

Diamonds are a Mom's Best Friend

AAU Baseball Super Regional

May 10-11, 2014

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex



Qualifier

2014 AAU BASEBALL

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- AAU MEMBERSHIP:** All athletes, coaches, scorekeeper and bat-persons must hold a current AAU membership. All non-athletes must request their memberships 10 days in advance to make sure your background check clears in time for check-in. No coach may be admitted without a valid membership. In addition, all teams must hold a current AAU club membership. All athletes and non-athletes, including the team administrator, listed on the roster will receive credentials for entrance into the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Membership can be obtained at [Join AAU](#).
- DATES:** May 9 – 10, 2014
- ENTRY FEE:** \$350 for a minimum 3-game schedule. If paying by credit card, a \$10.50 convenience fee is added. Checks are also acceptable. All tournament registration is online.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** Friday, May 2, at 11:59 PM ET, or when tournament fills, whichever comes first. Register early for this popular event. Once the entry deadline passes, teams on the waitlist will be cleared. Teams who have not completed their tournament registration online (including roster) may be moved to the waitlist if the event is full. Team registration is not complete until your roster has been entered and entry fees submitted.
- ROSTERS:** See Eligibility section.
- WAIVERS:** A Disney waiver form is required from each participant's parent prior to participating. Coaches will be provided with the forms and must make a copy for each participant, including all coaches.
- TEAM CHECK-IN:** A person listed as bench personnel on the roster shall register the team between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10. Registration will be at the Clubhouse on the ground level of Champion Stadium. Players do not come to team check-in. The team representative will make a final review of the roster and receive team credentials. **Please count your credentials carefully as once you leave tournament check-in, no further credentials can be allotted to your team. Lost credentials are not replaceable.**

Each team shall keep in its possession an **“ELIGIBILITY BOOK”** . The **“ELIGIBILITY BOOK”** must contain:

1. Copy of the team AAU Online Roster to be used at the event.
2. Copy of each athlete’s Proof of Age.
3. List of AAU membership numbers for all athletes and bench personnel. It is not necessary to print each individual AAU membership card.

The **“ELIGIBILITY BOOK”** may be requested to be seen by a member of the AAU Staff at any time during the tournament. Always have your Eligibility Book with you during your games. Failure to have proper during the event may result in athlete or team disqualification.

COACHES’ MEETING:

There will be no coaches’ meeting prior to this event. It will be each coach’s responsibility to familiarize him/herself with the AAU Baseball rules. A copy of the rules can be viewed and printed at www.aabaseball.org. Note that there are several minor deviations from the standard rules as outlined in this package.

**SCHEDULES
and FORMAT:**

Pool play on Saturday will begin at 10:00 am. Each team will play at least two pool games. 12U and 13U teams will be placed in pools of three. The 11U teams will be placed in one pool of five. Each team will have two pool games and in the 11U, not all teams will play each other. The single-elimination round will begin on Sunday at 9:00 am. The format and schedule are subject to change due to weather or field needs.

TIEBREAKERS:

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation play, the international tiebreaker will be used for one inning.

During pool play only, if the score is tied at the end of 6 innings for 12U and younger or 7 innings for 13U and older, or reaches its time limit, one extra inning will be played using the international tiebreaker rule. At the beginning of the extra inning, coaches will meet at home plate and indicate to the umpire where in their batting order they will begin. Each team has the option of beginning anywhere in the batting order that was in place the previous inning. The previous two batters in the order will be placed on first and second base accordingly with no outs.

For example, in an 11U game the score is tied at the end of six innings with the batter who is seventh in the batting order making the final out for the visiting team. At the top of the 7th inning the coach for that team may advise the umpire he chooses to start the extra inning with his number three batter. His number one batter would take second base, and his number two batter would take first base.

For seeding purposes, tiebreakers for this event will be slightly different than from Grand Nationals. To determine team records, three points will be awarded for a win, one point will be awarded for a tie, and a loss is allocated no points.

