



### **INTERESTED IN SPORTS?**

Then the AAU is the place to start! The philosophy of "***Sports for All, Forever***" is shared by over 500,000 participants and over 50,000 volunteers. The Districts annually sanction more than 34 sports programs, 250 national championships, over 30,000 age division events, and over 15,000 local, regional and national competitions.

The AAU sponsors the AAU Junior Olympic Games, the AAU James E. Sullivan Memorial Award along with the AAU Complete Athlete Program. Two of the AAU's flagship programs, which are administered for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports are the President's Challenge and the Presidential Sports Award.

Established in 1888, the AAU is one of the largest, non-profit, volunteer, sports organizations in the United States and is dedicated exclusively to the promotion and development of amateur sports.

Today the AAU continues to operate on the basic principles by maintaining the mutual interests of its members while achieving and improving amateur sports.

### **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)**

The AAU has partnered with PCA to become the first national sports organization to require all its coaches to obtain PCA Double-Goal Coach® training and certification. PCA will provide training at no cost. Please visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) in order to get more information on how you can become a PCA Double-Goal Coach.

### **COMPETITION RULES:**

The National Championships will be conducted under NFHS rules as modified by the AAU Softball Committee. Check the tournament rules for additional information. For playing rules of NFHS, contact NFHS at 800-776-3462.

State and local tournaments and competition may utilize rules common to that geographic area. Regional and National Tournaments may use discretion as to affiliation rules used; i.e., ASA, USSSA, AFA, ISA, NSA, NFHS. Rules used must be determined by each state hosting local or regional tournaments by January 1 of each year.

### **TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND FORMAT:**

Depending on the degree of interest, tournaments may be structured to meet the participation needs within that geographic area. Contact the National Chair or the AAU National Headquarters for assistance.

The Tournament Director, National Softball Chair, or the AAU National Headquarters will set the exact format of the tournament.

The AAU Softball Program uses a "pool-play" format whenever possible. Teams will be placed in pools where they will play a round robin within their pool.

Following pool play, teams enter a single- or double- elimination tournament.

### **AAU NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

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## **BENEFITS OF THE AAU**

- An opportunity to follow in the footsteps of former AAU athletes: Mark Spitz, Shaquille O'Neal, Keri Struggs, Chamique Holdsclaw, Greg Louganis, Ryan Klesko, Julianne Hough, Jackie Joyner Kersee, and many others.
- Membership that includes insurance coverage.
- Ability to participate at the world famous ESPN Wide World of Sports, and other great facilities throughout the country.
- Travel, make new friends, continue education, and create unforgettable memories.
- Membership in an organization long recognized for its position in amateur sports.

## **GETTING STARTED**

### **1. AAU Individual Membership**

To participate in the AAU, all athletes and coaches must be individual members of the AAU. As a member, you can participate in any sport in the AAU. Yearly youth athlete membership is \$14 per athlete. Yearly non-athlete (coach, volunteer, official) membership is \$16. AAU members are covered with sports liability and accident insurance. For an additional \$2, participants can become an Added Benefit member which extends coverage when participating in non-AAU sanctioned events. For complete information on insurance, visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) and refer to the Insurance Brochure.

To become a member, you can register online at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org). Individual membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

### **2. AAU Club Membership**

Each club/team must be a registered AAU Club. You can have more than one team within the same club. Club membership can be completed instantly online at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org). Yearly club membership fees are either \$30 (Level 1), \$60 (Level 2), or \$300 (Level 3). Please visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) for a list of benefits for each club level. Club membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

## **AAU SOFTBALL:**

The AAU Softball Program is looking for interested individuals to volunteer or serve as District Sport Chairs in their local AAU District. The District Sport Chair encourages the growth of AAU softball teams and assists in coordinating softball leagues and tournaments in their District. Because this is a volunteer position, the District Sport Chair does not necessarily have to serve as the Tournament Director, but rather be the contact for that area.

Please contact your local District at 1-800-AAU-4USA or the AAU National Headquarters at 407-934-7200 if you would like to volunteer.

## **PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY:**

The AAU Softball Program will provide for a maximum number of organized softball activities while allowing each young athlete the opportunity to participate. It will allow for each athlete to recognize and embrace the value of team play and sportsmanship, while further developing their softball skills.

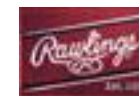
## **AAU SOFTBALL AGE DIVISIONS**

- 10 & Under:** Can not turn 11 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
- 12 & Under:** Can not turn 13 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
- 14 & Under:** Can not turn 15 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
- 16 & Under:** Can not turn 17 years prior to or on January 1, 2011
- 18 & Under:** Can not turn 19 years prior to or on January 1, 2011

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