1905) – State of Washington, west of but not including the counties of Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan and Yakima; and north of but not including Cowlitz, Klickitat, and Skamania.

**8.5.37 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST** (Organized December 10, 1949 as Pacific Border Association. Name changed in 1956) – Imperial and San Diego counties in the State of California.

**8.5.38 POTOMAC VALLEY** (Organized October 15, 1929 as the District of Columbia Association. Territory re-named December 1972) – All territory within the District of Columbia, counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges in the State of Maryland, and the counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**8.5.39 PUERTO RICO** (Organized September 8, 1984) – Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

**8.5.40 SOUTH CAROLINA** (Organized December 5, 1965) – State of South Carolina

**8.5.41 SOUTH DAKOTA** (Organized December 4, 1965) – State of South Dakota

**8.5.42 SOUTH TEXAS** (Organized November 12, 1945) – State of Texas bounded on the East by and including the counties of Bureson, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Milam; 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)

**8.5.43 SOUTHEASTERN** (Organized August 13, 1951) – State of Alabama and the State of Tennessee. (Territory re-aligned December 1958, December 1982, September 1989, and September 1999)

**8.5.44 SOUTHERN** (Organized 1892) – State of Louisiana and the State of Mississippi

**8.5.45 SOUTHERN PACIFIC** (Organized November 1909) – Including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura in the State of California. (Territory re-aligned October 1973)

**8.5.46 SOUTHWESTERN** (Organized May 8, 1936) – 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 and the State of Arkansas and Bowie County in Texas; on the North by the State of Oklahoma and Bowie County in Texas; and on the West by the counties of, but not including Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones and Knox. (Territory re-aligned September 1992)

**8.5.47 UTAH** (Organized November 1910) – State of Utah and the Counties of Elko, Eureka and White Pine in the State of Nevada. (Territory re-aligned December 1978 and October 2014)

**8.5.48 VIRGINIA** (Organized December 9, 1934) – Commonwealth of Virginia except the counties Arlington and Fairfax and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church. (Territory re-aligned December 1968)

**8.5.49 WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA** (Organized November 16, 1917 as the Allegheny Mountain Association) – Counties west of Bedford, Centre, Clinton, Huntingdon and Potter in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (Territory re-aligned December 1959 and October 2003)

**8.5.50 WEST TEXAS** (Organized 1952) – State of Texas bounded on the South 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; and 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. (Territory re-aligned December 1961, October 1976)

**8.5.51 WEST VIRGINIA** (Organized February 28, 1960) – The State of West Virginia (Territory re-aligned December 1963, October 1973 and October 2003)

**8.5.52 WISCONSIN** (Organized June 6, 1935) – State of Wisconsin (Territory re-aligned December 1964 and September 1989)

**8.5.53 WYOMING** (Organized December 9, 1968) – State of Wyoming

**8.6 Zone Alignment.** There shall be four (4) Zones of the AAU. The Districts which comprise the Zones of the AAU are:

**8.6.36 Zone A.** Adirondack, Connecticut, Lake Erie, Maryland, Middle Atlantic, New England, New Jersey, New York Metropolitan, Niagara, Ohio Potomac Valley, Virginia, Western Pennsylvania.

**8.6.37 Zone B.** Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, Gulf, Kentucky, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Texas, Southeastern, Southern, Southwestern, West Texas, West Virginia.

**8.6.38 Zone C.** Arkansas, Central, Indiana, Iowa, Ozark, Oklahoma, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

**8.6.39 Zone D.** Alaska, Arizona, Central California, Colorado, Hawaiian, Inland Empire, New Mexico, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, Southern Pacific, Utah.

**8.7 Regional Alignment.** National Sport Committee rules may designate territory for Regional competition.

**Bylaw 9. Meetings, Notices, Voting.**

**9.1 Meetings of the AAU of the U.S. Inc.** The AAU shall hold a Convention at least every two (2) years. The business of the Convention shall include the Regular Meeting of Congress, the Regular Meeting of Sport Committees, Administrative Committees and any other matters pertinent to the AAU.

**9.1.1** Representation at the AAU Convention.

**9.1.1.1 District Representatives to Congress.** The District must submit its list of delegates to Congress to the Compliance Department at the National Office on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> each year Congress convenes. If an elected member is unable to attend Congress, the Governor, or a person selected by the Board of Managers may assign, in writing, a replacement member.

