

# **AAU Baseball Handbook**



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# **AAU BASEBALL HANDBOOK**

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The provisions in this handbook apply to the AAU Baseball National Championships. Individual Districts may adopt and modify these rules.

## **BASEBALL PROGRAM HISTORY**

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AAU Baseball was established in 1983 to provide an additional national level of competition for teams, players, and coaches whom otherwise might not have that opportunity. Independent teams and teams affiliated with other baseball organizations are welcome to participate in AAU District and National Championships. Beginning in 2001, AAU Baseball began to offer more divisions of play to accommodate players of all skill levels and ages, as well as many different types of teams. Annually over 700 teams, representing the 52 AAU Districts, compete in AAU Baseball National Championships.

## **AAU ORGANIZATION**

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The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States is the largest non-profit volunteer service organization in the U.S. dedicated to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs. The foundation of AAU's success lies in its dedicated supporters whom are encompassing the entire nation providing youth competitions in your area, in some or all of the thirty-two different sports in the program. Perhaps the most astounding fact about this organization is that it is comprised primarily of unpaid volunteers-people like yourself, who believe that young people benefit from organized athletic experiences, and who dedicate their spare time to organize or become involved in youth competitions in their local communities.

## **AAU STRUCTURE**

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It is important to understand the structure of the AAU in order to become more involved with and to work effectively within the organization. The organization consists of individual Districts, some states have more than one AAU District; other Districts might consist of two or more smaller states. Some Districts are named after the state itself; others are named after an area known for its geographic characteristics. At any rate, each of the individual AAU Districts has jurisdiction over the District sport activities in its assigned territory as established by the Union. For more specific information, please refer to the AAU Code.

## **RULE ENFORCEMENT**

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The AAU Baseball Executive Committee shall enforce the rules here-in and the AAU Code as they apply to players, coaches and clubs. Penalties may be imposed subject to the due process requirements of the AAU Code.

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## II. ELIGIBILITY

### INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

- A. All athletes (participants), non-athletes (coaches, volunteers, bench personnel, officials, tournament directors), team members and coaches must purchase a current AAU membership card prior to the District Championship, or their first AAU competition. The cost for regular membership is \$12 for athletes and \$14 for non-athletes. The cost for AB membership is \$14 for athletes and \$16 for non-athletes. Becoming an AAU member allows each athlete to participate in any of the various AAU youth sports throughout the membership year. Purchase of the AB Card permits coverage to be extended to non-AAU sanctioned events. To purchase membership cards, please contact the Registrar of your local AAU District. Or click on "JOIN NOW" on [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org).
- B. All athletes must be amateurs as defined by the AAU Code.
- C. The age determining date for ALL age groups will be May 1.

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>BORN ON OR AFTER (FOR 2008)</u>
18/19 & Under (18/19:U)	May 1, 1988
17 & Under (17:U)	May 1, 1990
16 & Under (16:U)	May 1, 1991
15 & Under (15:U)	May 1, 1992
14 & Under (14:U)	May 1, 1993
13 & Under (13:U)	May 1, 1994
12 & Under (12:U)	May 1, 1995
11 & Under (11:U)	May 1, 1996
10 & Under (10:U)	May 1, 1997
9 & Under (9:U)	May 1, 1998
8 & Under (8:U)	May 1, 1999

Districts may sanction competition in younger age groups. However, a National Championship will not be held in age groups younger than age 8:U or older than 18/19:U.

Proof of age will be required. Only the following manners are acceptable:

- 1. A photocopy of his/her birth record from the state, county or municipal bureau of vital statistics of the place of birth. HOSPITAL RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED.*
  - 2. A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth (originals may be requested) if the athlete's birth was not recorded on the day of birth, issued by the same bodies.*
  - 3. Consular Service Form FS240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. State Department.*
  - 4. Immigration and naturalization forms I151 and I25 and Form No. 43R3117 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.*
  - 5. A valid Passport, Driver's License or Homeland Security Card.*
- D. An athlete may elect to participate in their District of bona fide residence or a District, which geographically adjoins that District. EXCEPTION: In team sports, a maximum of three (3) athletes may participate with a team from an adjoining District(s). The athlete must register through the Registrar of the District in which they reside.
- E. A team member on the roster of a District team that qualifies for and COMMITS to the National Championship may not be picked up by another team. Unless approved by the AAU Baseball Executive Committee.
- F. A player may participate in more than one National Championship for which that player is eligible. If a player's original team COMMITS to a National Championship then that player will not be allowed to leave their current team to play for another. Once that team is eliminated from National Championship play then that player may join a different team, as long as all eligibility requirements are met.
- G. A player CANNOT participate in a Division one (1) National Championship and then participate in a Division two (2) National Championship in the same age group. A Player MAY participate in a Division two (2) National Championship and then participate in a Division one (1) National Championship in the same age group.

## II. ELIGIBILITY (continued)

- H. At the National Championships in ALL AGE GROUPS, all team members must be on the roster presented at the time of team registration. Even though a player(s) may not be physically present at time of team registration, the player(s) will still be eligible to play if the player(s) check-in with AAU Tournament Officials prior to the start of the team's first (1<sup>st</sup>) game in the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) round.
- I. If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, the player will be expelled from the tournament. If a player is found to be ineligible after the tournament has begun, not only will the player be expelled, but the team will also be expelled from the tournament and MAY be subject to further sanctions. Coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements.
- J. Team members do not have to physically play in the District Championship as long as they are otherwise eligible. Examples, but not limited to, include players who are out of town at the time of the District Championship or who are injured and unable to play at the time of the District Championship but who would be ready to play at the time of the National Championship.
- K. An athlete may elect to participate in his District of bona fide residence or a District, which geographically adjoins that District. EXCEPTION: In team sports, a maximum of three (3) athletes may participate with a team from an adjoining District(s). The athlete must register through the Registrar of the District of residence.
- L. An AAU District made up of complete, multiple states, such as New England AAU, may choose to hold individual State Championships to qualify teams to National Championships. The majority of players making up team rosters in these State Championships must be residents of that state. For example, in a Massachusetts State Championship, a team with 14 players must include a minimum of eight (8) from Massachusetts. The remaining six (6) players could come from any other state within New England AAU, or a maximum of three (3) could come from Districts that border New England AAU.

