



# AAU National Qualifier Program



## **Program Objective:**

The objective of the AAU National Qualifier Program is to increase grassroots participation in the overall AAU track & field program, expanding AAU District level qualifying programs, increasing overall AAU membership and standardizing the AAU Junior Olympic registration and advancement process.

## **District Qualifier Guidelines:**

The following guidelines have been established at the District level to assure the quality and consistency of all AAU District level qualifiers:

\*At the AAU District Qualifier level all inquiries pertaining to the National Qualifier will be handled through the AAU National Qualifier Program Coordinator and/or the AAU National Office Athletics Sports Manager.

**\*The District Sport Director is mandated by the AAU, Inc. codebook to host a district qualifier within the respective districts.**

**\*Additional qualifiers can be scheduled and must be approved by the National Qualifier Program Coordinator.** It is the responsibility of the District Sport Director to obtain approval from the National Program Coordinator for the additional qualifiers to be held within the district.

\*The AAU National Office is to be notified of the following:

- (a) event date(s)
- (b) location
- (c) schedule of events
- (d) contact information (to include phone, cellular phone, e-mail address)

**\*On-Line registration is mandatory at the District level. CoachO has been designated as the mandatory AAU athletics on-line registration system.**

**\*Use of a FAT timing system and the Hy-Tek Meet backup is mandatory at the District level.**

\*The District Qualifier is an advancement meet. Athletes must compete and receive a verified mark in an AAU sanctioned District Qualifier in order to be eligible to compete in a National Qualifier meet. An athlete may only compete in the events that he/she competed in and received a verified mark at the District Qualifier when advancing to the National Qualifier. A verified mark is defined as a mark (time/distance/height) received in a final event.

**\*An athlete may compete in multiple District Qualifiers but may not exceed the allowable number of events for their age group at the National Qualifier.**

\*Results from the District Qualifiers shall be made available to the athletes, coaches, spectators and parents during the course of the track meet.

\*All discrepancies and challenges must be cleared up by meet management at the end of the meet.

\*The Meet Director shall e-mail a HYTEK backup of the meet database to AAU Support within four (4) hours after the conclusion of the track meet. **Before submitting the HYTEK database to the AAU support staff, the Meet Director shall proof the database for mistakes (DNS, athletes in wrong age groups, incorrect or no marks in an event, etc.).**

**\*Corrections to results will only be accepted from the Meet Director if they are omissions or corrections resulting from a specific document challenge made by the coach, parent or athlete. These corrections must be initiated, corrected and submitted by the Meet Director to AAU Support with proper documentation within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the meet.**

\*All corrections to results must be submitted electronically. An electronic form will be supplied by AAU Support. This form can only be submitted once and the results submission period will end when the twenty-four (24) hour time period expires. **THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO RESULTS AFTER THE 24 HOUR RESULTS SUBMISSION PERIOD ENDS.**

**\*No District Qualifier entry fee may exceed a total of 20.00. This includes the inclusion of any late fee.**

**\*\*Any athlete scheduled to take a college entrance exam (SAT/ACT will be waived into the District Qualifier by the National Qualifier Program Coordinator upon receipt of the proper documentation. Documentation and the request in writing must be received PRIOR to the first date of District Qualifier competition.\*\***

\*District Qualifier awards must be the AAU Championship medal. Places 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> must be awarded.

**National Qualifier Guidelines:**

The following guidelines have been established for the hosting of the AAU National Qualifiers:

**\*ALL NATIONAL QUALIFIERS MUST BE COMPLETE NO LATER THAN JULY 11, 2010. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!! THE DISNEY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS IS THE DESIGNATED "LAST CHANCE" AAU NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC QUALIFIER.**

\*All inquiries pertaining to the National Qualifier advancements will be handled through the National Program Coordinator and the AAU National Junior Olympic Games Event Manager (Charles Oliver). All inquiries must be submitted in writing (e-mail).

