



INTERESTED IN SPORTS?

Then the AAU is the place to start! The philosophy of "Sports for All, Forever" is shared by over 500,000 participants and over 50,000 volunteers The Districts

annually sanction more than 34 sports programs, 250 national championships, over 30,000 age division events, and over 15,000 local, regional and national competitions.

The AAU sponsors the AAU Junior Olympic Games, the AAU James E. Sullivan Memorial Award along with the AAU Complete Athlete Program. Two of the AAU's flagship programs, which are administered for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports are the President's Challenge and the Presidential Sports Award.

Established in 1888, the AAU is one of the largest, non-profit, volunteer, sports organizations in the United States and is dedicated exclusively to the promotion and development of amateur sports.

Today the AAU continues to operate on the basic principles by maintaining the mutual interests of its members while achieving and improving amateur sports.

Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)

The AAU has partnered with PCA to become the first national sports organization to require all its coaches to obtain PCA Double-Goal Coach® training and certification. PCA will provide training at no cost. Please visit www.aausports.org in order to get more information on how you can become a PCA Double-Goal Coach.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY:

The AAU Baton Twirling Program will provide for a maximum number of organized baton twirling activities while allowing each young athlete the opportunity to participate. It will allow for each athlete to recognize and embrace the value of organized sports and sportsmanship, while further developing their individual skills.

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There have been many changes for AAU as well as for Baton Twirling. The rulebook has been updated and many things have been defined for better explanation. There have also been several additions made to help challenge those who are serious about baton twirling. Take time to really look at the additions we have made. We are working to bring back true baton twirling!

Additions to AAU Baton Twirling

- Two Gymnastic/Tumbling Skills may be incorporated into the Advanced, Elite, and Adult Divisions for individuals and teams.
- Duets and Trios may also do Dance Twirl Team and Show Twirl Team.
- College Strut; College Half-time; College All Around Twirling Champion
- Boys solo and Dance Twirl will be separate from girls and divided 0-9; 10-14; 15+
- Junior High/High School/College Majorette Lines
- Auxiliary Teams will be anything other than batons and is divided into two categories: Poms and Dance lines/ Guard

AAU High School Sullivan Award & Scholarship

- Open to High School seniors in any sport who are/or have been an AAU Participant.
- Qualities of individuals should emphasize leadership, character, sportsmanship, academics and their accomplishments in sport.
- For more information please visit www.highschoolsullivan.org

A Twirler of All Trades!



BATON

BENEFITS OF THE AAU

- An opportunity to follow in the footsteps of former AAU athletes: Mark Spitz, Shaquille O'Neal, Keri Struggs, Chamique Holdsclaw, Greg Louganis, Ryan Klesko, Julianne Hough, Jackie Joyner Kersee, and many others.
- Membership that includes insurance coverage.
- Ability to participate at the world famous ESPN Wide World of Sports, and other great facilities throughout the country.
- Travel, make new friends, continue education, and create unforgettable memories.
- Membership in an organization long recognized for its position in amateur sports.

GETTING STARTED

1. AAU Individual Membership

To participate in the AAU, all athletes and coaches must be individual members of the AAU. As a member, you can participate in any sport in the AAU. Yearly youth athlete membership is \$14 per athlete. Yearly non-athlete (coach, volunteer, official) membership is \$16. AAU members are covered with sports liability and accident insurance. For an additional \$2, participants can become an Added Benefit member which extends coverage when participating in non-AAU sanctioned events. For complete information on insurance, visit www.aausports.org and refer to the Insurance Brochure.

To become a member, you can register online at www.aausports.org. Individual membership is valid September 1 to August 31.

2. AAU Club Membership

Each club/team must be a registered AAU Club. You can have more than one team within the same club. Club membership can be completed instantly online at www.aausports.org. Yearly club membership fees are either \$30 (Level 1), \$60 (Level 2), or \$300 (Level 3). Please visit www.aausports.org for a list of benefits for each club level. Club membership is valid September 1 to August 31. Click on "Find a Local Club" and follow the instructions. This program allows you to contact clubs by email in your geographical area.

AAU BATON TWIRLING - EVENTS

QUALIFIERS

Up to date qualifier information can be found at www.aaubaton.org. If your District does not have a qualifier listed, please contact Emily Braunstein, AAU Baton Sport Coordinator, at ebraunstein@aausports.org.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The AAU Baton Twirling National Championships are held in conjunction with the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Baton competitors must compete and qualify at an AAU District or Regional Championship in each event they wish to be eligible in order to compete at the AAU National Championship. Qualifier information can be found at www.aaubaton.org.

2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please Note Dates are Subject to Change

Location: Des Moines, IA

Dates: July 26th (first day of check-in)

Competition: July 27th – July 30th

Location: Iowa Event Center

Complete information and entry details for the 2014 AAU Junior Olympic Games are available at www.aaujrogames.org

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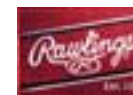
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YOUR PHOTO COULD BE HERE!!

Want to see your photo in the official AAU Baton Twirling Brochure? Look at the AAU Baton Twirling Facebook page for contest information. If you haven't already "liked" our page do so today!

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