## TEAM ELIGIBILITY

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Teams must comply with the following requirements:

- A. All teams must be registered as AAU Youth Clubs with their AAU District and comply with the regulations of the AAU Code. For team/club membership information, contact the Registrar of your AAU District. Or click on "JOIN NOW" on [www.ausports.org](http://www.ausports.org).
- B. An AAU District made of complete and/or multiple states (such as the New England District) may choose to hold individual District Championships to qualify teams for National Championships. The majority of players making up team rosters in these District Championships must be residents of that District. For Example, in a qualifier held in the state of Massachusetts, a team with 14 players must include a minimum of eight (8) from Massachusetts. The remaining six (6) player could be from any other state within the New England District, or a maximum of three (3) could come from Districts that border the New England District.
- C. Foreign teams may apply to the AAU Baseball Executive Committee for participation in National Championships.
- D. District rosters may consist of no more than twenty (20) players. A team advancing to a National Championship shall be allowed to add or replace up to five (5) players on its District roster (to a team maximum of 20). **EXCEPTION: For the age group of 17U and 18/19U the maximum roster size will be 30.**
- E. Host Teams: Notwithstanding the qualification criteria, the local organizing committee hosting a National Championship is allowed to enter a team(s) provided that the team(s) meets all AAU requirements.
- F. Any question pertaining to the eligibility of a team or individual at a National Championship shall be directed to the National Committee Representative assigned to the tournament. No member of a tournament committee shall have the authority to rule on team eligibility.
- G. Teams **MAY** compete in more than one National Championship. A team **CANNOT** play in a Division one (1) National Championship and then participate in a Division two (2) National Championship in the same age group. A team **MAY** play in a Division two (2) National Championship and then participate in a Division one (1) National Championship in the same age group.

### III. PLAYING RULES

#### AGE GROUP COMPETITION RULES

The official rules of the AAU Baseball Program shall be the "High School Baseball Rules" as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations except where modified.

The National Federation of State High School Associations; Baseball Rule Book is available online at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)

\* The NFHS speed-up rule/courtesy runners rule will be used at all National Championships.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

To be eligible to participate in a National Championship a player in the 8u – 14u age group must wear an AAU Baseball Patch in ALL National Championship games. In the 15u – 18/19u age groups a player must wear the patch in Opening Ceremonies, first (1<sup>st</sup>) game of pool play and in the National Championship game. The AAU Baseball Patch must be affixed to the left sleeve of the uniform jersey or over the left chest of a sleeveless uniform jersey worn by both players and coaches alike during National competition. If these requirements are not met that particular player(s) will not be eligible to participate.

**NOTE: Individual Districts may have additional rules in regards to the "AAU Baseball Patch."**

#### 1. PITCHING

- a. In the 9:U, 10:U, 11:U and 12:U age groups, a player may pitch in a cumulative maximum of six (6) innings in consecutive calendar days after which that player must not pitch the next calendar day.

**Example # 1:** Day 1 (2 innings), Day 2 (2 innings), Day 3 (1 inning), Day 4 (1 inning), Day 5 (must not pitch).

**Example # 2:** Day 1 (3 innings), Day 2 (does not pitch), Day 3 (3 innings), Day 4 (3 innings), Day 5 (must not pitch).

- b. In the 13:U, 14:U, 15:U and 16:U age groups, a player may pitch in a cumulative maximum of ten (10) innings in consecutive calendar days after which that player may not pitch the next calendar day.

Example: Day 1 (4 innings), Day 2 (4 innings), Day 3 (does not pitch), Day 4 (eligible to pitch).

- c. An "inning pitched" constitutes a pitcher being officially entered into the pitching position. The pitcher will then be charged with pitching that inning even if that pitcher does not throw a pitch.
- d. Upon reaching the applicable individual pitching limit, the pitcher is immediately removed as pitcher.

EXCEPTION: When a game is suspended in mid-inning and continued on a future day, the pitcher of record is charged with an inning pitched just prior to suspension and also charged with an inning pitched immediately upon resumption of the game.

**PENALTY: Upon discovery that the individual pitching limit has been exceeded, the pitcher is immediately removed and both the pitcher and head coach are ejected.**

2. **BALKS** - In the 8:U, 9:U (60') CLOSED BASES and 10:U (60') CLOSED BASES age groups, balks WILL NOT be called.
3. **HEAD FIRST SLIDE** - Headfirst slides will be ALLOWED in ALL AGE GROUPS.
4. **BAT SIZE** - The 8:U, 9:U, 10:U (60'), 10U (65') 11:U (70'), 12:U (70'), 13:U (80'), 13U (90'), and 14:U (90') age groups shall not be limited by the High School Baseball Rules published by the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) regarding bat specifications.
5. **COACHES ATTIRE** - Coaches do not need to be in full uniform, but should be in **appropriate matching athletic attire, consistent with the team uniform.** (Such as collared shirts and coaches shorts, with athletic shoes.)
6. **10-RUN RULE / 15-RUN RULE (MANDATORY)** - In the 9:U, 10:U, 11U and 12:U age groups, the 10-run rule shall apply after four (4) innings (3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.) In all age groups 13:U and older, the 10-run rule shall apply after five (5) innings (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead). In all age groups, the 15-rule shall apply after three (3) innings (2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead). The 10-run rule and 15-run rule shall apply in ALL National Championship games in ALL ROUNDS of play.