\*NQ hosts will be selected through a bid process. Final selection will be made by the AAU Athletics Executive Committee.

\*Bid Deadline – January 15, 2010. Bids are to be submitted to the AAU National Office as mandated within the bid document. Bid documents are to be complete or the document will not be considered.

**\*ALL BIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$300.00 REFUNDABLE PERFORMANCE BOND. Upon the successful execution of all bid agreements, the fee will be returned. The performance bond is to be made to AAU, Inc. No bid document will be accepted without the performance bond.**

\*Use of the designated on-line registration system is mandatory. CoachO has been designated as the on-line entry/registration system.

**\*No National Qualifier fee may exceed the maximum of 25.00. This includes any late fees.**

\*Eligible athletes may only compete in ONE National Qualifier Meet.

\*Athletes who did not compete in a District Qualifier will only be eligible to compete in the pole vault, javelin, steeple chase and multi-events. **Relay teams must be declared on the National Qualifier level.**

\*Top four (4) athletes and relay teams at each National Qualifier Meet will advance to the AAU National Junior Olympic Games.

\*All events contested at the AAU Junior Olympic Games will be contested at the National Qualifier. There shall be no exceptions.

\*All facilities/venues must meet the facility requirements set forth by the AAU Athletics Executive Committee and outlined within the bid document.

\*Use of a FAT timing system and the HY-TEK program provided by the AAU Junior Olympic Games Hy-Tek team is mandatory.

**Results:**

\*Results shall be made available to the athletes, coaches, spectators and parents during the course of the track meet.

\*Meet management staff shall clear up all discrepancies and challenges by the end of the meet.

\*The Meet Director shall e-mail a Hy-Tek backup of the meet database to AAU Support within four (4) hours after the conclusion of the track meet. **Before submitting the Hy-Tek database to the AAU Support staff, the Meet Director shall proof the Hy-Tek database for mistakes ( DNS, athletes in wrong age groups, incorrect or no marks in an event, etc.).**

\*Corrections to results will only be accepted from the Meet Director if they are omissions or corrections resulting from a specific documented challenge made by the coach, parent or athlete. These corrections must be initiated, corrected and submitted by the Meet Director to AAU Support with the proper documentation within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the meet.

\*All corrections to results must be submitted electronically. An electronic form will be supplied by AAU Support. This form can only be submitted once and the results submission period will automatically end when the twenty-four (24) hour time period expires. **There will be no changes to the results after the twenty-four (24) hour results submission period ends.**

**\*National Qualifier awards MUST be AAU Championship Medals awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. If ribbons are awarded 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place, they must be AAU ribbons.**

**2010 AAU National Qualifier Program Areas:**

Area 1	NY/NJ/Connecticut/New England
Area 2	Southern New Jersey/Philadelphia
Area 3	Maryland (Baltimore area)/Potomac Valley (Washington DC) Virginia
Area 4	Western Pennsylvania/Western Maryland
Area 5	Tennessee/Alabama/North Carolina
Area 6	Georgia/South Carolina
Area 7	Florida (3 meets) (The AAU National Executive Committee has designated and will be responsible for a National Qualifier to be contested in Pensacola, Florida in 2010. The meet will be managed under the auspices of the National Committee Meet Management Team.)
Area 8	Louisiana/Mississippi
Area 9	Ohio/Michigan/West Virginia (2 meets)
Area 10	Illinois/Indiana/Wisconsin/Kentucky
Area 11	Ozark/Missouri Valley/Arkansas/Oklahoma
Area 12	Iowa/Nebraska/Minnesota
Area 13	Houston
Area 14	San Antonio
Area 15	Dallas
Area 16	West Texas
Area 17	Northern California/Washington/Oregon/Montana/ North Dakota/South Dakota/Wyoming/Idaho
Area 18	Southern California/Nevada
Area 19	Colorado/Arizona/New Mexico/Utah