

2020 AAU Pickleball Handbook & Regulations



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PREAMBLE

The AAU Pickleball 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. 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. (Updated 11/14)

2. Executive Committee Composition.

- a. The Pickleball Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Pickleball Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAU and the pickleball 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, the Executive Committee, the elected or appointed Sport Director of each District, or a representative designated by the District Governor, and one appointed representative from each affiliated member that registers members in the sport. The

President may appoint up to two (2) members-at-large. (Updated 11/14)

4. **Other Committee Positions.** The National Chair may appoint additional committee positions.
5. **Voting.** Voting in the Committee shall be the National Sport Chair, Executive Committee, the elected or appointed District Sports Director or a representative from each affiliated member that registers members in the sport, and any members-at-large. 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.

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. The purpose of the Special meeting must be stated in the Notice for 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.
- C. **No Guarantee Policy.** The AAU can not 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. **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. Court size is a rectangle 6.10 m wide by 13.41 m long (20' x 44') surrounded by a free zone of 3.04 m (10') wide and 4.87 m (16') long.
 - b. For additional court markings and complete regulations, please refer to the current International Federation of Pickleball Regulations at <http://ifpickleball.org/>.
 - 2. **Net Height**
 - a. The net shall be suspended over the center of the court and shall be 36 inches (0.914 m) high at the sidelines and 34 inches (0.86 m) high at the center of the court.

- b. The net length should be at least 21 feet 9 inches extending from one post to the other. The net height should be at least 30 inches from top to bottom.
- c. For additional net specifications and complete regulations, please refer to the current International Federation of Pickleball Regulations at <http://ifpickleball.org/>.

3. **Ball**

- a. The ball shall be 2.87 inches to 2.97 inches in diameter.
- b. The ball shall weigh between 0.78 and 0.935 ounces.
- c. For additional ball specifications and complete regulations, please refer to the current International Federation of Pickleball Regulations at <http://ifpickleball.org/>.

4. **Paddle**

- a. The combined length and width of the paddle shall not exceed 24 inches. The paddle length shall not exceed 17 inches.
- b. The paddle hitting surface shall not contain holes, indentations or any objects that may create additional spin on the ball.
- c. For additional ball specifications and complete regulations, please refer to the current International Federation of Pickleball Regulations at <http://ifpickleball.org/>.

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.

6. **Entry Procedures.** All athletes (youth and adult) must be current members of AAU in order to compete in an AAU licensed event.

B. 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. Outdoor

C. Competition Rules. AAU Pickleball is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Pickleball Handbook and the current playing rules of the International Federation of Pickleball, as modified by the AAU National Executive Committee. For the current International Federation of Pickleball Competition Regulations, visit <http://ifpickleball.org>. The following section contains the basic rules of Pickleball, which will be followed at the National Championships. Rules may be modified by the District Sports Director or event operator for other licensed events.

1. Competition Rules

- a. **Qualification Procedure.** The National Championships are open to any member of the AAU meeting the entry guidelines.
- b. **Rules and Restrictions.** The National Championship is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Pickleball Handbook and the current playing rules of the International Federation of Pickleball, as modified by the AAU National Executive Committee.
 - i. Pickleball is played either as doubles or singles.
 - ii. The same size playing area and rules are used for both singles and doubles.
 - iii. The Serve
 - (a) The serve must be made underhand.
 - (b) Paddle contact with the ball must be below the server's waist (navel level).
 - (c) The serve is made diagonally cross-court and must land within the confines of the opposite diagonal court.
 - (d) Only one serve attempt is allowed, except in the event of a let (ball touches the net on the serve and lands on the proper service court; let serves are replayed).
 - iv. Service Sequence
 - (a) Both players on the serving doubles team have the opportunity to serve and score points until they commit a fault *(except for the first service sequence of each new game).
 - (b) The first serve of each side-out is made from the right-hand court.
 - (c) If a point is scored, the server switches sides and the server initiates the next serve from the left-hand court.
 - (d) As subsequent points are scored, the server continues switching back and forth until a fault is committed and the first server loses the serve.

