REGISTERING FOR AAU BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



We'd love to have your team at AAU Nationals! It is the premier baseball experience for any young athlete.

To participate in AAU Nationals, each of your players and your coaches need to be AAU members, and you will need a club membership. Below is information on membership:

To obtain your memberships click Join AAU Today.

Obtain a Club Membership. If you only want to participate in AAU events and not host a tournament this year then you will want to purchase a Club Level 1 membership. The cost is \$30. If you plan to both participate in, and host tournaments for, AAU events, you would need a Club Level 2 membership (\$60). If your club desires to become a non-profit organization (for fundraising with companies that require a tax receipt) you can obtain a Level 3 membership. It is \$300, and you become a 501(c)3 as a subordinate of the AAU. Most clubs only need a Club level 1 or 2 membership unless they are planning to do corporate fundraising.

Obtain Athlete Memberships. The cost of a basic membership is \$12 per athlete. If you are going to participate in only AAU events, this membership level is sufficient. We also offer an AB (extended benefit) membership that can be used if you participate in both AAU events and non-AAU sanctioned events (i.e. other organizations' events). All AAU memberships include accident and liability insurance coverage at no additional cost as a benefit of membership. The cost of the AB membership - where the included insurance will cover you in both AAU and non-AAU sanctioned events - is \$14. Note that it is possible to register your team for Nationals and submit your entry fees prior to obtaining your individual athlete and non-athlete memberships. You will only need your club membership number and individual membership for one coach to submit your entry fee. Then, in order to input your required roster for Nationals you will need the membership number for each player and coach.

Obtain Non-Athlete Memberships. The cost of a membership is \$14 per non-athlete or \$16 for the AB membership. This card is for your coaches, scorekeepers, bat-boys/girls, etc.

To indicate you are planning to play in Nationals, click on <u>Intent to Participate</u>. When it asks how you plan to qualify, you will click "At Large" if your state does *not* have a District Championship. If your state does have a District Championship you'll click on that option. Filing your Intent to Participate does <u>not</u> confirm you for Nationals. It just lets us know that you are planning to come, and it populates the "Who's Planning to Play" page. If your state has a District Championship and you are filing your Intent to Participate prior to that event, when the page asks what place you finished, click "Other". We will verify your participation and place of finish with the district director after the championship tournament.

To actually register for Nationals once you are ready to commit, click <u>Online Registration</u>. This is where you will register for the tournament. You will begin by creating an account. Under 'Create an Account', you will be able to create any user name and password you wish. Once you have created your account, log in to the Online Registration system. Note that if you have already created an account in the membership system, you must recreate that account here, but you may use the same user name and password for both systems.

The first thing you will do is enter your team name. After entering your team name, you may continue to the next step which is creating your online roster, or, you can skip to the step that asks you to add your coaches. You may add one coach and proceed directly to Check Out. You can put the remainder of your roster in at a later date.

To proceed to Check Out, click the shopping cart icon and provide the information requested. This is where you can submit your entry fee. When you have finished the entry fee process, your team is officially registered for the tournament provided you complete any other required steps by the stated deadlines.

To then enter your roster at a later date or to make changes to your roster, go back to the Online Registration system and log in with the user name and password you created. Go to the appropriate roster step. You do not have to finish the roster all at one time. If you start it and then exit it after putting in a few players, you can continue to add to your roster up until June 1. Then you may make amendments until seven days prior to the commencement of the Grand Nationals. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until the tournament fills. Just filing the Intent to Participate does not secure your slot.

For lodging information, be sure to review that section in the National Championships Information Package. For those events held at ESPN Wide World of Sports, click on Hotel Information for lodging options and pricing information on many different types of properties. Be sure to check the drop-down box at the top of the page for additional options. To participate in Nationals, teams must stay in one of these properties, or complete a housing exemption form.

For lodging information at Nationals not held in Orlando, click on Hotel Information for further directions.

Discounted theme park tickets for Nationals held at ESPN Wide World of Sports are available by calling Disney Sports Travel at 407.939.7810. Contact Crystal Manino at the AAU office (407.828.8660 or <u>crystal@aausports.org</u>) to obtain a password for purchasing discounted tickets.

Patches – Each team will be provided tournament patches. You may choose to wear them on your uniform, or keep them as a memento.

Additional Information – For any additional information, be sure to check out the Tournament Information package and Abbreviated Rules sections on the Nationals page.

We look forward to seeing you, and wish your team every success!