### III. PLAYING RULES (continued)

7. **INJURIES INVOLVING BLOOD** - A player or coach who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If medical care or treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is umpire judgment. The reentry rule would NOT apply to players in case of a bleeding injury. If there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before that individual may participate.

8. **EJECTION (manager, coach or players)** - In all age groups, the first occurrence results in suspension for the rest of the game (removal from game site) in which ejection occurs and the next scheduled game.

The second occurrence during the same tournament results in suspension for the remainder of the tournament as well as possible further sanctions subject to the review of the District AAU tournament official for District and Regional competitions or the National AAU Tournament Official for National Championships.

If all coaches listed on the team's tournament roster are ejected during a game; then the team must forfeit upon the removal of the last coach.

9. **WITHDRAWAL OF TOURNAMENT ENTRY** - Deadline for withdrawal of a tournament entry will be the tournament entry deadline. If a team does not give notification of withdrawal prior to the deadline date, but the team does withdraw from the tournament, the head coach and/or entire team may be subject to sanctions, with due process.

10. **FORFEIT** - The National High School Federation rule shall apply and AAU tournament officials shall administer the rule so that any team which causes a forfeit will NOT benefit and may NOT advance to Championship pool or bracket play unless the tournament committee determines there were extenuating circumstances causing the forfeit. Teams that receive a forfeit shall be credited with a win, but runs scored and runs allowed will be based only on actual games played.

- Teams or coaches who fail to compete in ALL scheduled games are subject to sanctions, which may include suspension from current and future national championship play.
- Coaches may NOT mutually agree to end a contest without first receiving the approval of the respective AAU Baseball tournament committee representative.
- **If all coaches listed on the team's tournament roster are ejected during a game; then the team must forfeit upon the removal of the last coach.**

11. **COMPLETE GAME** - The 9:U, 10:U, 11:U and 12:U D1 and D2 age groups shall consider a game complete after four (4) innings (3 1/2 innings if home team is ahead). The 13:U, 14:U, 15:U, 16:U, 17:U, 18/19:U, D1 and D2 age groups shall consider a game complete after five (5) innings (4 1/2 innings if home team is ahead,) which is current with NFHS rules.

12. **CALLED GAME** - For all age groups, the umpire may suspend a game, but not declare the game complete, in order to hold discussions with AAU tournament officials. AAU tournament officials will attempt to play all games to completion unless it becomes imperative to change the tournament format.

13. **LAST HALF INNING** - The bottom half of the last inning will **NOT** be completed solely for tie-breaker purposes once the home team has more runs than the visiting team in that inning.

14. **PROTESTS** - Protests must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next pitch. A fee of \$100.00 cash (refunded if protest is upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final.

Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the official's judgment.

15. **BAT PERSONS** – Bat persons must be between the ages of 8 and 19 and registered as AAU non-athletes.

### III. PLAYING RULES (continued)

#### 16. DH and EP (Extra Player) - This is available at all ages and is optional for all games in all age groups.

##### EXTRA PLAYER (EP) AND/OR DESIGNATED HITTER (DH)

At the beginning of a game, either the EP and and/or the DH may be elected.

- A. The Designated Hitter (DH) provision as covered in the rulebook published by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) applies. The Extra Player (EP) is listed in the batting order and may assume any of the nine defensive positions (including pitcher) without being counted as a substitution.

Under all of the following options, there are never more than the standard nine defensive positions.

1. Use neither DH nor EP, giving nine (9) players in the batting order and the same nine (9) players on defense.
  2. Use only the DH, not the EP, giving nine (9) players in the batting order, one of which is replaced by another line up player on defense.
  3. Use only the EP, not the DH, giving ten (10) players in the batting order of which nine play on defense.
  4. Use both the DH and EP, giving ten players in the batting order, but one of the nine (9) defensive players is replaced by the DH in that batting order. However, the DH can be removed during the game according to NFHS rules.
- B. The same number of players that are listed in the batting order to begin the game will continue throughout the game. If the game is started using an EP, the game must be finished using an EP.
- C. Players, not listed in the starting line-up, may serve as substitutes in the normal manner as covered in the rulebook published by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- D. In case of injury, the NFHS rule book applies except that if an EP is being used and injury prevents that slot in the batting order from being filled, an automatic "out" applies in that slot.

#### 17. AAU Baseball Rain Policy (PREFERRED) - If rain occurs where the first game of the day will be affected, but games are able to start later in the day, those early games are usually moved to end of that day's schedule.

##### **If rain occurs during a game:**

- **The game will be suspended and picked up from that point if games are resumed (picked-up or started) later in that day.**
- **The game will become complete if the game has reached official status if games are unable to continue that day. (See ARTICLE 3 Below)**

**For all divisions, the umpire may suspend a game, but not declare the game complete, in order to hold discussions with AAU tournament officials. AAU tournament officials will attempt to play all games to completion unless it becomes imperative to change the tournament format.**

**ARTICLE 3:** If weather interferes with play so that the umpire suspends the game; it is a regulation game:

if four (ages 12:U and below) or five (ages 13:U and above) full innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four or four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat.

If the game is suspended when the teams have not had an equal number of completed times at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.

#### 18. TIME LIMIT (National Championships only, may be used at the District Chairman's discretion) - At National Championships, for ages 12:U and below, the time limit shall be 2 hours and 15 minutes. At ages 13:U and above, the time limit shall be 2 hours and 30 minutes. The time limit will not apply in any medal games in National Championship play (i.e. Championship Final 8 and Classic Finals.) No new inning shall begin after the time limit has been reached unless the score is tied. There will be NO ties in National Championship play.



