



## Special Needs at AAU Taekwondo National Championships

The AAU Taekwondo program is pleased to announce that the Special Needs Division will once again be included in this years National Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Competition for the Special Needs will be Forms and Point Sparring.

This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year that these Special Needs Divisions have been offered. With ParaTaekwondo being accepted into the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo the interest and participation is growing while the AAU Taekwondo program is proud to be on the fore front of this initiative. Last year we saw the number of competitors increase from the previous year and we anticipate the growth to continue.

Special needs athletes will compete on the same days as other athletes; Forms competition will be **Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** and Point Sparring will follow on **Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**. The registration procedure is the same for all athletes. There are selections for Special Needs Forms and Point Sparring included in the events selection area.

Please see the rule book for explanations of the divisions before beginning the registration process.

All athletes must be present at weigh-in/check-in for classification to ensure correct division. Contact David Lieder for information about classification and levels.

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