

To all Junior Club leadership:

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Clubs and teams can have membership with both AAU and USAV simultaneously. AAU sanctioned events require participants to be AAU members. USAV sanctioned events require participants to be USAV members. The activities which can be sanctioned by each association may vary but generally they will include tournaments, leagues, scrimmages, and practices. Clubs that have registered all their members (players and coaches) as both USAV and AAU members could potentially sanction their practices with either or both entities. Requirements may differ depending on the organization. Clubs should be fully informed as to what is required by the sanctioning entity.

Clubs that have some teams registered exclusively with AAU and other teams registered exclusively with USAV will need to manage their practices carefully in order for the appropriate insurance to be in place. It should be noted each association carries separate insurance with different coverages and limits.

For example, if teams 1 and 2 are registered exclusively with AAU and teams 3 and 4 are exclusively registered with USAV, then teams 1 and 2 could scrimmage each other under the AAU sanction and teams 3 and 4 could scrimmage each other under the USAV sanction. If team 1 (AAU exclusive) scrimmaged 3 or 4 (USAV exclusive) or team 2 (AAU exclusive) scrimmaged team 3 or 4 (USAV exclusive), resulting in the mixing of AAU and USAV teams, then the insurance would not be in place since all participants are not members of the same organization. It is acceptable for USAV and AAU teams to be practicing at the same time in the same facility as long as the teams are not mixed. If all the participants are registered with the same or with both organizations, then there is no problem with teams mixing at practice.

Some AAU teams have opted for the extended coverage (AB) membership which covers properly registered teams while participating in events hosted by organizations that are not member clubs of the AAU. The entire team must have the extended coverage in order for the extended coverage to apply. If a team registered with the AAU extended coverage (AB) membership participated in a Parks & Rec tournament, the AB coverage would be in effect for that team if the Parks & Rec is not a member club of the AAU. The same would be true if the event was sanctioned through USAV; however, USAV membership would still be required to participate in USAV sanctioned events and team members would need to meet USAV participation requirements.