**9.1.1.2 National Sport Committee Representatives to Congress.** Each National Sport Chair shall submit a list of sport delegates to Congress to the Compliance Department at the National Office on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> each year Congress convenes. The Chair may replace the named members as necessary to fill any vacancies.

**9.1.1.3 District Representatives to National Sport Committees.** If the District's elected or appointed Sport Director is unable to attend the meeting of the National Sport Committee, a District Officer, or a person selected by the Board of Managers, may assign, in writing, a replacement representative who shall be entitled to all rights and privileges due the District representative at that meeting.

**9.2 District Representation to Congress.** The District's representation in Congress is based on the number of individual members reported to the National Office by the deadline established by the Board of Directors. The formula used to calculate representation is as follows:

No. of Individual Members	Representatives to Congress
1st 2,000	3

One (1) additional representative for each additional one thousand (1,000) individual members. (If the total number of individual members shall number more than five hundred (500) it shall count as an additional one thousand (1,000) for calculating additional members of Congress.) A District shall have a maximum of 20 representatives under this section.

**9.3 National Sport Committee Representation to Congress.** The Sport Committee's representation in Congress is based on the number of individual members reported to the

National Office by the deadline established by the Board of Directors. The formula used to calculate representation is as follows:

No. of Individual Members	Representatives to Congress
150 to 500	1
501 to 1,000	2
1,001 to 5,000	4
5,001 to 10,000	6
10,001 to 20,000	8
20,001 to 35,000	10
35,001 to 50,000	12
50,001 to 65,000	14
65,001 to 80,000	16
80,001 to 95,000	18
95,001 to 110,000	20
110,001 to 125,000	21
125,001 to 140,000	22
140,001 or more	23

**9.4 Notice.** At least thirty (30) days' notice of regular meetings or twenty (20) days' notice of special meetings shall be given to members of Congress and the members of a National Sport Committee. The Special Meeting Notice shall state the purpose of a Special Meeting.

**9.5 Order of Meetings.** At all meeting of Congress, Districts, and National Sport Committees, the following order of the meeting shall be observed.

Roll call of members (Credentialing process)

Call meeting to order

Establish rules of the meeting

Adopt Agenda

Approval of the minutes of preceding meeting

Reports of Officers and Committees

Unfinished business

New business

- At District Biennial Legislative Meeting include an item to establish the Biennial Legislative Meeting Date
- Requests from the National Office to include items on the agenda

Elections

Announcements

Standing Resolutions

Adjournment

**9.6 Rules of Order.** Unless otherwise provided parliamentary procedures shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. The presiding officer may designate a qualified individual to serve as parliamentarian.

**9.7 Mail or Electronic or Teleconference Voting.** In the interval between meetings of Congress, a District Board of Managers, or a Committee, any action that can be taken at a special meeting can also be taken by mail or electronic vote. Members shall be given a date and time by which the vote shall be received if mail, or electronic, or teleconference voting is being used.

**9.7.1** Mail/Electronic/Teleconference votes can be taken only after the proposition is presented, and notice given in the same manner as a special meeting.

**9.7.2 Filing.** In every instance of a mail, electronic or teleconference vote, the Secretary shall preserve the ballot of each member in the files for a period of one year.

#### **Bylaw 10. Composition of the Board of Directors.**

**10.1 The Officers.** The President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**10.2** An elected representative from each of the four Zones.

**10.3** The Chairs of the Finance, Insurance, Legislation, and Registration Committees.

**10.4** The Chairs of the Past Presidents' Council, and Sport Council. **(Effective after the 2018 National Convention.)**

**10.5** The elected Chair and Vice Chair of the District Governors' Council. [Effective 2020]

**10.6** The Chair, or the permanent designee, of the National Sport Committees whose National Sport Committee has registered five percent (5%) or more of the total membership of the AAU. (Registration will be determined utilizing the final numbers supplied by the AAU National Office which determine voting representation at the National Meeting.)

**10.7** A representative recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors from a National Sport Committee not represented under 10.6.

**10.8** The Governor, or permanent designee from any District whose individual membership registrations total four percent (4%) or more of the total membership of the AAU. (Registration will be determined utilizing the final numbers supplied by the AAU National Office which determine voting representation at the National Meeting.)

**10.9** A representative recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors from a District not represented under 10.8.