# AGE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

## 8:U (60') AGE GROUP COACH PITCH RULES

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- Base length will be 60 feet and pitching distance will be 40 feet.
- Pitcher's circle will be an 8 foot radius from the pitcher's plate.
- Pitching distance will be no less than 32 feet, and no more than 48 feet, or inside of the pitcher's circle.
- Preferred fence distance is 140-200 feet.
- Games will be five (5) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.
- Runner may leave the base as soon as the ball crosses the plate. All runners shall be in contact with their bases and shall not leave their bases until the batter has hit the pitch. If a runner leaves the base before the ball is hit, the umpire shall signal to indicate the violation at the time it occurs. Once the play is dead, the runner leaving early **SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING FIELD WITH NO OUT OCCURRING**. If the runner would score, the run would not count.
- Player/pitcher must have one foot inside pitcher's circle when a batter makes contact. **PENALTY-BATTER WILL BE AWARDED FIRST BASE**.
- Each player gets 5 pitches or 3 swings unless the last pitch/swing is fouled off. There will be no walk or free bases. All coaches must pitch overhand. Once the ball is batted the coach must move to the nearest sideline until all play is dead. The umpires will rule upon any delay, interference, or obstruction by a coach.
- Each team may score a MAXIMUM OF 5 RUNS IN THE FIRST INNING. In the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings the leading team may score 5 runs even though the lead could be greater than 5 runs. The team that is behind when batting after the first inning, may always even up the score, and score 5 additional runs, in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings only. In the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or any additional innings played, there are no scoring restrictions.
- The coach pitcher is limited to instructing the batter only. The coach pitcher may not instruct the base runners. The ball is dead until batted. No runner may advance until the batter hits the ball.
- You must have 10 players. Substitutions may occur at the coach's discretion. You must have at least eight (8) players start a game or game will be ruled a forfeit.
- Batting lineup must include 10 batters. If the lineup goes below 10 batters then an automatic out will recorded in the unfilled spot. (**EXAMPLE: TEAMS WITH 8 PLAYERS BATTING, THE 9 OR 10 BATTER WOULD BE CALLED OUT DURING HIS TIME AT BAT.**) Teams finishing with less than 10 players must still provide a catcher in the catcher position.
- The entire line up will bat. Players may be removed from defensive lineup during the game.
- All players will bat in a set batting order. Should a player bat out of turn, he will be called out. It is the responsibility of each team's scorekeeper to keep the batting order correct. Scorekeepers should also verify at each inning that the scorebooks agree.
- Bunting is permitted, NFHS rules apply. On bunts only, the coach/pitcher must take a knee in the pitcher circle. No fake bunts, player showing bunt may not fake bunt and swing in an effort to hit the ball. When the batter shows bunt the player/pitcher may leave the circle before contact. **PENALTY IS THE BATTER IS OUT, AND THE BALL IS DEAD**.
- If a batted ball hits the coach/pitcher before the fielder has the opportunity to field the ball, the ball will become dead. **The batter will re-bat with that pitch not being counted.**
- Any player who arrives late may enter the game immediately, but must be added as the last name of the batting order.
- Only 6 infielders may be used. Four (4) outfielders will be used and may NOT cover 2<sup>nd</sup> base for a put out.
- The catcher must wear all the proper equipment. The catcher position must be no more than six (6) feet from home plate at the start of the pitch.
- A safety line will be drawn 30 feet from home plate. No player may be inside of the safety line on contact of a batted ball. **PENALTY - BATTER WILL BE AWARDED FIRST BASE**.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- Offensively, only base coaches and the coach pitcher will take positions on the playing field during a game. The base coaches may instruct the base runners, not the coach pitcher. Base coaches are not allowed to touch a player in **any way** while the ball is in play except in case of obvious injury.
- Defensively, a coach may be positioned on each foul line in the outfield coaching box. An outfield coaching box must be marked half way from the outfield fence and third base. The outfield coach is confined to coaching the outfielders only.
- A coach in violation of the coaching box rule will be confined to the dugout. At no time may the coach step onto the playing field except in case of obvious injury.
- NFHS speed up rules will be used for the catcher only.
- Each team may receive one defense time out and offense time out per inning.

## 8:U (60') AGE GROUP PLAYER PITCH RULES

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- Base length will be 60 feet and pitching distance will be 46 feet.
- Preferred fence distance is 140-200 feet.
- Games will be five (5) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.
- Runner may leave the base as soon as the ball crosses the plate. NFHS speed up rules will be used for the catcher and pitcher.
- A pitcher may pitch in a cumulative maximum of three (3) innings in consecutive calendar days after which that player must not pitch the next calendar day. An inning pitched constitutes throwing one pitch to one batter or being officially entered into the pitching position. **PENALTY: THE INELIGIBLE PITCHER AND HEAD COACH ARE EJECTED**
- Each team may score a MAXIMUM OF 5 RUNS THE FIRST INNING. In the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings the leading team may score 5 runs even though the lead could be greater than 5 runs. The team that is behind when batting after the first inning, may always even up the score, and score 5 additional runs, in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings only. In the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or any additional innings played, there are no scoring restrictions.
- You must have 10 players. Substitutions may occur at the coach's discretion. You must have at least eight (8) players to start a game or game will be ruled a forfeit.
- Batting lineup must include 10 batters. If the lineup goes below 10 batters then an automatic out will be recorded in the unfilled spot. **(EXAMPLE: TEAMS WITH 8 PLAYERS BATTING, THE 9 OR 10 BATTER WOULD BE CALLED OUT DURING HIS TIME AT BAT.)**
- The entire line up will bat. Players may be removed from defensive lineup during the game. **(EXAMPLE: ALL UNIFORMED PLAYERS IN THE DUGOUT MUST BAT. IF 15 PLAYERS ARE ON THE ROSTER AND PRESENT, ALL 15 MUST BAT, ETC.)**
- All players will bat in a set batting order. Should a player bat out of turn, he will be called out. It is the responsibility of each team's scorekeeper to keep the batting order correct. Scorekeepers should also verify at each inning that the scorebooks agree.
- Bunting: NFHS rules apply. No fake bunts. **PENALTY - THE BATTER IS OUT, AND THE BALL IS DEAD.**
- Any player who arrives late may enter the game immediately, but must be added as the last name of the batting order.
- Six (6) infielders may be used. Four (4) outfielders will be used and outfielders may NOT cover 2<sup>nd</sup> base for a put out.
- The catcher must be positioned no more than six (6) feet from home plate at the start of the pitch.
- A safety line will be 30 feet from home plate. No player may be inside of the safety line on contact of a batted ball. **PENALTY - BATTER WILL BE AWARDED FIRST BASE**
- A runner can steal second and third base but cannot steal home at anytime. A runner can only advance home from third base on a batted ball or if forced.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- Defensively, a coach may be positioned on each foul line in the outfield. The outfield coach must be half way from the outfield fence and the grass of the infield. A coach will be confined to the dug out in violation of this rule.
- Time outs per team. Each team may receive one defense time out and offense time out per inning.