- (e) When the first server loses the serve, the partner then serves from their correct side of the court *(except for the first service sequence of the game).
 - (f) The second server continues serving until his team commits a fault and loses the serve to the opposing team.
 - (g) Once the service goes to the opposition (at side out), the first serve is from the right-hand court and both players on that team have the opportunity to serve and score points until their team commits two faults.
 - (h) In singles, the server serves from the right-hand court when his or her score is even and from the left when the score is odd.
 - (i) At the beginning of each new game, only one partner on the serving team has the opportunity to serve before faulting, after which the service passes to the receiving team.
- v. Scoring
- (a) Points are scored only by the serving team.
 - (b) Games are normally played to 11 points, win by 2 points. Matches are 2 out of 3.
 - (c) Tournament games may be to 15 or 21, win by 2.
 - (d) When the serving team's score is even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) the player who was the first server in the game for that team will be in the right-side court when serving or receiving; when off (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) that player will be in the left-side court when serving or receiving.
- vi. Double-Bounce Rule
- (a) When the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce before returning, and then the serving team must let it bounce before returning, thus two bounces.
 - (b) After the ball has bounced once in each team's court, both teams may either volley the ball (hit the ball before it bounces), or play it off a bounce (ground stroke).
 - (c) The double bounce rule eliminates the serve and volley advantage and extends rallies.
- vii. Non-volley Zone
- (a) The non-volley zone is the court area within 7 feet on both sides of the net.
 - (b) Volleying is prohibited within the non-volley zone. This rule prevents players from executing smashes from a position within the zone.
 - (c) It is a fault if, when volleying a ball, the player steps on the non-volley zone, including the line and/or when the player's momentum causes them or anything they are wearing or carrying to touch the non-volley zone including the associated lines.

- (d) It is a fault if, after volleying, a player is carried by momentum into or touches the non-volley zone, even if the volleyed ball is declared dead before this happens.
 - (e) A player may legally be in the non-volley zone any time other than when volleying a ball.
 - (f) The non-volley zone is commonly referred to as “the kitchen.”
- viii. Line calls
- (a) A ball contacting any line, except the non-volley zone line on a serve, is considered “in.”
 - (b) A serve contacting the non-volley zone line is short and a fault.
- ix. Faults
- (a) A fault is any action that stops play because of a rule violation.
 - (b) A fault by the receiving team results in a point for the serving team.
 - (c) A fault by the serving team results in the server’s loss of serve or side out.
 - (d) A fault occurs when:
 - a. A serve does not land within the confines of the receiving court.
 - b. The ball is hit into the net on the serve or any return.
 - c. The ball is volleyed before a bounce has occurred on each side.
 - d. The ball is hit out of bounds.
 - e. A ball is volleyed from the non-volley zone.
 - f. A ball bounces twice before being struck by the receiver.
 - g. A player, player’s clothing, or any part of a player’s paddle touches the net or the net post when the ball is in play.
 - h. There is a violation of a service rule.
 - i. A ball in play strikes a player or anything the player is wearing or carrying.
 - j. A ball in play strikes any permanent object before bouncing on the court.
- x. Determining Serving team
- (a) A number 1 or 2 is written on the back of the scoresheet. One team picks. The winner has choice of side serve or receive.
- xi. Additional rules may be made available or revised at the coaches meeting or in the Championship manual.

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. The AAU at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject applicants 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 Constitution, Bylaws, policies, procedures and rules of the AAU.

2. **Categories of Membership**

- a. **District Member.** The 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 include:
 - 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.
3. Persons living outside the U.S. may register online or through the AAU National Office. The respective National Sports Committee rules shall govern their participation 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 (Updated 10/13).
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 licensed events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days.
 - 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.) [Added 10/07]
 - 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 Logos and Trademarks

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, 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 and may subject the member/entity to penalties set out in the AAU Code.
2. Only chartered Districts, District Sport Committees and National Sport Committees may use the AAU marks in their name.
3. 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 intellectual property for the promotion of its organization and/or licensed AAU events only. 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. [Rev. 10/08]
4. 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.

E. Event Licenses

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. Licenses may be issued to any club in good standing and which meets the membership criteria. Any license may be reviewed within 15 days of submission by the District Sport Committee Director or the Governor if there is no District Sports Director. If the license is reviewed and rejected, the organization submitting the license application 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 for events in locations where there is no active District member.
 - b. Issue a license for events in Districts where there is no current active participation. (No District Championship in the prior membership year).
 - c. 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.)
 - d. Review and approve any sanction license rejected by the District.
 - e. 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 Meeting

1. **District Sport Committee Biennial Meeting.** It is the duty of the District Sport Committee to hold a biennial meeting, the date 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 shall be issued (or issue approved) by the District Secretary, to clubs eligible to vote as of 30 days prior to the scheduled annual meeting.
 - a. **Quorum.** Five (5) member clubs must be present to constitute a quorum of the Annual Sport Committee meeting.
 - b. **Voting.** Each member of a Committee shall have one vote unless the operating rules of the Committee provide for weighted voting. There shall be no voting by proxy. [A club may designate another representative for the club.]