The tiebreaker hierarchy for this event only is as follows:

- 1) Team record (points)
- 2) Head to head competition *provided* all teams in the tie have played each other. If one or more teams in the tie have not played each other, this criterion will be skipped.
- 3) Runs allowed
- 4) Runs scored
- 5) Run differential

Also, in this event only, once a criterion has been used, the tiebreaker system will not revert back to it. Therefore, if in the event of a three-way tie, teams A, B, and C all beat each other so they move on to the Runs Allowed criterion. Team A allowed 4 runs and teams B and C each allowed 5. Team A will be seeded, but teams B and C will move forward to the Runs Scored criterion. If team B scored 6 runs and team C scored 8, team C will be seeded next even if team B beat team C in head-to-head competition. The system does not revert back to head to head.

UNIFORMS:

Uniforms and equipment shall be pursuant to the rules published by NFHS with any exceptions/additions implemented by the AAU.

COACHES' ATTIRE:

Coaches are the leaders of their team and as such, as asked to be dressed appropriately, neatly, and in team colors. Please note that open-toed shoes are not acceptable. Only baseball caps may be worn on the field and must be worn with the brim in front. No hats other than baseball caps may be worn.

PENALTY - If these requirements are not met, that particular coach(es) ***will not*** be eligible to participate until he is in compliance with the rule. Coach(es) not in compliance will not be allowed to take the field until they are properly attired. Whether a coaches' attire is appropriate is solely a judgment call by the tournament director and may not be appealed.

BASEBALLS:

Official AAU Rawlings baseballs will be provided for all Grand Nationals games.

RULES OF PLAY:

The most current High School Baseball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Districts except where modified (see AAU Baseball Handbook:

http://image.aausports.org/handbooks/baseball/Baseball_Handbook.pdf

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

In the event of inclement weather, at its **sole discretion** the tournament staff may deem it necessary to alter the tournament format by shortening either the time limit for games and/or reducing the number of innings that will constitute an official game, or other means necessary to complete the tournament within the published dates. The entire rain policy can be found in the AAU Rules Handbook.

REFUNDS DUE TO WEATHER:

Every attempt will be made to complete a minimum of three games per team. However, in the event of weather that prohibits completion of the event (as determined solely by the tournament staff), 100% refund will be given if the event is totally cancelled, 50% refund will be given if one game is played, and no refund will be given if two games are played.

ELIGIBILITY:

If a player is found to be ineligible prior to the start of the tournament, the player will be disqualified from the tournament. If a player is found to be ineligible after the tournament has begun, upon discovery, that player and head coach will be expelled from the competition. All games in which the ineligible player participated in the most current round will be forfeited, the team will be placed as last seed in that round, and may be subject to future sanctions. Coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements.

Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of a player or team shall be directed to the Tournament Director or his/her designee in attendance. All claims of an ineligible player must be accompanied by proof, and will be determined by the National Chair, Senior Sports Manager, and AAU Director of Sports.

PLAYER AGE DETERMINATION:

AGE GROUP	BORN ON /AFTER
11U	May 1, 2002
12U	May 1, 2001
13U	May 1, 2000

Proof of age is required for participation in AAU and must be produced upon request. Acceptable forms of birth documents are listed in the AAU Rules Handbook. No other forms will be accepted.

PLAYER ROSTER:

Rosters are limited to a maximum of 20 players.

COACHES:

Each team is entitled to a maximum of **three (3) bench personnel (head coach and assistants) and (1) one scorekeeper/assistant coach**. Each individual must be a registered as an AAU non-athlete. Please remember non-athlete memberships no longer process immediately due to mandatory background checks. ***Please allow up to ten days for your membership to be processed. If a coach's membership has not cleared prior to team check-in, that coach will not be able to receive a credential or coach in the event until the membership has cleared. Please plan in advance.*** Only those coaches/scorekeepers filed on the online roster will be permitted on the field or in the dugout. Team administrators are not coaches and will not be allowed on the field or in the dugout.

TEAM

ADMINISTRATOR:

Each team may have one rostered team administrator (business manager, team mom, team dad, travel coordinator, etc.). One rostered team administrator will

receive credentials but will not be allowed on the field of play or in the dugout. The team administrator must be rostered prior to tournament check-in.

BATPERSONS:

No more than two (2) bat-persons may be registered by each team. Each bat-person is should be between the ages 8-18 at the time of the tournament and registered as an AAU athlete. If a batperson is younger than 8 years old, s/he must have served as a batperson throughout at least one season. Batpersons must wear helmets when in live playing areas.

