



## AAU Track and Field Region 17

### By-laws (rules & regulations)

#### Preamble

The Amateur Athletic Union Gulf District Track and Field Clubs are dedicated to the promotion and development of track and field athletics within the Gulf region, fostering an environment of fair competition, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among its member clubs. These by-laws and rules of regulations establish the governance structure, operational procedures, and standards of conduct that guide the collective efforts of these clubs.

#### **Article I. Organization Name**

The name of the Organization is Amateur Athletic Union Region 17, hereafter referred to as the Gulf District.

#### **Article II. Purpose of the Gulf District**

The primary purpose of the Gulf District is to organize, promote, and oversee track and field competitions and related activities for its member clubs within the Gulf region. This includes but is not limited to establishing an annual competition calendar, developing and enforcing rules and regulations, organizing district and regional championships, coordinating athlete and coach development initiatives, and representing the Gulf District's interests.

#### **Article III. Membership**

Membership in the AAU Gulf District is open to any individual or organization that shares the mission and values of the district, with the understanding that all members must adhere to the policies and guidelines outlined throughout.

Individual Membership – Membership is required of all persons who participate in the AAU in the following capacities:

- i. Athletes
- ii. Coaches
- iii. Club Contacts
- iv. District Officers



#### **Article IV. Regional Sports Committee Positions**

The officers of the AAU Region 17 shall be of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Sports Director.

- The Officers of the Gulf District for Track and Field (Athletics) shall be but not limited to:
- Sports Director
- Advisory Committee (Selected at the Gulf District Track and Field level only, at the discretion of the sports director.)
- Records Administrator (Elected at the Gulf District Track and Field level only)
- Operations Administrator (Elected at the Gulf District Track and Field level only)
- Communications Administrator (Elected at the Gulf District Track and Field level only)

#### **Article V. Gulf District Officer Duties**

- i. Sports Director
  - a. Leading the Gulf District in maintaining equitable club participation.
  - b. Maintaining the integrity and quality of track and field events hosted by selected clubs.
  - c. Organize and oversee the Gulf District track and field qualifying track meets.
- ii. Advisory Committee
  - a. Advises the Sports Director on the business of the Gulf District including, but not limited to District operations and championship meets.
- iii. Operations Administrator
  - a. Works with the Sports Director on Finance/Vendor business
  - b. Assist with the business of the championship meets
- iv. Communications Administrator
  - a. Assists Operations Administrator with District business
  - b. Manage Gulf District communications, including but not limited to social media and website
  - c. Manage the meet hosting assignments
  - d. Assist with the business of the championship meets
- v. Records Administrator
  - a. Keep minutes of Gulf District meetings.
  - b. Maintain Gulf District membership records not limited to; meeting notes, items voted on, calendar events, and track meet records.
  - c. Maintain an attendance roster for track clubs at all meetings.



#### **Article VI. Meeting**

- i. At least one general meeting will be held in the last week of October annually. The location will be subject to change and all in attendance will be notified with 2 weeks' notice.
- ii. At least one representative from each registered club should be present.
- iii. Meeting agenda will be provided and discussed.
- iv. Meeting notes will be emailed to all clubs within one week of the conclusion of the meeting.
- v. Special meetings or virtual meetings can be held at the discretion and notice of the Sports Director.

#### **Article VII. Voting**

- i. At all meetings, only one representative for each club will be allowed to vote.
- ii. The voting representative must be an AAU-registered club and AAU-registered member.
- iii. Only those in attendance are allowed to vote.
- iv. Votes can only be taken in the presence of the Sports Director.
- v. The Sports Director has no vote. In the event of a tie, the motion will be revoted until a majority vote happens or the motion gets withdrawn.

#### **Article VIII. Gulf District Annual Track Meet Calendar**

- i. The annual track and field season, within the Gulf District, shall be but not limited to: March – June.
- ii. The month of June marks the start of the Gulf District "Championships". Championships being:
  - a. Primary Championship
  - b. District Championship
  - c. Regional Championship
  - d. Combined Events Championship



### **Article IX. Club Hierarchy Requirements**

The Gulf District track club hierarchy has been established before the most current rules and regulations and is widely accepted. The hierarchy is established when a track and field club hosts its first track meet following non-consecutive years. A track club must host a meet for two consecutive years to maintain its place in the most current hierarchy, if such does not happen the track club will be re-established at the bottom of the most current hierarchy.

- i. Must be registered with AAU annually.
- ii. Must have a minimum of 20 registered athletes at the district qualifier.
- iii. List of hierarchy: Exhibit A ([2024/10/2025-Hierarchy.pdf](#))
- iv.

### **Article X. Track and Field Meet Hosting Requirements**

- i. The selected track and field club must be registered and recognized as an AAU affiliate before requesting hosting dates.
- ii. The selected track and field club must have a minimum of 20 registered athletes at prior track and field Gulf District hosted District Championship.
- iii. The selected track and field club must have a minimum of five (5) verifiable volunteers actively participating in each of the respective Gulf District-hosted championships.
- iv. Submit preferred hosting dates by the Annual Gulf District Meeting
- v. Present projected meet location by January
- vi. Meet schedule must align with the assigned template rules
- vii. Provide volunteers for Championship meets (See Article VIII for championships)

### **Article XI. Changes to the By-laws**

- I. Articles set by-laws may be deleted or modified as deemed necessary by a majority of the Gulf District.
- II. Changes to the by-laws will be made as an amendment.