

2017 INVITATION TO NON-US JUMP ROPE ATHLETES

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is delighted to continue to include Non-US athletes at the AAU Junior Olympic Games Jump Rope event in Detroit, MI July 26-July 30, 2017. Nominations are due by June 1st. Online registration to for AAU Junior Olympic Games is required by July 1st. Last year in Hampton Roads, VA, over 15,000 athletes competed in 18 different sports at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Over 200 athletes competed in Jump Rope. Full details can be obtained by going to www.aausports.org, click on Member Sports and then select Jump Rope. The complete rules are contained in the 2017 Jump Rope Handbook. This can be downloaded from the AAU Jump Rope web-page in mid November www.aaujumprope.org .

EVENTS: The following events are contested in AAU Jump Rope competition:

Individual Rope Singles and Pairs, consisting of a speed, power and freestyle Triple Crown (All-Around) combined event

Age-groups : **Singles** – Males 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-22

Females 8 and under, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-17, 18-22.

Pairs - 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-22. Pairs may be mixed or same gender.

Double Dutch Pentathlon, consisting of speed, power and freestyle in Singles and speed and freestyle in Pairs Double Dutch.

Age-groups: 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-22. Teams are 4-person and may be mixed or same gender.

Group Synchronized Routine – 6-24 participants. Single rope choreographed routines 2-4 minutes in length.

Age-groups: 13 and under and 14-22.

The age of a jumper is determined by his/her age as of June 15, 2017.

HOW TO QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE

US Athletes must qualify by placing in the top 10 US Athletes in their event at **any** US qualifying tournament – see published list on the AAU web-site. Fee \$40.

Non-US Athletes must *either* qualify in the top 10 NON-US Athletes at any US qualifying tournament (providing their scores are within the range of the top 10 US athletes) *or* may be nominated by their National Governing Body (NGB) that administers the sport of Jump Rope/Skipping. An NGB may nominate a maximum of 10 athletes, pairs or Double Dutch teams in any age-group in any Triple Crown or Pentathlon by **June 1st, 2017**. One Group Routine per age-group may also be nominated. Coaches or team managers will need to submit full personal details for all selected athletes who are nominated by their NGB and will need to specify events for which they are nominated to the AAU Jump Rope Committee on the entry forms that will be published for the 2017 events. There is a fee of \$50 per athlete to enter a US qualifying tournament or a fee of \$40 per athlete to qualify by nomination from your NGB. **Registration for the AAU Junior Olympic Games is a separate \$50 fee and must be completed online no later than July 1, 2017**

2017 AAU Junior Olympic Games registration will be online at www.aaujrogames.org Fee \$50

2017 AAU Junior Olympic Games housing information will be available at www.aaujrogames.org.

Participants, officials and families are responsible for their own accommodation and transportation.

For more information, please check the AAU Jump Rope web-site at www.aausports.org and click on

Jump Rope or e-mail Cindy Bork, AAU JR Secretary-General at borkcindy91@gmail.com

***** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ATHLETES, COACHES AND JUDGES MUST BE AAU MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. Youth \$14, Adults (18 and older) \$16*****