AWARDS and CEREMONIES:

Award ceremonies will be held for the Championship game in each age division. The ceremony will commence immediately following each championship game. The award ceremonies will be held on the field of the Championship game. Photos will be permitted.

A team trophy, individual plaques, and medals will be presented to the winning team in each age division. Individual medals will be awarded to runner-up team in each age division.

CONDUCT:

Players' and coaches' conduct should be above reproach, both on and off the diamond. Any misconduct will result in disqualification from the event without refund. Coaches listed on the official team roster will be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans for any damages incurred to the motel(s) or facilities used by their rostered players. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game will also be disqualified from that team's following game. The second occurrence during the tournament results in suspension for the remainder of the tournament as well as possible imposition of further sanctions.

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 upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final. Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a specific rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.

WITHDRAWAL OF TOURNAMENT ENTRY:

Deadline for withdrawal of the tournament will be the tournament entry deadline or when the tournament fills, whichever comes first. If a team does not give notification of withdrawal prior to the tournament deadline date or the tournament filling the team forfeits their entry fee in its entirety.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION:

Spectator admission is required for all events at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Daily admission will be available for \$16.50 per adult and \$11.50 per child (ages 3-9). Tickets are only available at the box office upon arrival at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Advance ticketing is not available.

COOLER POLICY:

Each guest may bring a single cooler of up to one gallon in size for personal use. Coaches may bring a single cooler into the facility of up to five (5) gallons for team

use. No alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers will be permitted. Please also note that no lockable storage is available for cooler or other personal belongings. Disney is not responsible for personal items that are lost or stolen.

SHELTER POLICY: Covered seating is available at all ESPN Wide World of Sports fields. Pop-up tents/shelters are allowed but must be down the foul lines back from the bleacher line of view.

TAPING POLICY: Taping is free if athletes bring their own tape and pre-wrap. Athletes that do not bring their own taping kit and are seeking preventative taping may purchase a taping kit (one roll each of pre-wrap and tape) at D-Sports between the hours of 10am-5pm. The receipt is taken to the trainer to receive the kit and to be taped. After hours, you may purchase the kit directly from the Athletic Trainer, but exact change will be required. Additional rolls of tape may also be purchased. There is no fee for taping related to injuries sustained during competition, IF the injury has been evaluated and logged at the time it occurred by the Athletic Trainer.

TRANSPORTATION and PARKING: Parking at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex is complimentary. Please plan to arrive early. If the parking lot is full you may need to be shuttled to and from ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.

EQUIPMENT TRANSFER: Assistance in transporting teams' equipment is available. Look for marked signs for equipment drop off. Please always leave one adult member of your team with your equipment until the equipment is loaded on the transports, and have an adult team member waiting at your field to receive the equipment once transported. Neither Disney nor AAU are responsible for lost/misplaced equipment.

COURTESY CARTS: Courtesy carts for those with difficulty walking will be rotating from the park side entrance (to the left of the stadium) to a specified point at the Diamondplex and the Multipurpose (Hess) fields. Carts rotate among the three drop off points.

RESULTS: The tournament management system we will use for the Diamonds are a Mom's Best Friend Super Regional is [Tourney Machine](#). Click the link to stay up to date on all things involving the tournament. Be sure to sign up for notifications and the mobile app to the right of the Tourney Machine page. This service is free to our teams and fans.

QUALIFIER: All teams participating in the Diamonds are a Mom's Best Friend Super Regional automatically qualify for the AAU Grand Nationals June 22-28 at ESPN Wide World of Sports. The entry fee is \$850 for a 7-game guarantee. All games will be played on-site at ESPN Wide World of Sports. The deadline date is May 26 or when the tournament fills, whichever comes first. Note that teams playing in the Diamonds tournament qualify, but are not guaranteed a berth until registration for Grand Nationals has been completed. Berths are not held in advance of registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR INFORMATION ON GRAND NATIONALS:

Visit <http://www.aabaseball.org/> or contact:

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The AAU can not and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event, nor can it guarantee the number of teams that will participate. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator. This includes, but is not limited to, all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.