

AAU Baseball National League



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The AAU Baseball National League (AAUBNL) was created in 2007 as a test product of the AAU Baseball Committee. The AAUBNL is maintained via www.aanationalleague.org, hosted by the AAU National Headquarters.

On the AAUBNL website all teams (U.S. and international) can upload team rosters, coaches' information, athletes' information, and a team photo. All games played between two teams that are each listed on the AAUBNL website are considered *league* games. For every league game played, teams earn points. These points comprise the Power Ranking system. Points are based upon (a) the winning percentage of the team they are playing, and (b) the outcome of all games played (see AAUBNL Point System below). This system will determine team rankings by age group within their district, and nationally.

Red Teams and Blue Teams

Teams which are AAU members at the time of league play will be considered **Blue Teams**. Non-AAU member teams will be **Red Teams**. Both Red and Blue Teams will be awarded points based on the same scale (see Point System below), and will be in contention for qualifying berths to the AAU National Championships for their respective age groups. However, only Blue Teams are eligible to have their entry fee waived for the National Championships. Further, if a Red Team qualifies for, and wishes to attend, the AAU National Championships it will be required to obtain an AAU membership for each of its athletes and non-athletes in order to participate prior to Nationals.

AAUBNL Point System

Points will be awarded based upon a team's winning percentage as reflected on the AAUBNL website at the time of the game being played. The official AAUBNL schedule is from January 1st through June 10th.

- A win versus a team with a winning percentage at .500 or above will be awarded seven (7) points.
- A win versus a team with a winning percentage at .499 or below will be awarded three (3) points.
- A loss versus any team will be awarded one (1) point.
- Teams entering an AAU Super Regional event will earn seven (7) bonus points.
- Teams entering an AAU District Championship event will earn fourteen (14) bonus points.
- Blue Teams (Current AAU members) and Red Teams (Non-AAU members) will be awarded points on the same scale.

What constitutes an AAU National League game?

Only *scheduled* games played between teams who are registered and listed on the AAUBNL website may be considered AAU National League games. Games may be played during AAU sanctioned tournaments (Invitational, Super Regional, and District Championship), AAU non-sanctioned tournament games between two AAUBNL teams, league games, practice games,

scrimmage games, and any other circumstance when two teams that are *both* listed in the AAUBNL website are scheduled to play each other. If playing in either an AAU sanctioned tournament or any non-sanctioned tournament, the host's tournament fee may apply. It will be the responsibility of the tournament director or the two teams involved on the schedule to report the scores on the AAUBNL website. Note that if a team listed on the AAUBNL website plays a team **not** listed on the AAUBNL website, that game is not considered an AAUBNL game and is **not** eligible for point reward.

AAU National League Play and Traditional League Play

AAU League play allows teams the responsibility of scheduling games, securing fields and umpires, and paying all monetary requirements for their league games. Typically a district director or a club director would host a National League scheduling meeting inviting all coaches who want to participate in the AAUBNL. At the meeting coaches will be responsible for scheduling game dates as field availability allows. Note, however, it is not required for a team to have field availability to participate in the AAUBNL.

After the scheduling meeting teams are responsible to log into the AAUBNL website to input their rosters, team photos, birth certificates, and league schedule.

During the league season the home team will be responsible for reporting scores of completed games on the AAUBNL website. Home teams will also be responsible for paying any game fees associated with the games they host. Both the home team and away teams are responsible for providing an equal amount of game balls. Each game will start with two new game balls from each team.

A *traditional league* is one which has a league administrator(s) responsible for scheduling games, securing umpires and fields, baseballs, and all other tasks required to run a league. The traditional league typically has an established beginning and ending date, a set amount of games for each team, and a printed schedule in advance of the season. The league administrator(s) will be responsible for inputting all team information, schedules, and scores into the AAUBNL website. Established leagues are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the AAUBNL, its Power Ranking system, and the AAU National League World Series opportunity. Established leagues such as those affiliated with, and run by, cities, YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, and parks and recreation departments, etc. are also encouraged to obtain a sanction from AAU Baseball for use of the AAU name, logo, insurance policy, email-blast capabilities, marketing of events, etc.

Interested league administrators may apply to run an AAUBNL by contacting AAU Baseball Senior Sport Manager, Debra Horn at debra@ausports.org.

AAU Sanctioning for AAUBNL

Baseball clubs, Convention & Visitors Bureaus, Sport Commissions, existing league operators, existing tournament hosts, etc. who would like to host an AAU-sanctioned National League event must submit an application to the AAU National Office for approval by the AAU National Baseball Committee. The AAU Baseball Committee has sole authority of approving and disapproving sanctions concerning the AAU National League.

Participating in the AAUBNL (Differences with AAU and Non-AAU participants)

All teams participating in the AAUBNL (Blue Teams and Red Teams) will need a club membership, and a non-athlete membership for their club's contact person.

AAUBNL teams wishing to take full advantage of the benefits of AAU membership, including outstanding insurance, must have full AAU membership (athlete and non-athlete) for their entire roster. Those additional benefits are as follows:

- Ability to enter AAU membership numbers and all required information (name, address, phone number, etc.) will automatically populate the roster.
- Ability to register for all AAU Baseball National Championship events without having to re-type any information.
- Athletes and non-athletes are covered at all AAU-sanctioned events as well all non-sanctioned events if they have the *added benefit* membership.
- An opportunity to advance to the National Championships having their entry fee waived

Teams who do **not** take advantage of full AAU membership for their athletes and non-athletes must type all required fields in the roster. Such teams are registered as Red Teams. Red Teams are not covered under the AAU insurance policy as insurance is only included with full AAU membership. If a Red Team finishes with enough points to qualify for the AAU National Championships, the entire team (all athletes and non-athletes) will be required to obtain full AAU membership prior to participating in Nationals.

National League Champions

Blue Teams and Red Teams playing in the AAUBNL during the spring season (Beginning January 1st and ending June 10th) have the opportunity to qualify for the AAU National Championships.

At the end of the outlined season, all teams will be selected based on the total number of AAUBNL Power Ranking points earned in each district. In the 10U, 11U, 12U, and 13U age divisions, the Blue Teams receiving the most points in the top eight (8) districts will be invited to the National Championships with their entry fee paid. Blue Teams in 2nd through 4th place in the top eight (8) districts, and 1st through 4th place in all other districts, will qualify for National Championships, but will be responsible for paying their entry fee. To have its entry fee to the National Championships waived, a team must finish *first* in its league in the top eight (8) districts. That privilege is *not* transferable to the 2nd place team if the 1st place team elects not to attend Nationals.

For the 14U, 15U, 16U, and 18U age divisions, Blue Teams that finish in 1st through 4th place in their league for all districts may advance to the National Championships, but will be responsible for their entry fee.

Red Teams that finish 1st through 4th place in league play in all districts and for all age groups will qualify for National Championships, but must pay the required entry fee. Red Teams must also gain individual AAU memberships for each athlete and coach before participating in the AAU National Championships.

The Amateur Athletic Union of the US, Inc has the right to modify playing rules, processes and procedures at its sole discretion.