**10.10** The Chair of the National Board of Review and the General Counsel will be non-voting members.

**10.11** No individual may represent more than one of the above-listed categories.

**10.12** The absence of any elected or appointed representative to the Board of Directors will not be filled by a designee.

**10.13** Terms of elected/appointed positions to the Board of Directors will begin when the elected/appointed position is filled and expires when the term has expired or person is replaced.

## **Bylaw 11. National Councils.**

**11.1 Sport Council.** The Council will consist of the Chair of each National Sport Committee and up to two (2) at-large members to be appointed by the President. The President shall appoint the Chair.

**11.1.1 Duties.** The Council will:

**11.1.1.1** Recommend broad policies for improvement and enhancement of the youth sport programs.

**11.1.1.2** Encourage multi-sport competition in the youth program.

**11.1.1.3** Conduct other business that will contribute to the cohesive planning for AAU sports programs.

**11.1.1.4** Elect a representative to serve a two (2) year term on the National Board of Directors. (Effective after the 2018 National Convention.)

**11.2 Past Presidents' Council.** The Council will consist of all past National Presidents of the AAU. The Council will serve as a special advisory group to the President, Board of Directors, and Congress.

**11.3 Zone Councils.** The Zone Councils shall consist of a representative selected by the Governor from each District located in the Zone (Refer to Bylaw 8). Additionally, each National Sport Committee may appoint one (1) representative to each Zone Council (A, B, C, D). Appointee must reside within the zone he or she represents.

**11.3.1 Chair.** Every four (4) years, in concert with National Officer elections at the Convention, an election for the Chair of the Zone Councils will be held. The Chairs of the Zone Councils shall conduct all council meetings and represent the Zone to the Board of Directors.

**11.3.2 Vacancy.** A vacancy by death, resignation, or removal shall remain so until the next regularly held election.

**11.3.3 Voting.**

- a. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- b. A member of the Zone Council is limited to voting for a maximum of two entities.



**11.4 District Governors Council.** The Council shall consist of all current District Governors. In case of absence, the District Governor may appoint another officer of the District who will represent the District.

**11.4.1.1 Chair and Vice Chair.** A Chair shall be elected by the Council at each National Convention for a two-year term. The Council shall also elect a Vice Chair for a two-year term. One of the elected members must reside in Zones A or B and the other elected member must reside in Zones C or D. The Chair and Vice-Chair serve as members of the AAU Board of Directors. [Effective 2020]

**11.4.1.2 Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chair and the Vice Chair, and one member of each zone elected by the members of that zone for two-year terms. [Effective 2020]

**11.4.2 Duties.** The Council will:

**11.4.2.a** Consider and recommend policies for the improvement and enhancement of the general welfare of the Districts and the Amateur Athletic Union.

**11.4.2.b** Serve as a special advisory group to the President, Board of Directors, Congress, and the National Office.

**11.4.2.c** Conduct other business that will contribute to the growth and development of the Districts and the Amateur Athletic Union.

## **Bylaw 12. Miscellaneous.**

**12.1 AAU James E. Sullivan Award.** The AAU James E. Sullivan award shall be presented annually. A Committee appointed by the President shall conduct the Sullivan Award program in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

**12.2 Life Membership.** Honorary membership, known as Life Membership, may be granted to persons who contribute a minimum of \$125.00 to the AAU, and they shall receive the privileges established by the Board of Directors.

**12.3 Indemnification.** Each District shall indemnify its Officers and managers to the fullest extent allowed by law while acting reasonably within the scope of its capacity. This indemnification is secondary and in excess to coverage afforded under any insurance policy from any source.

**12.4 Executive Director.** There may be an Executive Director who shall serve as the chief operating officer of the AAU with direct responsibility for all staff functions. The Executive Director may be employed or dismissed by a majority vote of the Officers. However should any officer be employed as such, the Executive Director must be employed or dismissed by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**12.5 Substantial Compliance.** Failure of literal or complete compliance in respect of dates and times of notice, or the sending or receipt of the same, or errors in phraseology of notice of proposals, which do not cause substantial injury to the rights of members, shall not invalidate the actions or proceedings of the members at any meeting.

**12.6 Glossary of Terms.** The Chair of the Legislation Committee and the National Board of Review shall prepare and maintain a glossary which shall define terms used in the AAU Code to be appended to these Bylaws. Any changes, additions or amendments to the glossary shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.