## 9:U (60') AGE GROUP (CLOSED BASE)

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- Base length will be 60 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 46 feet.
- Lead-offs will NOT be allowed.
- Preferred fence distance is 175-200 feet.
- Games will be six (6) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.
- A runner may leave the base after the ball crosses the plate. Upon leaving the base early, an immediate dead ball will be called and the runner is out.
- On a dropped 3rd strike, the batter is out and base runners advance at their own risk.

## 10:U (60') AGE GROUP (CLOSED BASE)

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- Base length will be 60 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 46 feet.
- Lead-offs will NOT be allowed.
- Preferred fence distance is 175-200 feet.
- Games will be six (6) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.
- A runner may leave the base after the ball crosses the plate. Upon leaving the base early, an immediate dead ball will be called and the runner is out.
- On a dropped 3rd strike, the batter is out and base runners advance at their own risk.

### **9:U (65') AGE GROUP (OPEN BASE)**

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- Base length will be 65 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 46 feet.
- Lead-offs WILL be allowed.
- Preferred fence distance is 175-200 feet.
- Games will be six (6) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.

### **10:U (65') AGE GROUP (OPEN BASE)**

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- Base length will be 65 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 46 feet.
- Lead-offs WILL be allowed.
- Preferred fence distance is 175-200 feet.
- Games will be six (6) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.

### **11:U (70') AGE GROUP**

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- Base length shall be 70 feet.
- Pitching distance shall be 50 feet.
- The preferred fence distance is 250 -275 feet.
- Games will be six (6) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.

### **12:U (70') AGE GROUP**

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- Base length shall be 70 feet.
- Pitching distance shall be 50 feet.
- The preferred fence distance is 250 -275 feet.
- Games will be six (6) innings in length.
- NO metal cleats are allowed.

### **13:U (80') AGE GROUP**

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- Base length will be 80 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 54 feet.
- The preferred fence distance is 275 - 325 feet.
- Games will be seven (7) innings in length.

### **13:U (90') AGE GROUP**

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- Base length will be 90 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 60 feet 6 inches.
- The preferred fence distance is 275 - 325 feet.
- Games will be seven (7) innings in length.

### **14:U (90') AGE GROUP**

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- Base length will be 90 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 60 feet 6 inches.
- The preferred fence distance is 275 - 325 feet.
- Games will be seven (7) innings in length.

### **15:U AGE GROUP**

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- Base length will be 90 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 60 feet 6 inches.
- The preferred fence distance is 300 - 350 feet.
- Games will be seven (7) innings in length.

### **16:U AGE GROUP**

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- Base length will be 90 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 60 feet 6 inches.
- The preferred fence distance is 300 - 350 feet.
- Games will be seven (7) innings in length.

**17:U AGE GROUP**

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- Base length will be 90 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 60 feet 6 inches.
- The preferred fence distance is 350-400 feet.
- Games will be seven (7) innings in length.

**18/19:U AGE GROUP**

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- Base length will be 90 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 60 feet 6 inches.
- The preferred fence distance is 350-400 feet.
- Games will be seven (7) innings in length.

## IV. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### QUALIFYING FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

AAU Baseball offers two divisions of play within each individual age group in order to equalize the strength and experience of teams participating in AAU National Championships.

Teams may qualify for advancement to National Championship play in the various divisions by one of the following:

1. District Qualifier
1. Regional Qualifier
2. League Championship Play
3. Place of finish at a National Championship in the previous year
4. Open tournament application
5. At- Large application/exception
6. Other qualifying rules approved by the National AAU Baseball Executive Committee

#### Qualifying via the District Tournament

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- A. Each District shall establish a method of qualifying teams for advancement to their respective National Championship in each division of play within each individual age group:
  1. Districts may conduct **ONE** qualifying event and classify teams by Division (I or II) based upon order of finish in that qualifier. For example, for an age group comprised of 12 teams, first through fourth place could be Division I and fifth through eighth place could be Division II.
  2. Districts may conduct separate qualifiers for each Division of play within an age group.
  3. Each District shall submit to the AAU Baseball Executive Committee for approval an acceptable method of qualifying and classifying teams (Division I or II). The District or its Sports Director in conjunction with the AAU National Baseball Committee shall determine the format of and entry fee for a District Qualifier. The format could be pool play, single elimination, double elimination or other.
  4. District Qualifiers will be **OPEN** tournaments in which any team may enter provided they conform to AAU registration requirements as outlined in the AAU Code Book.
- B. Districts with teams interested in qualifying for National Championships that are spread out over great distances are encouraged to hold local qualifiers prior to the District Qualifier. For example, the District could be divided into regions and only the top teams from each region would advance to the District Qualifier.
- C. **For the District Qualifier**, in the 11:U, 12:U, 13:U, 14:U, 15:U and 16:U age groups, add the total number of **ALL** teams competing in an **ENTIRE** age group ( Division I or II and different base paths, 60', 65', 70', 80' or 90') to determine the number of National Championship entries:

