



# 2014 NATIONAL AAU YOUTH & ADULT TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

June 30 - July 5, 2014

Fort Lauderdale Convention Center  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

## INFORMATION SHEET

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**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—June 30-July 5, 2014

<b><u>ENTRY FEES:</u></b>	<b># of Events</b>	<b>Via Online Registration</b>
	1 Individual Event	\$100.00
	1 Spar + Individual Forms	\$120.00
	2 Sparring Events	\$125.00
	3 Individual Events	\$150.00
	Team Form	\$125.00
	Team Point Sparring	\$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	<b>FREE!</b>

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 2014 competition year) through our online certification course and be able to prove it! **This course may be accessed through our web site [aautaekwondo.org](http://aautaekwondo.org). At home page, click on COACHING.**

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 <http://www.aautaekwondo.org> AND **completed no later than June 10, 2014 @ 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.**

**LATE FEES:** Online registrations received between **June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://AUTAETKWONDO.ORG) FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION\*\*\*

**PAYMENT/  
REGISTRATION  
INFO:**

Until our 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**--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 **December 31, 2014** (AAU Taekwondo's Age Determining Date). Cadet and Junior athletes 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  
TEAMS TRIAL  
PROCESS:**

For several years now the AAU Taekwondo Program has selected and supported various age group teams. Since the inception of the AAU Team Program we have selected and financially supported international competition experience for both our **Junior (14-17 year old Black Belts) and Senior (18-32 year old Black Belts) Teams**. Two years ago we added yet another National Team(s) to this base—our **Cadets (10-11 AND 12-13 Black Belts)**.

Beginning with the 2013 competition season beginning on 09/01/12) there was a shift in both how we select these teams and the corresponding financial support for each. If anything, this shift should be viewed as a 'reallocation of assets'.

Recognizing the fact that a) we are 'the primary grassroots Taekwondo Organization' in this country (not the National Governing Body, b) the overwhelming majority of our membership (80%) is below the age of 19, c) financial resources will always be somewhat limited and d) it is the NGB's responsibility to identify, train, and support Adult Athletes in the US for which they receive generous funding from the US Olympic Committee the AAU Taekwondo shifted its limited resources to better serve its members.

In the past, we fully funded both our Junior and Senior Teams while inviting our Cadet Team Members to join us in our Training Camps and Team Travel at their own expense.

Correspondingly, the Cadet Teams were simply drawn from those Gold Medalists at the prior year's National Championship in July and the Junior and Senior Teams positions were 'won' at a formal Team Trial process normally held in September. Candidates for Team Trials came from the top four positions in each of the respective weight categories for both age groups at that same National Championship and joined by the 'current' National Team Members (in good standing).

Beginning with the selection of our 2013 Teams the selection methodology and financial support for the Senior and 12-13 year old Cadet Teams were flip-flopped.

The Senior Team shall be established at the National Championship by virtue of capturing the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gold Medal in single elimination competition and the top four finishers in the 12-13 year old Black Belt divisions will be invited to Team Trials along with the current member of that team to compete under international rules (regarding a kick to the head) for the Team Member slot.

Correspondingly, Senior Team Members will be invited to train and travel with the National Teams at their own expense and the AAU Taekwondo Program now funds team travel for the 12-13 year Team.

The AAU has always been about Youth Sports (at least since the passage of the Sports Act which created the NGB's). These new policies better align the AAU Taekwondo Program with its parent organization's direction and more fairly allocate the resources we do have with those that provide those resources—our youngest members.

This information is provided here, in the National Championship Information Package, so that both our Senior and Cadet 'elite' athletes may make a better informed decision as to their participation.

For those Black Belts competing in the Olympic Sparring Divisions, everyone must compete in the age category befitting their age according to our Age Determining Date. **Thirteen year olds must compete as 12-13 year olds at the National Championship AND if you place in the top four spots you will be invited to the 12-13 year old Cadet Team Trials. Should you turn 14 in 2015 you will be invited to travel with the Junior Team.** The same rule applies to 17 year olds. You will compete as a Junior and if you place in The top four you will be invited to Team Trials in September. Should win you will be considered a member of Junior Team with financial support. If you turn 18 prior to Team Travel you will simply be entered in the Senior Division at that event. National Senior Team Members and the 10-11 Cadet Team members will be invited to the annual Team Training camp weekend and will receive a National Team Warm-up similar to that worn by our Junior and Cadet Team Members.

**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

<b>District &amp; Regional Championships</b>	<b>National Championship</b>
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 2014 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](http://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 2014 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.**

**Should our National Championship individual registration numbers top 2000 in any given year, the AAU will be pleased to host an official Athletes and Coaches party sometime during the week. *In order to attend the Athlete's Party on Wednesday evening at no cost the athlete 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.***

**COMPETITION  
VENUE:**

Fort Lauderdale Convention Center  
1950 Eisenhower Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
[www.ftlauderdalecc.com](http://www.ftlauderdalecc.com)

**SPECIAL NOTICE:**

With this 2014 National Championship the AAU Taekwondo Program is please to announce a brand new division in the POINT SPARRING category. We will be offering TEAM POINT SPARRING. Teams shall consist of five athletes each in both Male and Female Divisions for Junior and Senior Teams (similar to our Team Forms offering.