

Getting Started in AAU Volleyball



1. 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. Club membership fees are \$30 (Level 1), \$60 (Level 2) or \$300 (Level 3). Please refer to the application or visit www.aausports.org for a list of benefits for each club level. Club membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

2. 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. Youth athlete membership is \$12 per athlete. Non-athlete (coach, volunteer, official) membership is \$14. AAU members are covered with sports liability and accident insurance. For an additional \$2, participants can become Added Benefit members which extends coverage when participating in non-AAU sanctioned events. For complete information on insurance, visit www.aausports.org or refer to the Insurance Brochure.

To become a member, you can register online at www.aausports.org. You will instantly be able to print your own membership card and start participating immediately! Be sure to register as a club first, so you can enter your club code when registering individuals. **You can now register for multiple years. Join for 1, 2 or 3 years.** The membership year is from September 1 to August 31.

3. Hosting AAU Tournaments and Leagues

As an AAU Club Level 2 or 3, you can apply to host your own tournaments or leagues. Tournaments can be hosted any time of the year. Tournaments can be sanctioned for \$50 per day. You can also sanction a league for a maximum of \$350. Apply to sanction your tournament or league online at www.aausports.org.

The tournament schedule for your District should be approved and maintained by the District Volleyball Director. Tournament entry fees should be kept low, but high enough to cover the cost of facility rental. Remember, the AAU's mission is to provide quality opportunities for everyone to participate in sports.

4. Local District Volleyball Directors

The local District Volleyball Director can provide you with additional information regarding other teams and tournaments in your area. If there is not a Volleyball Director in your area and you are interested in developing a program in your District, please contact the Local AAU Office at 1-800-AAU-4USA or the AAU National Office at 407-934-7200. Also, visit your local AAU District's web site for more information.

5. Third Party Certificate of Liability Insurance

Once you are a club and your event is sanctioned, you can request a Certificate of Liability Insurance for facilities you will be using for practices or tournaments. This form is only needed if required by the facility. Submit the request on-line at www.aausports.org. Once processed, the insurance certificate will be available to print from www.aausports.org. You will need your club code in order to access the certificate.

5. USA Volleyball

The AAU is a member organization of USA Volleyball. Any team is welcome to participate in AAU competition as long as AAU membership guidelines are met and the team is in good standing with the local AAU District. AAU competition is conducted under the current AAU Code and under the playing rules of USA Volleyball as modified by the AAU Executive Volleyball Committee. For additional information on USA Volleyball, please visit www.usavolleyball.org.