

A. Advancement and Qualification Procedures

1. All events offered at the AAU Junior Olympic Games MUST be contested at Regional qualifier meets in order to advance to the next level of competition.
2. The top sixteen (16) finishers in each individual relay and multi-event shall advance from the District Qualifier to the Regional qualifier. Competitors shall only advance from the District Qualifier into the Regional qualifier in the events that they actually competed and qualified at the District level. Districts may be granted a waiver from conducting a District qualifying meet by the AAU Athletics Executive Committee if petitioned by the District Sport Director.
3. The top six (6) finishers in each individual Track Event, and top five (5) in each Field Event in each age division qualify from the Regional qualifier to the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Top four (4) finishers in each Relay and Multi Event and each age division qualify from the Regional qualifier to the AAU Junior Olympic Games.
4. The top eight (8) finishers in each event and each age division qualify from the Club Championship, Primary National Championship (combined results) and West Coast AAU Junior Olympic Games to the AAU Junior Olympic Games
5. The host Regional qualifier of the AAU Junior Olympic Games is allowed to enter eight (8) athletes into the AAU Junior Olympic Games directly from their Regional qualifier meet, providing the athletes meet all AAU requirements.
6. In the event that any qualifier chooses not to enter the AAU Junior Olympic Games, no one else will be permitted to advance in their place.
7. **An athlete who qualifies to advance in any event at a District or Regional qualifier, and who is attached to a club when the qualification is achieved, is not eligible to compete in any event at a higher level competition while attached to a different club.** (effective 2013)

B. Advancement & Qualification Waiver Process

1. To qualify is to win the right to participate in the next level of competition by meeting certain standards in an earlier race or flight.
2. A preliminary flight or heat is the first level of competition in any event which qualifies.
3. Educational and Extenuating Circumstances Waivers – Any athlete scheduled to take a college entrance exam (SAT or ACT) will be waived in to the District Qualifier by the Regional qualifier Program Liaison in conjunction with the National Sport Chairman, upon receipt of the proper documentation. Documentation and the request in writing must be received PRIOR to the first date of District Qualifier competition. The Regional qualifier Program Liaison in conjunction with the National Sport Chairman will have sole responsibility of all decisions regarding waivers and/or advancement from the District Qualifier to a Regional qualifier.
4. The AAU Athletics Committee National Sports Chair will have sole responsibility of all decisions regarding waivers and/or advancement from the Regional qualifier Level into the AAU Junior Olympic Games.
5. Any AAU Athlete who competes and receives a mark in the USATF Junior National Championships, upon receipt of proper documentation will be waived into the AAU Junior Olympic Games.

6. In any District Qualifier, Regional qualifier or any National Championship when making an exception to add an athlete after the entry deadline, that athlete forfeits their right to seeding.