#### If a District Qualifier consists of:

1. Less than five (5) teams, only the gold medalist shall advance.
2. Five (5) to Seven (7) teams, the gold and silver medalist shall advance.
3. Eight (8) to Eleven (11) teams, the gold, silver and bronze medalists shall advance.
4. Twelve (12) to Fifteen (15) teams, the gold, silver, bronze and copper medalists shall advance.
5. Sixteen (16) to Twenty-three (23) teams, the gold, silver, bronze, copper and fifth place team shall advance.
6. Twenty-four (24) or more teams, the gold, silver, bronze, copper, fifth and sixth place teams shall advance.
7. More than twenty-four (24) teams, one (1) additional team may advance for every ten (10) additional teams after the 24 team plateau has been reached.

## IV. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (continued)

- D. All District qualifiers must be completed no later than the Sunday three weeks prior to the start of that age group's National Championship without prior approval of the AAU Baseball Executive Committee.
- E. Teams must advance to the corresponding National Championship. This is to say Division I qualifying teams may not participate in Division II and Division II qualifying teams may not participate in Division I.
- F. Teams must notify the appropriate National Championship of their **intent** to participate within **72 hours** of the completion of the qualifying event.

### Qualifying via a Regional Qualifier

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- A. Teams that becoming eligible to advance to a National Championship via a Regional Qualifier must participate in, or have participated in, their respective District Qualifier to be eligible for national competition.
- B. Teams not participating in their respective District Qualifier that become eligible to advance to a National Tournament via a Regional Qualifier must receive **written approval** from the AAU Baseball Executive Committee **before** they may participate in a national competition. In this situation, the AAU Baseball Executive Committee shall seek input from the District Sports Director.
- C. The AAU Baseball Executive Committee may approve teams for advancement to national competition from inactive Districts.
- D. Teams must advance to the corresponding National Championship. This is to say Division I qualifying teams may not participate in Division II and Division II qualifying teams may not participate in Division I.
- E. If one of the aforementioned teams also places in the District Qualifier and, as a result, also qualifies for national competition in the District Qualifier, the District shall receive an additional entry for the next highest place team in Division (I or II) dependant upon the division of the team, that otherwise does not qualify. (Teams that have become eligible for national competition prior to their respective District Qualifier **shall not** displace a team that has **not** otherwise qualified).
- F. The roster of a team that has become eligible to advance to a national competition must conform with current AAU Code and AAU Baseball Handbook regulations (see team and individual eligibility).
- G. Teams becoming eligible to advance to a national competition via a Regional Qualifier must notify the National Headquarters within **72 hours** of the completion of the Regional Qualifier of their **intent** to participate in the appropriate National Championship.

1. **For the Regional Qualifier** add the total number of **ALL** teams competing in an age group to determine the number of National Championship entries for that respective age group:

2. If a Regional Qualifier consists of:

1 - 5	teams	–	One	(1) bid
6 - 10	teams	–	Two	(2) bids
11 - 15	teams	–	Three	(3) bids
16 or more	teams	–	Four	(4) bids

### Qualifying via a League Championship

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- A. The National AAU Baseball Executive Committee may allow a team winning an AAU League Championship to advance to a National Championship. At this time only a few leagues have been granted an experimental advancement opportunity. AAU Baseball Leagues interested in exploring this possibility should contact the National Chair in writing.

### Qualifying via previous year's finish in a National Championship.

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- A. Teams that either earn medals 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place or 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> place in the Championship Bracket at the National Championship, or finish 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Classic Bracket at the National Championship shall be entitled to advance to next year's (2007) National Championship in the next higher age group.
- B. They may advance provided the team (club) participates in the 2007 District Qualifier the following year as well as fulfills other District requirements to make the Automatic Bid valid. The automatic bid will be awarded to the "club contact" for each qualified team/club.

## IV. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (continued)

- C. In the event that one of the aforementioned teams also qualifies for a National Championship at its respective District Qualifier, the District shall receive an additional National Championship entry for the next highest place team participating in the District tournament that otherwise does not qualify. (Teams that have become eligible for national competition prior to their respective District Qualifier **shall not** displace a team that has **not** otherwise qualified).
- D. Teams must remain within the same Division (I or II) the following year to receive an automatic entry.

### **Qualifying for an Open National Championship**

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- A. In the 8:U, 9:U, 10:U (60), 10:U (65), 13:U (80'), 17:U and 18/19:U age groups, the National Championship will be an OPEN tournament in which any team may enter, subject to item C, below.
- B. The NATIONAL BASEBALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will monitor all OPEN National Championship entries that meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Conforms with AAU registration rules for athletes and clubs as outlined in the AAU Code Book, and
  - 2. Has participated in their District Qualifier, if one is held, and
  - 3. Is certified jointly by the District Governor and District Sports Director.
- C. In the 8:U, 9:U, 10:U (60), 10:U (65), and 13:U (80') age groups teams that participate in their respective District Qualifier may add or replace up to five (5) players to a maximum of 20.
- D. In the 17:U and 18/19:U age groups teams that participate in their respective District Qualifier may add or replace up to five (5) players to a maximum of 30. In the 17:U and 18/19:U age groups, the five (5) players that may be picked up need not have participated in the District Qualifier.

