



### **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.

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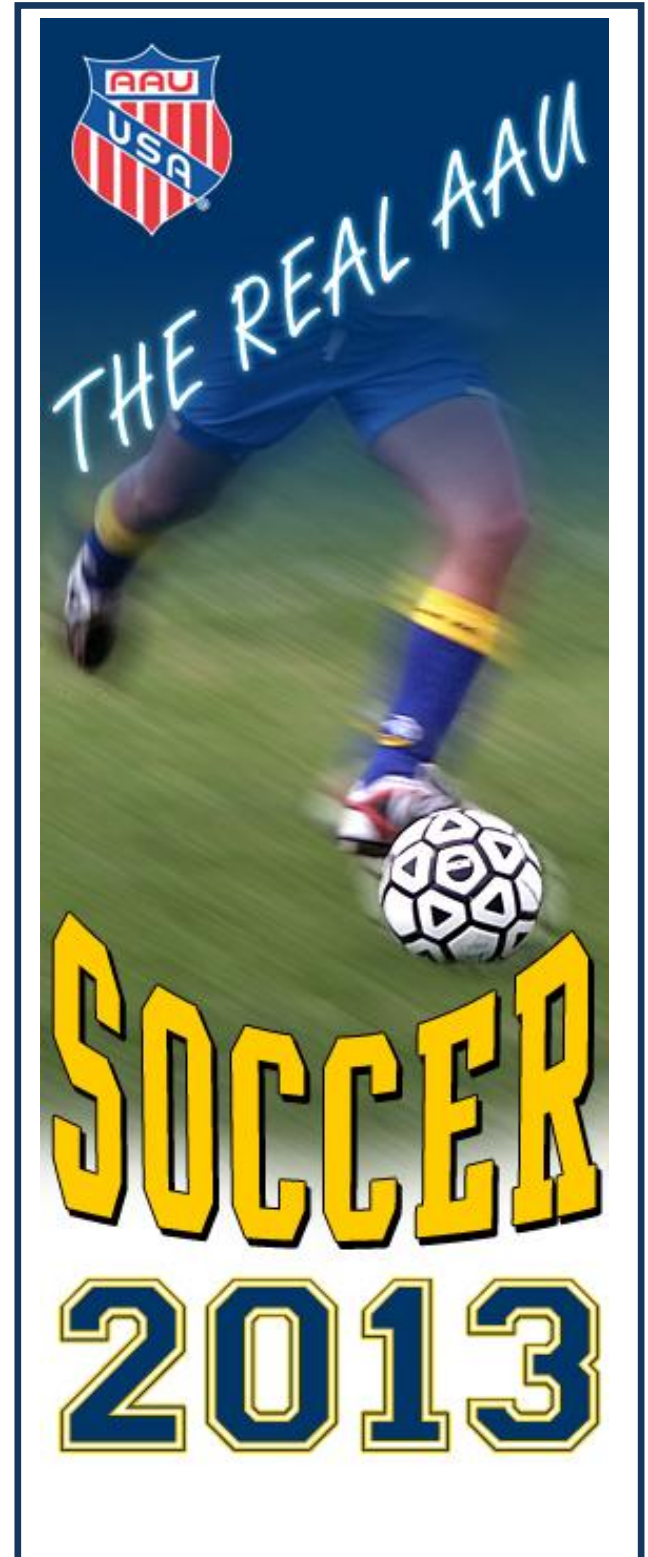
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## **BENEFITS OF THE AAU**

- 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.ausports.org](http://www.ausports.org) and refer to the Insurance Brochure.

To become a member, you can register online at [www.ausports.org](http://www.ausports.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.ausports.org](http://www.ausports.org). Yearly club membership fees are either \$30 (Level 1), \$60 (Level 2), or \$300 (Level 3). Please visit [www.ausports.org](http://www.ausports.org) for a list of benefits for each club level. Club membership is valid September 1 to August 31. **Click on "Find a Local Club" and follow the instructions. This program allows you to contact clubs by email in your geographical area.**

The AAU Soccer program offers opportunities for teams to compete in national events and to conduct their own local tournaments or leagues. Age groups include U8 through U18. AAU Soccer seeks to develop progressive continuity for soccer in the United States and to bring together the various youth soccer programs.

### **Objective**

AAU Soccer seeks to provide programming for the maximum number of participants, emphasizing the participation of each individual in each game.

To assure proper physical conditioning including preparation and "medical wellness" of all AAU participants.

Through a strong volunteer network, provide quality coaching, facilities, officiating, parental participation, school and community participation, and recognition for all participants.

Provide opportunities for self-improvement and advancement to senior programs for those participants who are motivated without submitting to undue pressure and over-expectations.



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## **NATIONAL SPONSORS OF THE AAU**