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 and Chairmen of Committees as defined by that sport's operating rules. [Added 10/07].
 - c. The Governor may appoint five (5) 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. [Added 10/08]
 - 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. Conduct of the District championships.

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 Chair 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.
 - b. Once elected, each District Sport Director is required to purchase a four (4)-year membership that will complete their entire term.
 - c. The term of office for an appointed District Sport Director shall be one year or until such time as the Sport Committee meets the criteria to elect a Chair.
 - d. **Vacancies.** A vacancy occurring in an elected District Sport Director position shall be filled in accordance with the Sport Committee operating rules. A vacancy occurring in an

appointed District Sport Director position shall be filled by the Governor with the approval of the National Sport Committee Chair.

4. **Duties.** The Sport Committee Director shall:
 - a. Develop a budget for the Sport Committee to file with the District Executive Committee.
 - b. Perform the duties set forth in the Committee Rules of Operation.
 - c. Approve event licenses in the sport.
 - d. Preside at Sport Committee meetings.
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. [Rev. 10/07]
 - b. **By National Sport Chair.** Each National Sport Chair shall annually review the number of events held in their sport. If the number of sanctioned events, excluding practice sanctions, are below five (5), the National Sport Chair may remove the District Director. If the District Governor does not agree with the removal, the President shall appoint an arbiter who will make the final decision. [Rev. 10/07]
 - c. **By National Board of Review.** An elected Sport Director may be removed by order of the National Board of Review following the filing of a complaint and the Board's proceedings. [Added 10/07]

APPENDIX A

National Executive Committee Directory

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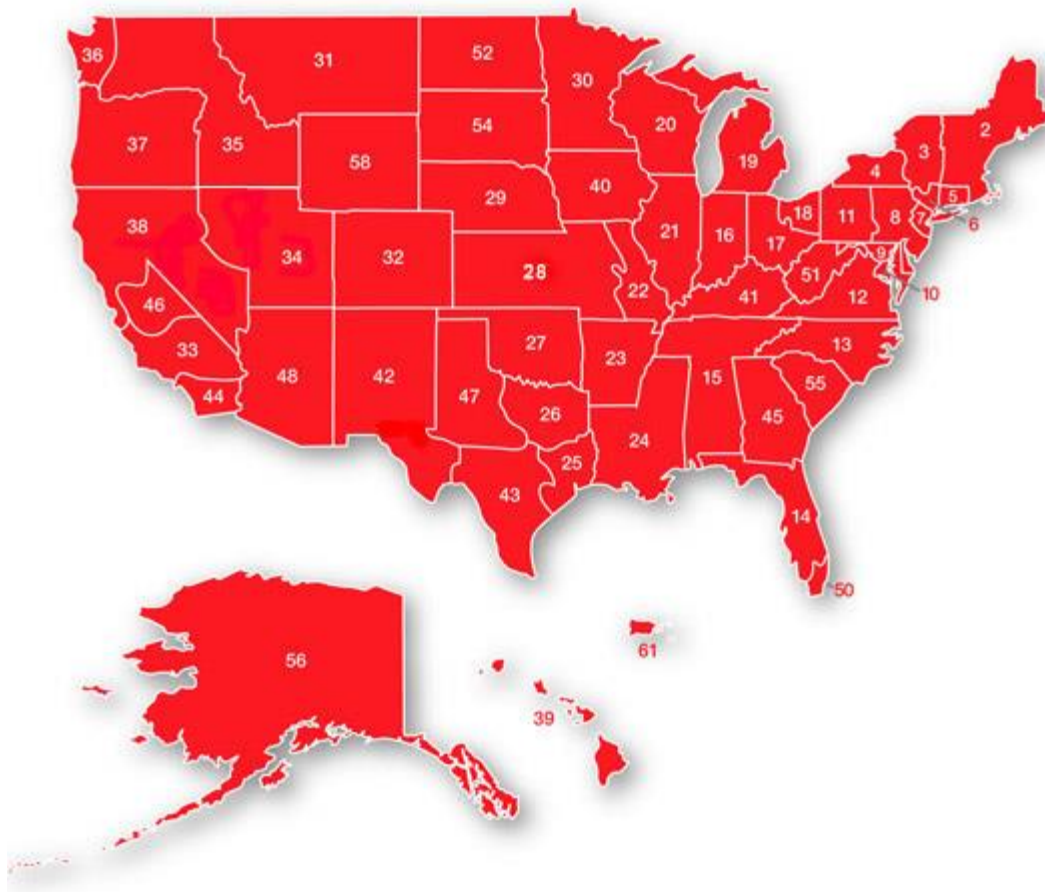
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APPENDIX B

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

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.

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.