### **Qualifying via an At-Large Entry**

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- A. In the event there is no District Qualifier held in the local District in a particular age group, the District Governor and District Sports Director may jointly certify team(s) to advance to the National Championship. However, a District has this privilege only one year for each age group. The second year, a District must have at least two (2) teams participate in a District Qualifier to send a representative to a National Championship. The third year and all subsequent years, the District must have at least three (3) teams in its qualifying tournament to send a representative to a National Championship.

**Other qualifying approaches as approved by the National AAU Baseball Executive Committee.**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT**

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- A. The AAU Baseball Program utilizes the double pool play to medal round bracket play format in all National Championships.
- B. Teams will be placed in pools based on the AAU Baseball pool placement system and play a round robin within their pool.
- C. The top teams in each pool will then advance to a second round of pool play in the championship bracket. Following the second round of championship pool play, the top teams will advance to medal round championship bracket play.
- D. Teams not qualifying for the second round of pool play in the championship bracket will play in a second round of pool play in the classic bracket. Following the second round of classic pool play, the top teams will advance to single elimination medal round classic bracket play.
- E. The 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> place medal games in all age groups will be eliminated. However, individual medals and team trophies will still be presented. Ranking for 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> place will be determined as follows;
  - least runs allowed in the Championship Bracket Game
  - most runs scored in Championship Bracket game
  - if 2 teams are still tied after #2 above, the team which defeated the other is ranked higher
  - highest ranked team at start of the first round of bracket\* play

\*Sudden Death or Championship Bracket

The exact format of the tournament, including number of pools and number of teams in each pool, will be set by the Tournament Director, National Baseball Committee Representative and National Baseball Executive Committee and will also depend on the number of entries and other extenuating circumstances.

## IV. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (continued)

### DETERMINING POOL PLAY ORDER OF FINISH AND PLACEMENT

The following procedure is to be used, at the conclusion of each round of pool play, when there is more than one team in the pool with the same win-loss record. Ties in each round of pool play are decided independently using this procedure:

A. When two (2) teams tie for a position:

1. The team, which defeated the other, is ranked higher. (HEAD TO HEAD)

B. When three (3) teams tie for a position:

1. If one of the three teams is 2-0 in games against the other 2 teams, that team is ranked higher.

If all three teams are 1-1 against each other: (see below)

- (a) The tied teams are ranked based on the least number of runs allowed in pool games between the tied teams. If two of the teams are still tied on this basis, use situation (A.1) to rank those two teams. If all three teams are still tied, proceed to (b).
- (b) The tied teams are ranked based on the least number of runs allowed in all pool games. If two of the teams are still tied on this basis, use situation (A.1) to rank those two teams. If all three teams are still tied, proceed to (c).
- (c) The tied teams are ranked based on the most runs scored in pool games between the tied teams. If two of the teams are still tied on this basis, use situation (A.1) to rank those two teams. If all three teams are still tied, proceed to (d).
- (d) The tied teams are ranked based on the most runs scored in all pool games. If two of the teams are still tied on this basis, use situation (A.1) to rank those two teams. If all three teams are still tied, proceed to (e).
- (e) The tied teams are based on a random draw.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

Team A	2 wins	1 loss
Team B	2 wins	1 loss
Team C	2 wins	1 loss
Team D	0 wins	3 losses

To break the tie to determine the pool winner, first look at the games played.

#### Team A results:

A vs. B	A - 2	B - 5
A vs. C	A - 11	C - 10
A vs. D	A - 7	D - 5

#### Team B results:

B vs. A	B - 5	A - 2
B vs. C	B - 4	C - 13
B vs. D	B - 6	D - 1

#### Team C results:

C vs. A	C - 10	A - 11
C vs. B	C - 13	B - 4
C vs. D	C - 8	D - 3

Since teams A, B and C are tied for first place with two wins and one loss each, and are 1-1 against each other and have allowed the same number of runs in games against each other, item B from above is used and least number of runs allowed in all pool games (including games with Team D) are considered. Total runs in the appropriate games are:

Least Runs  
(Excluding Team D)  
Least Runs  
(Including Team D)

Team A	15	20
Team B	15	16
Team C	15	18

The order of finish is Team B, Team C, Team A, and Team D.



Bid specifications may be requested from:

Dan Stanley  
P.O. Box 22409  
Lake Buena Vista, Fl 32830  
407-934-7200 (Office)  
407-934-7242 (Fax)  
[dan@ausports.org](mailto:dan@ausports.org)

## **AAU BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**

**Eligibility requirements are:**

5 years for an administrator  
5 years for a coach  
3 years for a player  
Or any combination of the three.

For a nomination form please contact:

Lake Buena Vista, Fl 32830  
**AAU Baseball Hall of Fame**  
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**Nominations from all AAU Districts, players, coaches, parents, etc are welcome.**

## V. AAU GLOSSARY

### AAU DEFINITIONS

**AAU Definitions - The following definitions will apply to all athletes and non-athletes.**

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- A. MEMBERSHIP YEAR:** September 1 - August 31 is the membership year for the Amateur Athletic Union.
- B. DIVISIONS IN AAU BASEBALL:** Each District Sports Director shall have the right to define each division as well as classify each team as either Division 1 or Division 2. These definitions should take place prior to the National Championships.
- C. PRACTICE:** For the purpose of AAU sanctioning, "practice is organized and/or regularly scheduled sessions supervised at all times by a registered AAU coach or instructors and conducted for the purpose of preparing, training, instructing and conditioning only AAU registered athletes for AAU competitions." Tryouts and scrimmages are included as long as they meet all the requirements of the above definition.
- D. SUPERVISION:** Supervision requires that an AAU registered coach/instructor be physically present at all times at the practice premises or site during each practice session.
- E. SCRIMMAGE:** A practice of an AAU club or with AAU 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/club's standings or rankings.
- F. LINE OF COMMUNICATION:** In order to develop experienced volunteers at the District level, initial and primary contact on most matters should be the District Sports Director. Members of the National Baseball Executive Committee are available to back up the District Sports Director.
- G. OFFICIAL AAU BASEBALLS:** All District and Regional Qualifying tournaments will utilize rules/provisions consistent with those applicable in National competition. The use of "Official" AAU Baseballs in National qualifying events and National events will be mandatory in 2007 and beyond.

