

## **AAU Gulf District Meet Award Guidelines**

This document is intended to be used as a guideline for determining the awarding and sanctioning of regular season practice meets for the AAU Gulf District Track and Field organization.

1. Clubs/teams are required to have been a registered/active member of the Gulf district AAU Track and Field organization for a minimum of 2 consecutive years. "Active" will be defined as having competed in at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all AAU Gulf district practice meets held during the previous 2 years.
2. Request to host a meet must be submitted in writing. Each club wishing to host a meet is required to submit their request at the End of Season Track & Field Wrap Up Meeting. The request is to be accompanied with proof of current club and individual membership and a \$250 deposit via Club Check.
3. Tentatively, all Gulf District AAU meets will be scheduled to occur between the dates of March and July.
4. Meet award and date preference will be given to clubs that have held the most recent, successful AAU Gulf District meet. This will begin with the current club that has held the most consecutive/successful AAU meets. Hierarchy will then proceed in descending numerical order.
5. Award notification of meets and the Gulf District AAU Schedule will beat the End of the Season Wrap Up meeting, if possible or will be sent to all clubs on or by January 31.
6. All track meet host clubs are required to give at least 30 days notification if they will not be able to host their meet due to unforeseen circumstances. Notification of meet cancellation that is less than 30 days from the awarded/published meet date will result in the forfeiture of the \$250.00 meet confirmation deposit. Additionally, team will lose its seniority upon consideration of meet awards for the following year.
7. Your meet confirmation deposit is held in good faith and will be returned to the host club's Meet Director or team representative after the completion of their successful meet.
8. Meet host clubs are required to have all coaches and team athletes registered as AAU Gulf District members before the date of their track meet. The Awards and Review Committee will review all registration information prior to the meet to confirm team membership. Failure to register all athletes and coaches prior to the meet date may result in the forfeiture of meet award hierarchy and consideration in the following year.

9. In an effort to ensure that the AAU practice meets being held are of the highest quality and meet the standards of the Gulf District AAU, the Awards and Rules Committee will make every attempt to ensure that awarded clubs are logistically and financially able to hold a successful invitational track meet. Although we continue to encourage other coaches and teams to support each other at all of our sanctioned meets, host clubs should not submit a request to host a meet with the expectation that they will be able to solicit other attending clubs to help in all other pivotal/functional areas. Clubs hosting track meets must be independently capable of manning all of the required duties, responsibilities, and reasonable expectations of hosting a successful track meet. The inability to reasonably staff or independently man pivotal areas during the meet may result in the loss of the team's meet award hierarchy and forfeiture of their meet the following year.

It is important that all Gulf District AAU teams show support, commitment, and respect to our AAU Gulf District and all of our member organizations. Although it is not always feasibly possible to attend every meet during the year, each host team should recognize the importance of attending as many AAU District practice meets as possible. Our continued growth depends on member organization's commitment and support. Meet host teams are required to attend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all scheduled AAU Gulf District Track and Field meets. Failure to provide acceptable support to the District and other Track and Field teams' sanctioned events as determined by the District Award & Rules Committee may result in a host team losing their meet award hierarchy and forfeiture of their meet the following year.

Any issues or questions related to this document should be referred to Lola Wesley or the Meet Rules Committee.

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