# New England Amateur Athletic Union
# NEAAU Softball
# 2011

**HOW to JOIN the NEAAU GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

**CREATE a NEAAU SOFTBALL CLUB**

- The NEAAU can help you form teams, find players, promote tryouts and more, but you first must register with the AAU
- Please visit http://aausports.org/JoinNow.aspx to become an AAU member and register your new team. Three different club levels are available, but most NEAAU Girls Softball clubs are Level II.

**INSURANCE (for Players & Coaches)**

- See http://aausports.org/Insurance/Overview.aspx for more information on AAU insurance.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE: The AB coverage will cover you, your coaches and your players no matter where they may play (AAU or NOT).**

**FORMING YOUR TEAMS(s)**

1. *Post Team Name on NEAAU.org* – email us at contact@neaau.org and notify us of your new team
2. *League Meetings* – Please attend winter softball meetings to learn rules and schedule games. See www.neaau.org/softball.aspx
3. *Promote Your Team Tryouts* – List your team tryout dates on NEAAU.org. Visit www.neaau.org/tryoutssoftball.aspx
4. *Find Players* – The NEAAU has a list of softball players looking for AAU teams to compete on in 2010-2011. Email us at contact@neaau.org to review the list of players in your area

***If players or coaches that choose to play on your team are not AAU members, NEAAU recommends that you as team director register them*

**ROSTERS**

- Rosters MUST be final by April 1st and faxed to 401-305-3878 or emailed to contact@neaau.org

**LEAGUE SETUP**

1. *AGE GROUPS* **–** 10U, 11/12U, 13/14U, 15U
2. *DIVISIONS* **-** Teams are put in Division by zip codes and skill level. Division will have no less than 5 teams and no more than 9 teams.
3. *LEAGUE PLAY* – March-June 2011. Minimum 12-14 Games
4. *LEAGUE TOURNAMENT* – June 2011 (dates and locations TBD)

**SCHEDULING**

1. *OPEN SCHDEDULING* - NEAAU Softball has what we call **open scheduling**. Teams MUST play divisional teams twice. We suggest playing these games on Sunday on based upon field availability. Teams can play any team in their age division any time, any place and as many times as they want.

2. *DEADLINE* - Schedules will be made at the March meeting and a copy MUST be submitted to the NEAAU before the team leaves the meeting

**FIELDS**

- Each team should secure a HOME field for playing

**LEAGUE TOURNAMENT**

1. *DATE* – July 2011 (dates and locations TBD)
2. *QUALIFY* – 24 team maximum in each Age Division. The top 2 teams from divisions with 8 teams or more will qualify for the NEAAU Championships. Only the top team from a division with 7 or less teams will advance to League Tournament. If we need more teams to reach the number of 24 teams the tournament committee will select the at-Large teams.

***League tournament details are subject to change based on the amount of teams that sign up to participate in the 2011 NEAAU Softball League*

**NEAAU.org SOFTBALL NETWORK**

1. *STANDINGS* – NEAAU will update league standings each week on NEAAU.org
2. *SCORES*– NEAAU will post weekly game scores on NEAAU.org
3. *STATISTICS* – NEAAU will record league statistics on NEAAU.org
4. *TEAM PAGES* – All league teams will have a team page on NEAAU.org with team roster, stats, schedule and more

**LEAGUE FEES**

- Information will be available by January 1st, 2011. Please email us at contact@neaau.org if you have questions or concerns

**CONTACT**

- If you are interested in New England AAU Softball and wish to speak with a NEAAU representative, please email us at contact@neaau.org. We will respond to you quickly.