## VI. DIRECTORY

### DISTRICTS (Geographical Definitions)

**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.

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

**ARIZONA DISTRICT** (Organized March 10, 1956) - State of Arizona.

**ARKANSAS DISTRICT** (Organized February 16, 1936) - State of Arkansas and (added December, 1948) Bowie County, Texas.

**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).

**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).

**COLORADO DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1906) - State of Colorado. (Territory re-aligned December, 1963, 1965, 1968.)

**CONNECTICUT DISTRICT** (Organized September 17, 1929) - State of Connecticut.

**FLORIDA DISTRICT** (Organized January, 1925) - Florida, except Broward, Dade, that part of Hendry County West of Route 833, Palm Beach Counties and Washington Counties. (Territory re-aligned, December 1958, 1959, 1963, 1972 and 1999.)

**FLORIDA GOLD COAST DISTRICT** (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 District at 1960 convention.) (Territory re-aligned, December, 1963.)

**GEORGIA DISTRICT** (territory realigned September, 1989) - State of Georgia.

**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.)

**HAWAIIAN DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1910) - State of Hawaii.

**INDIANA DISTRICT** (Organized August 22, 1919) - All of State of Indiana excepting Clark, Dearborn and Floyd Counties with the reservation that all wrestling, boys basketball, and girls basketball therein be controlled by the Indiana District.

**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. The State of Idaho. State of Nevada, counties of Elko, Eureka, and White Pine. (Territory re-aligned September 1987, and October 2002 to include the territory of the Snake River District - originally organized in 12/2/70).

**IOWA DISTRICT** (Organized January 15, 1939) - State of Iowa.

**KENTUCKY DISTRICT** (Organized February 27, 1939) - The State of Kentucky and except wrestling in Clark and Floyd County, Indiana. (Territory re-aligned, September, 1987; October 2003)

**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.)

**MARYLAND DISTRICT** (Organized, 1981) - State of Maryland (except the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1923) - State of Michigan. (Territory re-aligned December, 1962 and October, 1971.)

## **VI. DIRECTORY (continued)**

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT** (Organized 1906) - New Jersey, south of Mercer and Monmouth County; all of the State of Delaware and Pennsylvania, east of and including Bedford, Centre, Clinton and Potter Counties (Territory re-aligned December, 1962.)

**MID-EAST DISTRICT** (Organized February 25, 1984) - Country of Saudi Arabia, Expatriate U.S. citizens in surrounding countries may belong at the discretion of the Mid-East District. All registered athletes of the Mid-East District must be U.S. citizens.

**MINNESOTA DISTRICT** (territory realigned September, 1989) - State of Minnesota.

**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.)

**MONTANA DISTRICT** (Organized February 15, 1936) - State of Montana.

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT** (Organized June 26, 1922) - (Territory re-aligned September, 1986.) State of Nebraska.

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890) - New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)

**NEW JERSEY DISTRICT** (Organized April 21, 1930) - New Jersey north of and including Hudson, Mercer and Monmouth Counties.

**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.)

**NEW YORK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT** (Organized, 1890) - New York, south of and including Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties; also the Canal Zone.

**NIAGARA DISTRICT** (Organized September 27, 1919) – That portion of New York State west of and including Broome, Cortland, Onondaga and Oswego Counties.

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

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** (Organized December 1, 1962) - State of North Dakota.

**OHIO DISTRICT** (Organized May 1, 1923) - State of Ohio (except the counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Dearborn County (except wrestling) of Indiana, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawus, Washington and Wayne). (Territory re-aligned, December, 1959, 1960, 1962 and 1963, October, 1971, and October 2003)

**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT** (Organized February 23, 1936) - State of Oklahoma.

**OREGON DISTRICT** (Organized September 23, 1935) - State of Oregon and the following counties of Washington: Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania. (Territory re-aligned September, 1987.)

**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.)

**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, Carson City, Pershing, Storey and Washoe in the State of Nevada. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961 and December, 1962 and 1963.)

**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.

**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT** (Organized December 10, 1949, as Southwest Pacific Border District. Name changed at 1956 Convention) - Imperial and San Diego Counties, California.

## **VI. DIRECTORY (continued)**

**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.)

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

**SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT** (Organized December 5, 1965) - State of South Carolina.

**SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** (Organized December 4, 1964) - State of South Dakota.

**SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT** (Organized November 12, 1945) - That part of the State of Texas bounded on the East by and including the counties of Burleson, 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.)

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** (Organized August 13, 1951) - All of the states of Alabama and Tennessee. (Territory re-aligned December 1958, December 1972, September 30, 1989 and September 1999)

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** (Organized, 1892) - All of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi.

**SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT** (Organized January 15, 1959) - Counties of Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, all within the State of Nevada. (Territory re-aligned December, 1961, 1962.)

**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.)

**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.)

**UTAH DISTRICT** (Organized November, 1910) - State of Utah. (Territory re- aligned December, 1978.)

**VIRGINIA DISTRICT** (Organized December 9, 1934) - State of Virginia (except the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and cities of Alexandria and Falls Church.) (Territory re-aligned December, 1968.)

**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.)

**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.)

**WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT** (Organized February 28, 1960) - State of West Virginia.