

2013 NATIONAL AAU YOUTH & ADULT TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP



July 1st – 7th

Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center



INFORMATION SHEET

ATHLETE ARRIVAL: Please consult the Schedule of events to determine which day you **MUST** arrive. Check-in/weigh-ins have been scheduled over several days to insure that your stay is as convenient as possible.

EVENT DATES: Monday through Saturday—July 1st – 7th, 2013.

<u>ENTRY FEES:</u>	# of Events	Via Online Registration
	1 Individual Event	\$100.00
	1 Spar + Individual Forms	\$150.00
	2 Sparring Events	\$200.00
	3 Individual Events	\$250.00
	Team Form	\$150.00

SPECIAL NOTE: ONLY ADVANCED AND BLACK BELT COMPETITORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER BOTH POINT AND OLYMPIC STYLE SPARRING.

CREDENTIAL FEES: National AAU Official's and Coaches Fee Schedule will be as follows:

Coaches Credentials	\$75.00
Official's Refresher & Credentials	FREE!

If you plan on coaching at all during this event, you must register and pay for coach's credentials.

Please Note: In order to coach this event, you must have been previously certified (in 2013 competition year) through our online certification course and be able to prove it! **This course may be accessed through our web site www.aautaekwondo.org – on the home page, click on the COACHING tab.**

All officials who wish to work the National Championship **MUST** attend the national clinic.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All applications must be processed through our ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM located at www.aautaekwondo.org AND completed no **later than June 11, 2013 @ 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST).**

LATE FEES: Online registrations received between **June 12th and June 15th** may still be accepted, **BUT will be assessed a \$75.00 Late Fee (no exceptions).**
There will be no refunds issued for any reason whatsoever.

*****VISIT AUTAETKWONDO.ORG FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION*****

**PAYMENT/
REGISTRATION
INFO:**

Until your registration fee is actually paid; the individual athlete or coach IS NOT REGISTERED to participate. **All incomplete or unfinished registrations will be purged from the system on June 15th at 11:59 PM (EST) - the last day for Late Registrations.** Regardless of when you actually begin the registration process, you must complete the transaction by the aforementioned deadline dates or late fees/disqualification will apply.

When completing your application, be sure to give the correct weight, and rank **as of the date(s) of competition.** It is your responsibility to insure that your weight matches the weight class you listed on your application--failure to make weight may result in your disqualification from sparring!

IF corrections to your application ARE accepted at check-in, a \$20.00 Change Order Fee will be assessed—CASH ONLY!

**AGE DETERMINING
DATE:**

Athletes shall be placed in the appropriate AGE category based on their age as of **August 31, 2013** (AAU Taekwondo's Age Determining Date). Cadet and Junior athletes (those between the ages of 12 and 17) MAY be required to show a copy of their birth certificate or passport at check-in. Please be sure to bring yours in order to avoid a potential disqualification.

**AAU NATIONAL
& AAU TEAM
TRIALS:**

The National AAU Taekwondo Program currently provides for four separate 'Teams'. They are our 10-11 Cadets, 12-14 Cadets, 15-17 Juniors, and 18 and older Senior Teams. The 10-11 Cadet and Senior Team Members are drawn directly from our Gold Medalists at each current year's National Championship.

The 12-14 Cadet and 15-17 Junior Team Members are decided through Team Trials generally held in September of each year for the following year's travel teams. We understand there is a real challenge for those in these age groups that arises simply because the AAU and the WTF (World Taekwondo Federation) Age Determining Dates are not the same.

If your primary purpose in competing at this year's National Championship is to earn an invitation to Team Trials, please pay close attention to that area of the Online Registration Process which affords you the opportunity to be placed in an AGE GROUP other than that in which you would normally be placed according to AAU's Age Determining Date of August 31st of the current year!

For those Black Belts competing in the Olympic Sparring Divisions; 14 year olds MUST elect to be moved to the 15-17 year old Divisions in order to qualify for **JUNIOR BLACK BELT (15-17) Team Trials.** The reason being that when we do travel the following year they will be 15 or older according to the WTF and they must fight as Juniors. If they must fight as Juniors when we travel, then they must qualify for Team Trials and win that spot as a Junior.

The same is true for our 11 year olds in the Olympic Sparring Divisions. If you are turning 12 at any time during 2013 AND you are hoping to make the 12-14 year old Cadet Team. You must elect to be moved up to the 12-14 Cadet Divisions and qualify for the 12-14 year old Cadet Team Trials.

For those athletes turning 12 or 15 years of age anytime during 2013, should you decide to compete in the 10-11 or 12-14 Divisions respectively at the National Championship you will have the opportunity to become the 2013 National AAU Champion however, you WILL NOT be invited to Team Trials.

10-11 and Senior Team Members (Gold Medal at Nationals) will be invited to the annual Team Training camp weekend, work with our National Coaching Staff, and fellow team members as well as receive the Official National Team Warm-up. However, should you decide to travel with the Cadet and Junior Teams for competition purposes you will bear all costs associated with such travel.

AAU MEMBERSHIP: All athletes, coaches, and officials **MUST** be individual members of the AAU and prepared to present their membership card at the time of their check-in.

ELIGIBILITY: Qualification to the National AAU Taekwondo Championship must be determined by actual competition. Qualification may only be determined through:

- a) District Championship
- b) Regional Championship
- c) National Championship

District & Regional Championships	National Championship
These events may qualify the top eight (8) athletes from each appropriate age and division category to participate at the National Championship.	This event may qualify the Gold Medal athletes from the PRIOR year's national event.

RULES: The AAU Taekwondo Rules, as posted on the AAU Taekwondo Web Site, shall govern this event. All officials and coaches participating in the National Championship must have completed the 2013 AAU Certification process and be duly certified to perform same by the AAU Taekwondo Committee. All officials must also have in their possession the current rulebook. You may download these rules for FREE at www.aautaekwondo.org.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: All contestants must wear a clean **white** dobok only. **See AAU Taekwondo Rulebook.**

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: Please refer to the proper pages in the 2013 AAU Taekwondo Rulebook for the mandatory and optional equipment requirements for point sparring and Olympic style sparring respectively. No exceptions!

AWARDS: National AAU Championship medals will be awarded to the top four (4) places in each division.

HOTELS: The AAU Taekwondo Committee appreciates all traveling parties booking with the designated **"Official Hotels"**.

See separate listing of all Official Hotels. *In order to attend the Athlete's Party on Wednesday evening at no cost you must be able to demonstrate you are staying at one of our Official Hotels. All others will be charged an entrance fee of \$10.00 per person—NO EXCEPTIONS.*

COMPETITION VENUE: Fort Lauderdale Convention Center
1950 Eisenhower Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
www.ftlauderdalecc.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: See separate sheet listing the entire week's schedule.