



The history of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington dates back to 1886 when the Newsboys and Children's Aid Society was established in Northwest Washington. In the early 1900s the Working Boys Home and Aide Association replaced this organization and enlarged the scope of service to the boys in that neighborhood.

With the sponsorship and assistance of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., a new board of trustees was established and the name changed to Boys Clubs of Washington. In 1973, Boys Clubs of Washington began serving girls as full and equal members. In July of 1981, Boys Clubs of Washington changed its name to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington to reflect its new direction.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is one of the largest affiliates of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. We have been serving youth for over 120 years. Our Clubs are designed to meet the needs of the communities we serve: in a sense they are a reflection of you!

From public schools to public housing, Clubs throughout the metropolitan area come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Some are full-service, self-sustaining facilities; some operate out of two-plus bedroom apartments in public housing complexes; and some share space with high schools and elementary schools.

The opportunities we give young people allow them to dream again. Our staff, supported by a dedicated group of volunteers, shows kids how to turn those dreams into a reality through planning, education and hard work.

Mission

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is to help boys and girls of all backgrounds, especially those who need us most, build confidence, develop character and acquire the skills needed to become productive, civic-minded, responsible adults.

About AAU

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is one of the largest, non-profit, volunteer, sports organizations in the United States. A multisport organization, the AAU is dedicated exclusively to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs.

The AAU was founded in 1888 to establish standards and uniformity in amateur sport. During its early years the AAU served as a leader in international sport representing the U.S. in the international sports federations. The AAU worked closely with the Olympic movement to prepare athletes for the Olympic Games. After the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, the AAU has focused its efforts into providing sports programs for all participants of all ages beginning at the grass roots level. The philosophy of "Sports for All, Forever," is shared by nearly 500,000 participants and over 50,000 volunteers. The AAU is divided into 57 distinct Associations. These Associations annually sanction more than 34 sports programs, 250 national championships, and over 10,000 local events.

Programs offered by the AAU include: AAU Sports Program, AAU Junior Olympic Games, and AAU James E. Sullivan Memorial Award, sponsored by LamisilAT, AAU Youth Excel Program, and the AAU Complete Athlete Program. Programs administrated on behalf of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports include President's Challenge and the Presidential Sports Award.

In 1996, the AAU joined forces with Walt Disney World. Later that year, the AAU relocated its national headquarters to Orlando, Florida. More than 40 AAU national events are conducted at the Disney's Wide World of Sports TM Complex. Disney's Wide World of Sports features a double-deck 7,500-seat baseball stadium and baseball quadraplex, a field house that accommodates up to six hardwood courts, a softball quadraplex, two youth baseball fields, a tennis complex, a track and field complex four multi-purpose performance fields sized for international soccer and sand volleyball

- **Team Concept** – There may be multiple teams in any given age group as long as there are enough players to keep the team competitive. Players can be moved between the teams as long as the Coaches agree. The Director of Basketball Operations (Boys or Girls) will mediate any disagreements on player movement.
- **Playing Time** – Playing time for each player is strictly a coach's decision. There are no must play rules in AAU basketball. If you are unhappy about your child's playing time, please set up an individual meeting with the coach.

The purpose of the (BGC) Virginia Hokies Basketball Program is to stimulate promote and develop leadership, sportsmanship, educational opportunities, athletic excellence and to improve opportunities for amateur boys and girls basketball competition in Prince William County, Virginia area.

At this present time the teams range from ages 9 to 16. The goal is to have teams range from ages 9 to 19. The boys and girls are excellent basketball players and will gain prominence as outstanding athletes. AAU basketball enhances their chances of being noticed by high school, college, and perhaps, eventually, professional basketball personnel.

The Coaches are dedicated in developing their team and preparing them for regional, state, and national competition. The teams travel to various locations within the connecting States gaining the experience needed to qualify for national competition and represent Prince William County and the State of Virginia.

****AAU is an extension of our regular (BGC) basketball program but for the more advance youth. ****

- **Parent and Fan Conduct** -Unruly and/or disrespectful conduct towards coaches, referees, players, parents, or tournament officials from parents and/or fans of BGC Hokies Players will not be tolerated and may result in your child being removed from the team.

- **Volunteers** -During the season, there will be times when the parents are asked to volunteer to help the team or organization during an event (i.e. clock person, book person, team administrator, association tournaments, bingo, etc.). If you sign up for an event, please keep your word and show up on time as scheduled.
- **Team Meetings** - Coaches will hold team meetings as they deem necessary. Some meetings will be for parent and child, while others will be for parents only. At any time, the parents can request a meeting with the coach for their team.
- **Birth Certificates** – A copy of each team member's birth certificate must be submitted to the coach no later than March 1, 2010.

Virginia Hokies Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Cost Breakdown

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| AAU A/B Card | \$14.00 |
| AAU Tourney Fee | \$150.00 |
| Gym Fee | \$100.00 |
| BGCGW Administration Fee | \$106.00 |
| Uniform | \$80.00 |
| Sub-total (Due NLT February 1, 2010) | \$450.00 |

Uniform cost will vary for each team. Basic uniform will cost between \$60-\$120 (last year approximately \$60 for uniform/\$45 for shooting shirt).

League/Tournament Cost

Cost for Leagues and Tournaments vary from \$30-\$60, per event, per player. Each Coach decides on different leagues and tournaments to enter their team in. The leagues and tournaments help the team gain experience and confidence that will prepare them for Regional, State, and National competition. Typically, each team member will be responsible for splitting the cost for these tournaments and any expenses associated with participating in the tournament (i.e. travel and hotel). The coach for each team will inform you in advance of upcoming tournaments and deadlines for turning in money.

Fundraisers

To help offset the cost that each team member will be required to provide, we will use fundraisers (i.e. car washes, raffle tickets, pizza kit sales, cookie dough sales, etc.). Each team will have a bank account to secure the funds raised.

Sponsors

Parents can also go out the community and request that businesses sponsor their team.