

Understanding Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Membership & Insurance



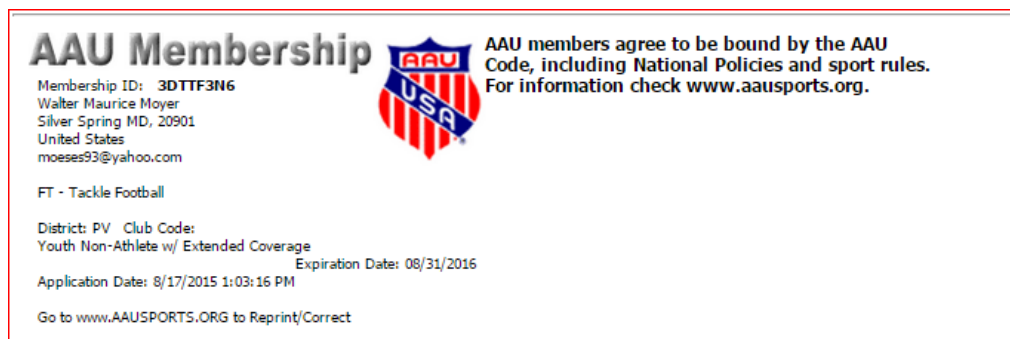
UNITY Thunder is a member of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and all of its practices and sponsored events are sanctioned by the AAU. The Greater Metropolitan Youth Football League (GMYFL), the flag and tackle league that UNITY participates in, is also a member of the AAU and all of its events are officially AAU sanctioned.

Both UNITY Thunder and the GMYFL require that all coaches, “on-the-field” volunteers, and players be members of the AAU so that they are insured in case of an accident or incident. To become a member of the AAU, coaches and volunteers have to undergo a background check as part of their application for “non-athlete” membership. Every coach and volunteer must have Extended Coverage Membership (AB) which at present time is \$18.00 annually. In order to practice and play in events, every player must have the “athlete” Extended Coverage Membership (AB) which at present time is \$16.00 annually.

To register as a member of AAU and receive the insurance coverage, participants should go to <http://www.aasports.org>. Participants must get **EXTENDED COVERAGE MEMBERSHIP/ INSURANCE (AB)**, not the **Regular Membership/ Insurance**. As part of the membership application, please be sure to indicate the Sport as “**Tackle Football**” or “**Cheerleading**”, and the club code as “**WWA334**”. Website form examples are attached in Attachment B and C.

Please print a copy of the participant’s membership card from the website, and present to the head coach of the team or cheer squad on or before the first day of practice. A copy will be placed with the team roster for insurance verification before every event. If you already have an active membership, renewal each year cannot be done until August 15th as the annual period of coverage runs from September 1st to August 31st. Please be sure to present the current membership card, but then renew when the renewal period begins so that coverage will not lapse. Also, once you renew, please print, and present the new membership card to your head coach.

Membership is valid for one year and covers all other sports that the coach, volunteer, or player participates in during that year provided that the teams and events are AAU members/ sanctioned.



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Attachment A - AAU Membership/ Insurance Extended Coverage Program (AB)

The Extended Coverage (AB) coverage program was developed to extend coverage for AAU members while participating in events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU. Coverage in this program is provided for properly registered athletes or non-athletes for events in the United States of America (including its territories and possessions) and Puerto Rico.

To have extended coverage (AB), the following criteria applies:

- For team competitions, the entire competing team and coach (non-athlete) must be AAU extended coverage (AB) members.
- For individual competitions, each competing individual must be an AAU extended coverage (AB) member and must be supervised by an AAU extended coverage (AB) registered coach.
- The competition must be formally scheduled, supervised and conducted by a recognized sport association, civic organization or school that is not a member of the AAU.
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Benefits of the AB program are: Sports Accident, General Liability, & Certificates of Insurance

Who is insured?

- Athletes & Non-Athletes
- Member clubs/teams
- Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc.

When does AB coverage take effect?

- Coverage takes effect when AAU registered members in the extended coverage (AB) category are participating in **events hosted by organizations that are or are not member clubs of the AAU.**
- **Example:** All of Jim's Basketball Team members are registered AAU extended coverage (AB) members. Jim's Basketball Team is participating in an event hosted by the local Park and Recreation organization. The Park and Recreation organization is not a member club of the AAU nor is the event sanctioned by the AAU. Jim's Basketball Team has coverage in this situation by being AAU extended coverage (AB) members.

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REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP


Youth Athlete Membership
Select this option if you need to register one or more youth athletes.


Non-Athlete or Adult Athlete Membership
Select this option if you are an adult and you need to register yourself as an athlete or non-athlete (coach, official, etc.)


Import Spreadsheet
Select this option if you have a CSV file to import for multiple youth athlete registrations.


International (Non-US) Membership
Select this option if you need to register an international member.

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Attachment B - AAU Membership Sample Application Form for Coaches & "On-the-Field" Volunteers

Membership Application

Who are you signing up for?

I am signing up for myself

My child (Youth Athletes ONLY)

Someone else (Youth Athletes ONLY)

*As is:

Member Details - Who's Being Registered?

If you are registering for someone else, make sure to use THEIR INFORMATION here, NOT YOURS. NOTE: ALL adults must fill out their own application. Adults are subjected to a background screening which can take 5-10 business days to complete and must authorize this themselves; you CANNOT authorize a background screening for someone else. Youth memberships are not subject to background screenings.

* First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

* Address:

City:

* Country:

* State / Prov.:

* Zip Code:

* Email:

* Phone:

* Date of Birth:

* Gender:

What type of membership?

* Program:

* Sport:

* Coverage:

* Term:

Are you a member of a club?

No, not at this time (can be updated later)

NOTE: Make sure you update the membership(x) to associate them with a club if they join one later on.

Yes

Terms and Conditions - Digital Signature

Membership in the AAU is a privilege granted by the AAU. It is not a right. The AAU at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant(s) for membership.

Membership in any category may be granted only after an application is submitted and approved. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to comply with all the provisions of the AAU Code, including its constitution, bylaws, policies, procedures, regulations, and rules.

* I accept all terms and conditions for this AAU membership application as laid out by the AAU code book (available here) and this application.

* I hereby certify that all information I have provided is accurate, my name (below) is correct, and I am authorized to apply for membership for the person in the application.

By entering my name below I hereby authorize AAU to perform a background screening for my adult membership, except and acknowledge all terms and conditions presented to me during the application process.

NOTE: THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

* First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

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Attachment C - AAU Membership Sample Application Form for Players

Youth Membership Application

What type of memberships?

* Sport:

* Coverage:

* Term:

Are they a member of a club?

No, not at this time (can be updated later)

Yes

Zip Code:

Select your club:

OR

Enter your club code:

Who are you registering?

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Gender	Date Of Birth	Street Address	Zip	Email	Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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* I certify that I have the athlete's parent's or guardian's consent for the athlete to become an AAU Member.

* I accept all terms and conditions for this AAU membership application as laid out by the AAU code book (available here) and this application.

* I hereby certify that all information I have provided is accurate, my name (below) is correct, and I am authorized to apply for membership for the youths in this application.

* I understand and agree all terms and conditions listed

By entering my name below I hereby authorize AAU to create the requested youth memberships, accept and acknowledge all terms and conditions presented to me during the application process.

NOTE: THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP OR A PARENTALLY APPROVED REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOUTH APPLICANTS.

* First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name: